

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 Account (member portal)	91.8
Site URL	Last reviewed date
https://ietaccount.theiet.org/	July 2026

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

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 91.8 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

The following issues have been reported by our automated monitoring tool and will need addressing.

Issues	Conformance	Success criteria	Abilities affected
Role not inside the required context	A	1.3.1: Info and Relationships	Vision
Container element is empty	A	1.3.1: Info and Relationships	Vision
Button missing a text alternative	A	4.1.2: Name, Role, Value	Vision
Empty headings	A	1.3.1: Info and Relationships	Vision
Links are not clearly identifiable	A	1.4.1: Use of Colour	Cognition, Colour perception, Vision
Colour contrast does not meet minimum requirement	AA	1.4.3: Contrast (Minimum)	Colour perception, Vision
Line height is below minimum value	AAA	1.4.8: Visual Presentation	Cognition, Reading
Links on the same page with the same text alternative	AAA	2.4.9: Link Purpose (Link Only)	Cognition, Vision
Interactive element does not meet enhanced size	AAA	2.5.5: Target Size (Enhanced)	Mobility
Colour contrast does not meet	AAA	1.4.6: Contrast (Enhanced)	Colour perception, Vision

enhanced requirement			
Page does not start with a level 1 heading	Accessibility best practices	Accessibility best practices	Cognition, Reading
Content missing after heading	Accessibility best practices	Accessibility best practices	Cognition

Potential issues

The following issues have been reported by our automated monitoring tool and need further investigation.

Issues	Conformance	Success criteria	Abilities affected
Is there a minimum contrast ratio between the text and background?	AA	1.4.3: Contrast (Minimum)	Colour perception, Vision
Is there an enhanced contrast ratio between the text and background?	AAA	1.4.6: Contrast (Enhanced)	Colour perception, Vision

Interactive functionality

Further manual investigation was carried out to evaluate the more complex interactive elements of the site. The following issues were recorded and have not yet been resolved (note that there is some overlap with the issues listed above):

General

There are multiple H1 headings on many pages. Some pages have no H1.

Homepage - Welcome to your IET account

Basket icon in header has no alternative text (can it be removed?)

Preferences

Tables used for layout.

Volunteering

Form labels are not correctly associated with controls (Expertise tab).

Personal details

Orphaned form label (postcode selector).

Empty form label (organisation search).

Fieldset without accessible name (home address).

Find organisation function may not be usable with screen reader.

Applications

Membership category labels are not headings.

Redundant title text (title attribute is same as text) on Close buttons? These are not visible.

Address verification

Missing/orphaned form labels.

Select element (Country) has no label.

Tab order reflects confusing visual layout.

Tab labels (?) are not keyboard operable (do not receive focus)

Cannot set preferred address using keyboard.

Edit application

Some elements do not receive keyboard focus.

Missing/orphaned and multiple form labels.

Select elements (Title, Qualification Level) missing label. Title field is not editable.

Missing fieldset x 2 (reduction reason, embargoed country).

The following issues have been fixed in 2026:

General

No "skip to content" links (allowing keyboard users to skip main navigation)

Text not included in ARIA landmarks.

Visible focus indicator not present for checkboxes and some other interactive elements.

Tabs do not receive keyboard focus (Preferences, Personal Details).

Preferences

Form label missing/orphaned (Local Network name).

2 x fieldset elements missing legend (channel opt-outs, LN email opt-out).

Personal details

Tabs ("Home address" etc.) do not receive keyboard focus.

Fieldset without accessible name.

Applications

No visible focus on tiles for membership categories.

Address verification

H1 is not visible.

Edit application

Keyboard trap – date fields.

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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