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
Event Registration	n/a
Site URL	Last reviewed date
https://event-registration.theiet.org/	November 2024

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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

<u>AbilityNet</u> 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 <u>Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)</u> 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.

Due to the nature of this site, which requires users to complete a series of forms, automated monitoring of conformance with accessibility standards is not possible.

Assessment approach

The IET assesses the accessibility of its sites using the following approaches:

- self-evaluation (manual audits and/or 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

The following issues have been identified by a manual review of pages within the site. We will work to address these issues as part of our ongoing efforts to improve accessibility across all IET websites.

Event Registration landing page

Text is fully justified, which can negatively impact readability.

No visible focus on button.

Label should read "Please log in" (as per header).

Redundant link on "Login" button; re-directs (correctly) to IET SSO login page.

Step 1: Select Promo Option

Incorrect heading hierarchy (heading levels skipped).

No visible focus on "Skip to content" link.

Radio button ("I have a promo code") does not receive focus when using Tab key to navigate form.

Missing form label on promo code field.

No error shown if promo code field left blank when that option is selected.

Step 2: Attendee Account Details

Difficult to alter radio button selection with keyboard controls? (Use space bar)

Step 3: Select registration option

Radio buttons can be selected using up/down arrow keys (unlike in Step 1).

Hyperlinks in text lack visible focus indicator when selected using keyboard controls.

Step 5: Additional information

Form labels (x3) not correctly associated with a form control.

Step 5/6: Confirm/edit details

"Skip to main content" skips "Add another registrant" button.

Modal window: "Close" icon does not have visible focus.

Solutions include ensuring all focusable elements have visible focus defined; properly associating all form labels with controls; amending coding of radio buttons to ensure intuitive keyboard operability. It is possible that this site will be replaced in 2025, ahead of implementing these fixes.

Interactive functionality

Further manual investigation may be required to evaluate the more complex interactive elements of the site.

Formal approval of this accessibility statement

This Accessibility Statement is approved by:

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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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