

Accessibility Statement for IET websites

This is an accessibility statement from the Institution of Engineering and Technology (The IET). This statement covers the following site(s):

Site name	Most recent automated testing score
IET Awards	n/a
Site URL	Last reviewed date
https://ietawards.secure-platform.com/a/	March 2025

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Measures to support accessibility

The IET wants as many people as possible to be able to use its websites. In this site you should be able to:

- change colours, contrast levels and fonts
- zoom in up to 200% without the text spilling off the screen
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- navigate most of the website using speech recognition software

- listen to most of the website using a screen reader (including the most recent versions of JAWS, NVDA and VoiceOver)

We also aim to make text as easy as possible to understand, although some of our content is necessarily of a technical nature.

The IET aims to ensure accessibility of its websites by:

- including accessibility in our internal policies
- integrating accessibility into our procurement practices
- having clear accessibility goals and accountabilities
- continuously monitoring our sites for accessibility conformance

[AbilityNet](#) provides advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

Technical specifications

Accessibility of IET websites relies on the following technologies to work with the web browser, and any assistive technologies or plugins, installed on your computer:

- HTML
- WAI-ARIA
- CSS
- SVG
- JavaScript

These technologies are relied upon for conformance with our stated accessibility standards.

Compatibility with browsers and assistive technology

Our sites are designed to be compatible with the following technologies:

- Current and recent versions of Chrome, Edge, Firefox and Safari browsers on Windows, MacOS, Android and iOS operating systems.

Conformance status

The [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\)](#) defines requirements for designers and developers to improve accessibility for people with disabilities. This site is partially conformant with WCAG 2.2 level AAA. Partially conformant means that some features or content do not fully conform to the accessibility standard.

WAI-ARIA markup is used in most components.

Automated monitoring of conformance with accessibility standards, including WCAG 2.2, currently records a score of [???] for this site; details can be found in the below.

Assessment approach

The IET assesses the accessibility these sites using the following approaches:

- self-evaluation (manual audits, automated monitoring)
- external evaluation (engaging external agencies to review specific sites)

Limitations and alternatives

Despite our ongoing efforts to ensure accessibility of our sites, there are some limitations. Below is a description of known issues, and potential solutions. This list is unlikely to be exhaustive; please contact us (see details above) if you observe an accessibility issue not described here.

Issues

Manual investigation of the site has identified the following issues:

- Skip to content link is present but is not visible
- Multiple pages have no H1 heading
- Visible focus indicator is missing for most elements (all pages)
- Interactive elements do not meet enhanced size
- Low contrast on link text

Home page

- Low contrast on "Start application" links, error messages
- Missing form labels (ReCaptcha)
- Fieldset without legend (hidden - login form MFA verification)
- Tab order does not follow visual layout
- No main landmark
- Use of unsupported ARIA attribute (aria-label on span element)
- Empty container element (unordered list in login form)
- Line height is below minimum value (text below table)

Create account / Profile

- Issues with form labels (missing/orphaned)
- Fieldset missing legend (create/update account form)

Password recovery

- Missing form label (ReCaptcha)
- Use of unsupported ARIA attribute (aria-label on span element)

Application form

- Breadcrumb separator images should have null alt text
- Poor contrast on menu and breadcrumb links
- Issues with form labels (missing/orphaned)
- Fieldsets missing legend (applicant information)
- Link text ("here") does not provide context

Formal approval of this accessibility statement

This Accessibility Statement is approved by:

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The IET

Feedback and formal complaints

We're working continuously to improve the accessibility of our sites. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, please let us know:

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- X/Twitter: @TheIET

Appendix 1 – Detailed breakdown of compliance score

Conformance	Issue name	Issue score
A	Empty headings	100/100