

# Digital Commerce Bank Accessibility Plan Progress Report, 2025

#### General

## **About Digital Commerce Bank**

Digital Commerce Bank (DCBank) is a Schedule 1 Canadian chartered bank and a fintech leader for corporate online banking. Unlike a traditional bank, DCBank does not have retail branches and does not typically provide in-person retail service, nor does DCBank deal in cash transactions. DCBank's offerings extend beyond traditional banking. We offer flexible payment acceptance solutions for corporate clients including custom branded prepaid cards, digital wallets, acquiring services for Network card transactions such as Visa and Mastercard, payment acceptance and integration for Interac e-Transfer payments, and other innovative banking solutions. We offer best-in-class API developer tools to provide powerful options for integration, payments, and reporting.

At the heart of DCBank is innovation and the use of technology. We consistently develop new product offerings that solve problems for clients and make business easier. We are dedicated to our customers, helping each of them build successful products and services.

## **Summary and Overview**

This is our first progress report on the implementation of our Accessibility Plan (the "**Progress Report**"). This Progress Report outlines how we are taking steps to meet our obligations under the *Accessible Canada Act* (ACA).

This Progress Report outlines the steps taken over the past twelve months in DCBank's continued effort to identify, prevent and remove barriers. This Progress Report also sets out areas where DCBank has completed its existing action items and sets new goals for the coming year. DCBank will continue to update its action items as they are achieved and will provide an update in our next progress report on the status of those tasks.

## **Accessibility Statement**

DCBank is committed to treating all people in a way that lets them maintain their dignity and independence. We are committed to meeting our obligations to identify, prevent and remove barriers for people with disabilities.

#### **Contact Us**

To provide feedback on accessibility, please use one of the contact methods below. This can also be done anonymously If you require support while providing feedback, please let us know, and we will do our best to meet your needs. If you provide your contact information, we are committed to responding to your feedback in a timely manner and in the format that we receive it.

For more information, contact our Accessibility Officer:

**Attention**: Accessibility Officer

**By Mail:** 736 Meridian Road NE, Calgary, Alberta T2A 2N7

By Phone: <u>1-844-836-6040</u>

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## Progress Report – Updates and Action Items

In our Accessibility Plan we considered what DCBank was doing well under each of the seven priority areas identified in the *Accessible Canada Act*. We also identified potential barriers, and our corresponding action items for each.

This section of our Progress Report sets out our progress related to each action item. Each action item will have a corresponding progress update column that will note if the action item is (1) On Track, (2) Delayed or (3) Completed.

#### 1. EMPLOYMENT

Action Item	Progress Update
Review and update our recruitment and hiring practices ensure the accessible nature of the process.	Status: Delayed
	Original target date of December 2024 has been rescheduled for completion until December 2025
	In 2024, DCBank completed a review of its recruitment and hiring practices and has identified opportunities to improve the accessibility of the process. We have determined that implementation of improvements will require further time and are scheduled to complete this work by December 2025.
Create clear written policies and procedures that are easily accessible to employees documenting the workplace accommodation process.	Status: Completed
	DCBank created and implemented a policy and procedure in December 2024 setting out when, and how, employees are able to request workplace accommodations.
	This policy has been posted on the DCBank policy management system and are accessible to all employees.

#### 2. BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Since publishing its Accessibility Plan, DCBank has closed its downtown Calgary office location. We continue to operate out of our head office in Calgary and our secondary office in Toronto, Ontario.



Action Item	Progress Update
Complete an accessibility review of each of the office locations to identify barriers to accessibility.	Status: On Track  We have developed an accessibility audit framework and will be implementing the audits in our Calgary and Toronto offices prior to December 2025.
Complete an action plan to address review findings.	Status: On Track  The results of the accessibility review will help create an action plan to address the findings.

## 3. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

Action Item	Progress Update
Complete an accessibility review of our Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to identify barriers to accessibility.	Status: On Track  We have commenced this project and are on track to complete the accessibility review by December 2025.
Complete an action plan to address the findings of our review	Status: On Track  Upon completing the accessibility review, DCBank will create a corresponding action plan by December 2026.
Incorporate training for employees on PolicyTech on how to access accessibility features of ICT.	Status: On Track  This work has not yet commenced but is on track for completion by December 2027.

## 4. COMMUNICATION, OTHER THAN ICT

Action Item	Progress Update
Create communication standards to ensure consistency and availability of accessible communication.	Status: On Track  This project has commenced and is on track for completion in December 2025.
Review and where applicable, use clearer and	Status: On Track



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simpler language in communications.	Following the completion of the standards, we will commence this work with a projected completion date of December 2026.
Create a process for requesting and receiving documents and materials in alternate formats.	Status: On Track  This work has not commenced but is scheduled for completion in December 2027.

#### 5. PROCUREMENT OF GOODS, SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Action	Estimated Timeline
Update our Third-Party Risk Management Framework, which addresses all vendor relationships and contracting standards, to include accessibility considerations.	Status: On Track  This project has commenced and is on track for completion in December 2025.

#### 6. DESIGN AND DELIVERY OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Action	Estimated Timeline
Deepen our understanding of the needs of clients with disabilities and barriers to accessibility through ongoing consultations.	Status: On Track  This work has not commenced but is scheduled for completion in December 2025.
Provide training to employees specific to their roles so that they can apply accessibility requirements to their work.	Status: On Track  This work has not commenced but is scheduled for completion in December 2026.

#### 7. TRANSPORTATION

While transportation is an area of priority in the *Accessible Canada Act*, DCBank does not provide transportation services and, therefore, transportation is not addressed in this Progress Report.



#### Consultation

When creating its Accessibility Plan, DCBank consulted with a third-party organization that has relevant financial industry experience in identifying and addressing barriers to accessibility. This third-party process also involved having people with disabilities review and consult on our Accessibility Plan.

In 2024, the majority of DCBank's accessibility accomplishments related to accessibility for employees. Therefore, we have sought feedback from employee with disabilities regarding their experiences.

## **Feedback**

Our commitment to accessibility incorporates a feedback process so that employees, clients and members of the public can share their ideas and input with us. Individuals can also provide feedback anonymously.

## Taking Feedback into Consideration

DCBank has provided ways for individuals to submit feedback on its Accessibility Plan, and we are committed to making sure all voices are heard. Since publishing its Accessibility Plan, DCBank has not received any feedback through those designated channels.

