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
RPS - Review Process System	N/A
Site URL	**Last reviewed date**
https://rps.theiet.org	June 2025

This statement and its format were created using the W3C Accessibility Statement Generator Tool. See also: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sample-accessibility-statement/sample-accessibility-statement-for-a-fictional-public-sector-website.

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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

This website is designed to comply with the [technical standard for websites and mobile apps, EN 301 549, v.3.2.1](#). This closely follows level "AA" of the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) version 2.2](#).

This website is partially compliant with [technical standard EN 301 549 v.3.2.1](#) and the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA](#). See 'Limitations and alternatives' for more details.

WAI-ARIA markup is used in most components.

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

Currently we're unable to deploy automated monitoring tools on the RPS website.

A manual assessment has identified the following issues.

Interactive functionality

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

Dashboard

- No H1 (page title uses H2)

- No "skip to content" link

- No ARIA "main" role

- Missing form labels

- Select elements do not have labels

- Low text-background contrast (placeholder text, button labels)

- Table cells do not receive focus from the keyboard (so links to individual applications cannot be followed)

View Application
Broken heading hierarchy; no H1

- No ARIA "main" role

- Contrast errors (breadcrumb, selected menu item, table header labels)

- Tables used for layout (multiple)

- Empty/orphaned form labels

- Missing fieldsets (for grouped controls)

- Fieldsets without legends

- Broken ARIA menus (dropdowns top right) - these should not be used for navigation elements

- Not possible to skip navigation list (24 items) in LH column using keyboard

Formal approval of this accessibility statement

This Accessibility Statement is approved by:

Stewart Love
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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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Appendix 1 – Detailed breakdown of compliance score

N/A