

#### **AODA POLICY**

#### **Reasons for Policy**

TCW Services Canada ("TargetCW") is committed to meeting its current and ongoing obligations under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 ("AODA")* regarding providing its services to people with disabilities. The purpose of this policy is to outline the responsibilities of our staff and representatives in providing goods, services, and opportunities to people with disabilities.

#### **Commitment**

TargetCW is committed to the principle of equal access for all disabled persons, including customers, clients, candidates, and Workers. We strive to at all times provide our services and opportunities in a way that respects the dignity and independence of people with disabilities.

TargetCW understands that its accessibility standards do not substitute or limit its obligations under the *Ontario Human Rights Code* or obligations to people with disabilities under any other law. TargetCW is committed to complying with both the *Ontario Human Rights Code* and the *AODA*.

We are committed to excellence in serving all, including those with disabilities. Our accessibility policies are consistent with the principles of independence, dignity, integration, and equality of opportunity for people with disabilities.

#### **Accessibility Measures**

TargetCW takes the following measures to maintain its commitment to those with disabilities:

#### Communication

We will communicate with people with disabilities in ways that take into account their disability. We meet internationally-recognized Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 website requirements. Any users having difficulty navigating our websites, utilizing any of our online services, or reading our workplace information or other written material can contact one of our agents 24-hours a day, Monday through Saturday, at the following toll-free number: 888-388-887 or by emailing <a href="mailto:info@targetcw.com">info@targetcw.com</a>. We will work with that person or their support person to determine what method of communication works for them.

## **Notice of Temporary Disruption**

In the event of a planned or unexpected disruption to our services for customers, clients, candidates, or Workers with disabilities, we will promptly issue an email or post an online notice

of the disruption on our websites and online services including information about the reason for the disruption, its anticipated length of time, and a description of alternative services, if available.

### **Training**

TargetCW provides accessibility training to all Workers in Ontario within 90 days of being hired, which includes:

- The purpose of AODA and the requirements of the customer service standard,
- How to interact and communicate with people with various types of disabilities, and
- How to interact with people with disabilities who use an assistive device or require the assistance of a service animal or a support person.

Training is also provided to all internal employees providing services on our behalf. That includes TargetCW's policies related to our customer service standard and what to do if a person with a disability is having difficulty in accessing our websites or other online services.

# **Billing**

We are committed to providing accessible invoices to all of our clients. Invoices can be provided in an alternative format upon request. We will answer any questions about the content of an invoice by telephone or email.

### **Employment**

TargetCW welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process and upon hire. Our compliance team will put individual accommodation plans together with and for persons with disabilities based on their unique situation. That process includes gathering information from the individual to assess their needs, identifying the most appropriate accommodations with the individual and writing them down along with any reasons for denying an accommodation, implementing the plan, and reviewing the plan with the individual at an agreed upon time. If an individual is returning from disability leave, our compliance team will follow the same process to develop a return-to-work plan with the individual, implement it, and review it at an agreed-upon time. Although we often are not involved in hiring and recruitment, we do expect our clients to maintain the same accessibility standards.

### **Feedback**

TargetCW welcomes feedback on how we address accessibility. Customer feedback will help us identify barriers and respond to concerns. Our employees' email signatures include a link to an online submission form. Additionally, anyone can contact one of our agents 24-hours a day, Monday through Saturday, at the following toll-free number: 888-388-887 or by emailing <a href="mailto:info@targetcw.com">info@targetcw.com</a>. All feedback, including complaints, will be reviewed within 24-hours. Our compliance team will implement any needed procedural changes to improve our accessibility to those with disabilities.

# **Notice of Availability of Documents**

TargetCW will notify the public that documents related to accessible customer service, are available upon request by posting a notice on <a href="www.targetcw.com">www.targetcw.com</a>. Communication support is available upon request. We will provide the accessible format in a timely manner and, at no additional cost.

## **Modification of Other Policies**

Any policies of TargetCW that do not respect and promote the principles of dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity for people with disabilities will be modified or removed.