

# Tech News: Access Louisiana App Available Now!

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For someone with a physical impairment, there are probably few things more frustrating than going to a business/venue that you are unfamiliar with and realizing that you are not even able to get through the front door, or getting around is harder than it should be. The Advocacy Center of Louisiana has developed an app, in hopes of easing some of those frustrations.

The app, **Access Louisiana**, is available as a free download for Apple devices (iPhones, iPads, and iPods) from the iTunes store. It will be available for Android devices at the end of this month. In the meantime, Android users can access the app by visiting <http://app.access-louisiana.org/Home.html>.



After trying out the app for the last couple of weeks, I found the app easy to use, even for someone who doesn't identify themselves as "tech savvy." From the home screen, users can find businesses/venues by clicking on a specific category or typing the name or city using the "Search All Categories" button. At the time of this article, all of the businesses/venues listed were from the Metropolitan New Orleans area, but users can quickly add

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on to the list, for anywhere else in the state, by clicking the circle with the 3 horizontal lines at the top left of the page.

When adding a particular business/venue, the user enters the required information. This includes the name, address, phone number, category, etc. From there, the user answers 3 questions about the accessibility of the entrance, interior, and bathroom. Each question has 3 responses:

1. Accessible
2. Not fully accessible (may require some assistance)
3. Major barriers to accessibility and note any other comments.

To read more about this fabulous new app developed by Advocacy Center, visit <https://sites.google.com/a/advocacyla.org/access-la/home>.

Give it a try, and help make the community a little more accessibility-friendly!

***Happy travels, Louisianans and visitors!***



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