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July 26th is the Anniversary of the ADA, often viewed as the Civil Rights Act for people with disabilities. This Act has changed and improved the lives of millions of people with disabilities and their families through the years. It is a day worth celebrating!

How much do you really know about the ADA? Here’s a chance to test your knowledge. See if you can answer these questions:

1. What do the letters ADA stand for?
2. What year was the ADA first enacted? What president signed the ADA into law?
3. Can you name three areas that the ADA addresses to improve the lives of people with disabilities?
4. What do you think is a barrier for people with disabilities that the ADA still needs to address?
5. Does the ADA just apply to the states, or does it also apply to the territories (Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)?
6. Can you name one way that the ADA has improved the work environment for people with disabilities?
7. What do you think is the most important issue addressed by the ADA?

Thanks for taking this little quiz! How did you do? You can listen to the CPD’s Gordon Richins interview on Utah Public Radio to mark the anniversary and learn how the ADA has helped him.

If you would like to learn more about the ADA, there are some great web sites you can visit:

- For more information about the ADA, go to the government’s ADA website.
- For answers to some interesting questions about the ADA, this is a great website.
- For information and training options visit the Southwest ADA Center website.

ANSWERS to the quiz questions:

1. Americans with Disabilities Act
2. 1990/President George H.W. Bush
3. For example: equal opportunity for people with disabilities in public accommodations, commercial facilities, employment, transportation, state and local government services and telecommunications.
4. Some ideas: accessible technology, including the internet, service dogs, barriers to people with sensory impairments (vision, hearing).
5. The ADA applies to states and territories,
6. For example: workplace makes reasonable accommodations such as accessibility, flexible hours, a different chair.
7. Your opinion.