**Countries and Regions Adopting WCAG Standards**

| **Country/Region** | **WCAG Version Adopted** | **Local Standard or Law** | **Notes** |
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| **United States** | WCAG 2.0 AA | Section 508 (Rehabilitation Act) | Mandatory for federal agencies and vendors. |
|  |  | Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) | ADA references WCAG for web accessibility case law. |
| **Canada** | WCAG 2.0 AA | Accessible Canada Act, AODA | AODA requires compliance in Ontario; WCAG 2.1 AA expected. |
| **European Union** | WCAG 2.1 AA | EN 301 549 | Mandates accessibility for all public sector websites and apps. |
| **United Kingdom** | WCAG 2.1 AA | Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations 2018 | Applies to public sector bodies and universities. |
| **Australia** | WCAG 2.1 AA | Disability Discrimination Act 1992 | Australian Government requires WCAG compliance. |
| **New Zealand** | WCAG 2.1 AA | NZ Government Web Accessibility Standard | WCAG 2.1 required for government websites. |
| **Japan** | WCAG 2.0 AA | JIS X 8341-3:2016 | National standard aligned with WCAG 2.0 AA. |
| **China** | WCAG-aligned | National Standard GB/T 37668-2019 | Inspired by WCAG; not a direct implementation. |
| **South Korea** | WCAG 2.1 AA | Korean Web Content Accessibility Guidelines | Based on WCAG and enforced for public services. |
| **Singapore** | WCAG 2.0 AA | Infocomm Media Development Authority Guidelines | Government encourages WCAG adoption. |
| **Israel** | WCAG 2.0 AA | Equal Rights for Persons with Disabilities Law | Mandates WCAG 2.0 AA for many businesses. |
| **Brazil** | WCAG 2.0 AA | eMAG (Modelo de Acessibilidade em Governo Eletrônico) | Federal standard for government web accessibility. |
| **Argentina** | WCAG 2.0 AA | Law 26.653 | Web accessibility law referencing WCAG. |
| **Mexico** | WCAG 2.0 AA | Norma Técnica de Accesibilidad | Applies to government entities. |
| **South Africa** | WCAG 2.0 AA | Disability Rights Charter | WCAG used as a reference. |
| **Thailand** | WCAG 2.0 AA | Thai Government Guidelines | WCAG adoption for public services. |
| **United Arab Emirates** | WCAG 2.0/2.1 AA | Smart Government Initiatives | Encouraged for digital transformation; accessibility laws evolving. |
| **Russia** | WCAG-aligned | GOST R 52872-2012 | Accessibility standard partially aligned with WCAG. |

**Observations**

* **WCAG 2.0 AA** is the **most widely adopted** standard globally.
* **WCAG 2.1** is rapidly gaining traction due to support for mobile, low vision, and cognitive accessibility.
* **WCAG 2.2** (published in 2023) is **emerging**, but **not yet widely legislated**.