

# 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 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| PRA (Professional Registration Advisor) Search                                            | 91.6                                |
| Site URL                                                                                  | Last reviewed date                  |
| <a href="https://pra.theiet.org/search-advisor">https://pra.theiet.org/search-advisor</a> | July 2026                           |

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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 91.6 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 below) if you observe an accessibility issue not described here.

## Issues

The following issues have been reported by our automated monitoring tool and may affect multiple pages:

| Issues                                                    | Conformance                  | Success criteria              | Abilities affected         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Inline frame missing a text alternative</b>            | A                            | 4.1.2: Name, Role, Value      | Vision                     |
| <b>Image missing a text alternative</b>                   | A                            | 1.1.1: Non-text Content       | Vision                     |
| <b>Form field missing a label</b>                         | A                            | 4.1.2: Name, Role, Value      | Vision                     |
| <b>Colour contrast does not meet enhanced requirement</b> | AAA                          | 1.4.6: Contrast (Enhanced)    | Colour perception, Vision  |
| <b>Font size is fixed</b>                                 | AAA                          | 1.4.8: Visual Presentation    | Cognition, Reading, Vision |
| <b>Interactive element does not meet enhanced size</b>    | AAA                          | 2.5.5: Target Size (Enhanced) | Mobility                   |
| <b>Page region missing an accessible name</b>             | WAI-ARIA authoring practices | WAI-ARIA authoring practices  | Vision                     |

|                                                 |                              |                              |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>ARIA attribute unsupported or prohibited</b> | WAI-ARIA authoring practices | WAI-ARIA authoring practices | Vision           |
| <b>Skip to main content link is missing</b>     | Accessibility best practices | Accessibility best practices | Mobility, Vision |

## Potential issues

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

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

## Interactive functionality

The following issues have been addressed in recent (2026) updates:

- All pages have H1 headings and correct heading hierarchy.
- Form elements and pagination controls in results are keyboard operable.
- Visible focus indicator is present for all form elements when receiving keyboard focus.
- Visible focus indicator is present for pagination controls.
- Form controls are properly labelled (with some exceptions).
- Required form fields are announced by screenreader.
- Confirmation of contact form submission is announced by screenreader.

## **Formal approval of this accessibility statement**

This Accessibility Statement is approved by:

Karen Joynson  
Head of Software Development, Data and CRM  
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:

- Phone: +44 (0)333 049 9123
- Email: [webmaster@theiet.org](mailto:webmaster@theiet.org)
- Post: The IET, Futures Place, Kings Way, Stevenage SG1 2UA, UK

## Appendix 1 – Detailed breakdown of compliance score

| Conformance | Issue name                                                    | Issue score      |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| A           | Empty headings                                                | 100/100          |
| A           | Page missing a title                                          | 100/100          |
| A           | All roles are invalid                                         | 100/100          |
| A           | Role not inside the required context                          | 100/100          |
| A           | Container element is empty                                    | 100/100          |
| A           | Links are not clearly identifiable                            | 100/100          |
| A           | Hidden element has focusable content                          | 100/100          |
| A           | Link missing a text alternative                               | 100/100          |
| A           | Button missing a text alternative                             | 100/100          |
| A           | <b>Image missing a text alternative</b>                       | <b>6.42/100</b>  |
| A           | Role with implied hidden content has keyboard focus           | 100/100          |
| A           | <b>Form field missing a label</b>                             | <b>64.38/100</b> |
| A           | Page language has not been identified                         | 100/100          |
| A           | Page language not recognised                                  | 100/100          |
| A           | Page title is not descriptive                                 | 100/100          |
| A           | <b>Inline frame missing a text alternative</b>                | <b>0/100</b>     |
| A           | Required ARIA attribute is missing                            | 100/100          |
| A           | Audio plays automatically and can't be switched off           | 100/100          |
| A           | Visible label and accessible name do not match                | 100/100          |
| A           | Video missing captions                                        | 100/100          |
| A           | Multiple inline frames with the same text alternative         | 100/100          |
| A           | Vector image missing a text alternative                       | 100/100          |
| A           | Table headers aren't referenced correctly                     | 100/100          |
| A           | Object missing a text alternative                             | 100/100          |
| A           | Audio missing a transcript                                    | 100/100          |
| A           | Scrollable element is not keyboard accessible                 | 100/100          |
| A           | Field input error is not announced in full                    | 100/100          |
| A           | Table header cell is missing a header role                    | 100/100          |
| A           | Table cell missing context                                    | 100/100          |
| A           | Video without audio missing an accessible alternative         | 100/100          |
| A           | Links in the same context with the same text alternative      | 100/100          |
| A           | Summary element missing an accessible name                    | 100/100          |
| A           | Page refreshes or redirects without warning (within 20 hours) | 100/100          |
| A           | Image button missing a text alternative                       | 100/100          |

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>A</b>                            | No data cells assigned to table header                         | 100/100          |
| <b>A</b>                            | Video with audio missing an accessible alternative             | 100/100          |
| <b>A</b>                            | Decorative image is exposed to assistive technologies          | 100/100          |
| <b>A</b>                            | Image file name is not an appropriate text alternative         | 100/100          |
| <b>A</b>                            | Menu item missing a text alternative                           | 100/100          |
| <b>AA</b>                           | Interactive element does not meet minimum size nor spacing     | 100/100          |
| <b>AA</b>                           | Keyboard focus indicator is missing                            | 100/100          |
| <b>AA</b>                           | Colour contrast does not meet minimum requirement              | 100/100          |
| <b>AA</b>                           | Content language not recognised                                | 100/100          |
| <b>AA</b>                           | Page orientation is locked                                     | 100/100          |
| <b>AA</b>                           | Heading is not descriptive                                     | 100/100          |
| <b>AA</b>                           | Video missing an audio-description                             | 100/100          |
| <b>AA</b>                           | Autocomplete does not work as intended                         | 100/100          |
| <b>AA</b>                           | Line height does not meet minimum requirement                  | 100/100          |
| <b>AA</b>                           | Letter spacing does not meet minimum requirement               | 100/100          |
| <b>AA</b>                           | Word spacing does not meet minimum requirement                 | 100/100          |
| <b>AA</b>                           | Page zoom is restricted                                        | 100/100          |
| <b>AAA</b>                          | <b>Colour contrast does not meet enhanced requirement</b>      | <b>58.13/100</b> |
| <b>AAA</b>                          | Page refreshes or redirects without warning                    | 100/100          |
| <b>AAA</b>                          | Line height is fixed                                           | 100/100          |
| <b>AAA</b>                          | <b>Interactive element does not meet enhanced size</b>         | <b>1.04/100</b>  |
| <b>AAA</b>                          | <b>Font size is fixed</b>                                      | <b>73.74/100</b> |
| <b>AAA</b>                          | Line height is below minimum value                             | 100/100          |
| <b>AAA</b>                          | Links on the same page with the same text alternative          | 100/100          |
| <b>AAA</b>                          | Uneven spacing in text                                         | 100/100          |
| <b>WAI-ARIA authoring practices</b> | Text not included in an ARIA landmark                          | 100/100          |
| <b>WAI-ARIA authoring practices</b> | <b>ARIA attribute unsupported or prohibited</b>                | <b>64.96/100</b> |
| <b>WAI-ARIA authoring practices</b> | Invalid state or property                                      | 100/100          |
| <b>WAI-ARIA authoring practices</b> | Page sections with the same name do not serve the same purpose | 100/100          |
| <b>WAI-ARIA authoring practices</b> | ARIA attribute does not exist                                  | 100/100          |

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>WAI-ARIA authoring practices</b> | <b>Page region missing an accessible name</b>               | <b>36.91/100</b> |
| <b>Accessibility best practices</b> | Page does not start with a level 1 heading                  | 100/100          |
| <b>Accessibility best practices</b> | Grouped form controls missing an accessible name            | 100/100          |
| <b>Accessibility best practices</b> | Overuse of italics                                          | 100/100          |
| <b>Accessibility best practices</b> | Content missing after heading                               | 100/100          |
| <b>Accessibility best practices</b> | Page missing headings                                       | 100/100          |
| <b>Accessibility best practices</b> | Text in all caps                                            | 100/100          |
| <b>Accessibility best practices</b> | Headings are not structured                                 | 100/100          |
| <b>Accessibility best practices</b> | <b>Skip to main content link is missing</b>                 | <b>0/100</b>     |
| <b>Accessibility best practices</b> | Improper use of preformatted text element                   | 100/100          |
| <b>Accessibility best practices</b> | Some roles are invalid                                      | 100/100          |
| <b>Accessibility best practices</b> | Presentational element is exposed to assistive technologies | 100/100          |
| <b>Accessibility best practices</b> | HTML element is deprecated or obsolete                      | 100/100          |
| <b>Accessibility best practices</b> | Font size is too small                                      | 100/100          |