

FREE AUDIT FIRST

PDF accessibility without the specialist bottleneck.



Upload one PDF. See the barriers,
the repairable scope, and the exact
price before you spend.

\$5 / page

No minimum

Free audit

Live job status

Scope first

Approve before checkout

Check my PDF free

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**Built for the person with one document
and a deadline.**

No enterprise rollout. No quote cycle.

A research-backed overview for small businesses, agencies, designers, and the people
who need the document to work with assistive technology.

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The audience is larger than it looks.

Accessibility is not a niche edge case. In Canada, disability and communication barriers affect millions of people - and document requirements increasingly follow the content into client and public-sector work.

CANADA

27%

of Canadians age 15+ had one or more disabilities in 2022.

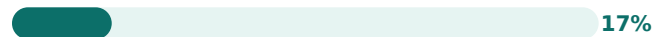
That is 8.0 million people.

Barriers reported by Canadians with disabilities

Communication barriers



Internet-use barriers



Reported during the survey reference periods.

Accessibility pressure travels through the supply chain.



Ontario

Public-sector organizations and businesses/non-profits with 50+ employees have public website and web-content requirements under AODA.



US public sector

Title II's web rule covers state and local government web content, including documents and content provided by vendors.



Agency reality

Even when a small supplier is not directly in scope, its client, funder, school, municipality, or procurement contract may be.

This is market context, not legal advice. Requirements depend on jurisdiction, organization, content, and use.



A PDF can look perfect and still read like noise.

Hidden structure controls headings, reading order, image alternatives, tables, language, and navigation.

VISUAL PAGE

Quarterly impact report

A clear visual hierarchy - to a sighted reader



Region	People	Result

Looks finished. The hidden structure may still be missing or wrong.

ASSISTIVE-TECH VIEW

01 \$4.2 million

02 Image

03 South / 118 / 74%

04 Quarterly impact report

05 Unlabeled graphic

The words exist, but context and sequence do not.

What an accessible structure adds

H

Headings

Navigate by topic instead of listening from the beginning.

1-2

Reading order

Hear content in the intended sequence, even on complex layouts.

ALT

Meaning

Receive useful text for informative images and visual-only text.

TH

Relationships

Understand list and table structure instead of a stream of cells.

Government of Canada guidance notes that accessible PDFs support screen readers, braille displays, keyboard navigation, and users who adjust text size or spacing.

Sources: [3], [6], [7].



Four people. Four different bottlenecks.

PDF Hound creates a shared checkpoint between the person publishing the file, the person responsible for the design, and the person who needs the content to work.

01

Small business

THE PAIN

A one-page menu, policy, flyer, or handout should not trigger enterprise procurement or a quote cycle.

THE OUTCOME

Start free. Approve the exact \$5/page scope only when the self-serve lane fits.

02

Agency / studio

THE PAIN

Accessibility arrives at the end of delivery, when budget, ownership, and client expectations are already tight.

THE OUTCOME

Audit the export, price the repair, and route source-file decisions to the right owner.

03

Designer

THE PAIN

PDF tag trees are not a design tool, and automated systems should not silently redesign the work.

THE OUTCOME

Keep control of contrast and layout while PDF Hound handles eligible structure and flags what belongs in source.

04

Reader

THE PAIN

A polished page can become missing context, wrong sequence, or unlabeled visuals in assistive technology.

THE OUTCOME

Receive structure, sequence, and meaningful visual text in the assistive-technology reading experience.

A better handoff: PDF Hound fixes eligible PDF structure; the designer keeps source-file decisions; the client sees evidence and exceptions before accepting delivery.



From file to reviewed result in six clear steps.

Every state answers the next question: What was found? What is included? What still needs context? What happens next?

1

Upload

Choose an eligible PDF.

2

Audit

Get findings and evidence.

3

Scope

See included vs. attention.

4

Approve

Pay only after review.

5

Repair

Automated remediation.

6

Review

Adjust, validate, download.

BEFORE CHECKOUT

See barriers, repairable scope, and exact price.

No minimum. No quote. Approval is the decision point.

Eligible today

- 7 supported languages
- Digital and scanned PDFs
- Free audits: up to 25 pages
- Purchased: up to 200 pages

Track audit status

Repair is automated; review remains part of the workflow.



Automation with boundaries you can see.

PDF Hound separates what it can repair, what needs your context, and what belongs in the source file or a specialist workflow.

INCLUDED

Document tags and headings

Logical reading order

Title, bookmarks, and 7 languages

Simple tables and safe AcroForms

Meaningful visual text added to the assistive-technology experience

Machine-checkable validation evidence and a plain-English change record

NEEDS YOUR ATTENTION

Review and adjustment of reading sequence

Dense or multi-page table relationships

Charts that need original values for a faithful alternative

Meaning that cannot be inferred safely from pixels alone

Any source-file change the audit routes back to the owner

OUTSIDE SELF-SERVE

Unsupported languages or failed OCR
Active page limit or unsafe pages

Visual redesign and contrast changes

Editable or responsive source-text reconstruction

Fabricating missing chart data

Legal certification, legal advice, or a guarantee of universal usability

Automation where the evidence is clear.

PDF/UA machine validation does not replace human evaluation or usability testing.

Your attention where context or source data is needed.

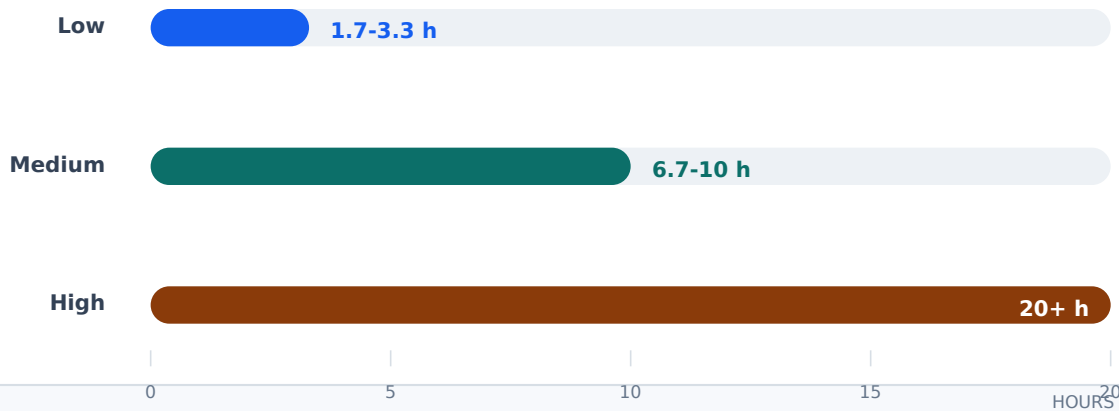


Put hours back into the deadline.

Manual remediation effort rises quickly with page complexity. A transparent on-demand workflow is most valuable when it replaces hours of hands-on structure work without adding a software rollout.

Manual effort benchmark - 20 pages

Boise State level-of-effort matrix, converted from minutes per page.



6.7-10 hours

Potential hands-on remediation effort shifted off the team for an eligible 20-page medium-complexity document.

Review time remains; this is a manual-effort benchmark, not a promised PDF Hound turnaround.

20 pages x \$5

\$100

Break-even staff value: \$10-\$15/hour at the medium manual-effort band - before training and QA.

Where the time goes away

No quote cycle

Audit and scope arrive before purchase.

No specialist rollout

Use the browser workflow for occasional files.

Fewer handoffs

Keep scope, evidence, review, and download together.

Sources and assumptions: [8], [9], [11]. Hourly arithmetic uses the same currency unit as the \$5 page price.



The right lane depends on volume and risk.

PDF Hound sits between do-it-yourself software and commissioned remediation: an on-demand, guided path for occasional eligible documents.

Route	Strongest fit	Public entry price	Operator / trade-off
PDF Hound ON-DEMAND	One eligible PDF and a deadline; scope clarity before spend.	\$5/page; free audit; no minimum.	Browser workflow; review result and flagged context.
Adobe Acrobat Pro	Broad PDF editing and hands-on control for users already in Acrobat.	CAD \$25.99/month individual.	User runs checker, fixes tags/order, and verifies manual issues.
Specialist platforms	Recurring programs, trained teams, local/batch workflows. Examples: PDFix, axesPDF, CommonLook, Equidox.	PDFix Pro US\$599/year; axesPDF US\$650/year; others quote or do not list price.	Powerful tools; expertise, review, and operator time remain.
Human service	Source-dependent complex data, high-risk work, or expert review and testing.	Accessible.org example: US\$7.50-\$11.50/page for most quotes.	Higher-touch scope and quote process; not equivalent to automation.

Price is not a quality ranking. Licenses, automated workflows, and human services have different scope. High recurring volume or complex/high-risk work may justify specialist software or a human remediation partner.



Choose transparency over false certainty.

The best workflow is the one that matches the document. PDF Hound is valuable because it reveals that fit before checkout.

USE PDF HOUND

- Digital, scanned, or safe AcroForm PDF.
- You need clear scope and price quickly.
- The file is an occasional job, not a batch program.
- You can review the reading experience before download.
- Source-file changes can be routed back to the designer or owner.

BRING A SPECIALIST

- Text is unreadable or uses an unsupported language.
- Tables, math, or charts need expert interpretation or source data.
- Visual redesign and contrast repair are required.
- Human screen-reader testing or formal assurance is required.
- XFA, applied signatures, or unsafe form actions are present.

Encrypted

In transit and at rest

30 days

Automatic lifecycle deletion

No AI training

Files not used to train AI



Find out before you buy.

Check your PDF free, review the scope, and decide with evidence.

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PDF Hound provides validation evidence, not legal advice or legal certification. Human evaluation remains important.

Sources: [7]-[10], [19].



Research notes & sources

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