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Voluntary Product Accessibility Template®

Version 1.3

The purpose of the **Voluntary Product Accessibility Template**, or **VPAT™**, is to assist Federal contracting officials and other buyers in making preliminary assessments regarding the availability of commercial “Electronic and Information Technology” products and services with features that support accessibility. It is assumed and recommended that offerers will provide additional contact information to facilitate more detailed inquiries.

The first table of the Template provides a summary view of the Section 508 Standards. The subsequent tables provide more detailed views of each subsection. There are three columns in each table. Column one of the Summary Table describes the subsections of subparts B and C of the Standards. The second column describes the supporting features of the product or refers you to the corresponding detailed table, e.g., “equivalent facilitation.” The third column contains any additional remarks and explanations regarding the product. In the subsequent tables, the first column contains the lettered paragraphs of the subsections. The second column describes the supporting features of the product with regard to that paragraph. The third column contains any additional remarks and explanations regarding the product.

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Section 1194.21 Software Applications and Operating Systems – Detail

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<i>Criteria</i>	Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) When software is designed to run on a system that has a keyboard, product functions shall be executable from a keyboard where the function itself or the result of performing a function can be discerned textually.	Supports With Exceptions	Navigation by keyboard isn't available, but quizzes can be accessed by tabbing.
(b) Applications shall not disrupt or disable activated features of other products that are identified as accessibility features, where those	Supports	Product is web-browser based and does not disrupt or disable accessibility

<p>features are developed and documented according to industry standards. Applications also shall not disrupt or disable activated features of any operating system that are identified as accessibility features where the application programming interface for those accessibility features has been documented by the manufacturer of the operating system and is available to the product developer.</p>		<p>features.</p>
<p>(c) A well-defined on-screen indication of the current focus shall be provided that moves among interactive interface elements as the input focus changes. The focus shall be programmatically exposed so that Assistive Technology can track focus and focus changes.</p>	<p>Supports With Exceptions</p>	<p>Focus is indicated by tabbing through contents; reading order on index page is not sequential.</p>
<p>(d) Sufficient information about a user interface element including the identity, operation and state of the element shall be available to Assistive Technology. When an image represents a program element, the information conveyed by the image must also be available in text.</p>	<p>Supports With Exceptions</p>	<p>Text not consistently associated with "user interface elements."</p>
<p>(e) When bitmap images are used to identify controls, status indicators, or other programmatic elements, the meaning assigned to those images shall be consistent throughout an application's performance.</p>	<p>Does Not Support</p>	<p>Bitmap on registration not identified.</p>
<p>(f) Textual information shall be provided through operating system functions for displaying text. The minimum information that shall be made available is text content, text input caret location, and text attributes.</p>	<p>Supports</p>	<p>Product is web-browser based and works in conjunction with the operating system functions for displaying text.</p>
<p>(g) Applications shall not override user selected contrast and color</p>	<p>Supports</p>	<p>Product is web-browser based and</p>

selections and other individual display attributes.		uses system display settings.
(h) When animation is displayed, the information shall be displayable in at least one non-animated presentation mode at the option of the user.	Not Applicable	This title does not use animations.
(i) Color coding shall not be used as the only means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element.	Supports With Exceptions	Poll results currently use color as the only means of conveying information.
(j) When a product permits a user to adjust color and contrast settings, a variety of color selections capable of producing a range of contrast levels shall be provided.	Not Applicable	Product is web-browser based and does not include color adjustment or contrast settings.
(k) Software shall not use flashing or blinking text, objects, or other elements having a flash or blink frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.	Not Applicable	Product includes no flashing or blinking text.
(l) When electronic forms are used, the form shall allow people using Assistive Technology to access the information, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues.	Does Not Support	Student registration and quizzes are electronic forms.

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Section 1194.22 Web-based Internet information and applications – Detail

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Criteria	Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) A text equivalent for every non-text element shall be provided (e.g., via "alt", "longdesc", or in element content).	Supports With Exceptions	Still images provide descriptive "alt" text, but videos and dynamic images don't.
(b) Equivalent alternatives for any multimedia presentation shall be synchronized with the presentation.	Does Not Support	Transcripts are provided for every audio and video presentation, but videos are not captioned and PDFs not tagged.
(c) Web pages shall be designed so that all information conveyed with color is also available without color, for example from context or markup.	Supports With Exceptions	Tables use shading to indicate rows, but all information is communicated by text; there are some contrast dependencies in maps and blockquotes.
(d) Documents shall be organized so they are readable without requiring an associated style sheet.	Supports With Exceptions	Reading order on Index page isn't sequential.
(e) Redundant text links shall be provided for each active region of a server-side image map.	Not Applicable	Product includes no image maps.
(f) Client-side image maps shall be provided instead of server-side image maps except where the regions cannot be defined with an available geometric shape.	Not Applicable	Product includes no image maps.
(g) Row and column headers shall be identified for data tables.	Supports	All tables include "scope" tags to identify row and column headers.
(h) Markup shall be used to associate data cells and header cells for data tables that have two or more logical levels of row or column headers.	Supports	All tables include "scope" tags to identify row and column headers.

(i) Frames shall be titled with text that facilitates frame identification and navigation	Not Applicable	Product isn't organized using frames.
(j) Pages shall be designed to avoid causing the screen to flicker with a frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.	Not Applicable	Product includes no java applets, animated gifs, or third-party plugins that include flashing elements.
(k) A text-only page, with equivalent information or functionality, shall be provided to make a web site comply with the provisions of this part, when compliance cannot be accomplished in any other way. The content of the text-only page shall be updated whenever the primary page changes.	Supports	Text only pages are used only as a last resort.
(l) When pages utilize scripting languages to display content, or to create interface elements, the information provided by the script shall be identified with functional text that can be read by Assistive Technology.	Does Not Support	Product utilizes scripting languages including Javascript.
(m) When a web page requires that an applet, plug-in or other application be present on the client system to interpret page content, the page must provide a link to a plug-in or applet that complies with §1194.21(a) through (l).	Does Not Support	PDFs require Adobe Reader but download link not provided.
(n) When electronic forms are designed to be completed on-line, the form shall allow people using Assistive Technology to access the information, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues.	Supports With Exceptions	Student registration and quizzes aren't consistently labeled.

(o) A method shall be provided that permits users to skip repetitive navigation links.	Does Not Support	Skip navigation link is not available.
(p) When a timed response is required, the user shall be alerted and given sufficient time to indicate more time is required.	Not Applicable	Responses aren't timed.

Note to 1194.22: The Board interprets paragraphs (a) through (k) of this section as consistent with the following priority 1 Checkpoints of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 1.0 (WCAG 1.0) (May 5 1999) published by the Web Accessibility Initiative of the World Wide Web Consortium: Paragraph (a) - 1.1, (b) - 1.4, (c) - 2.1, (d) - 6.1, (e) - 1.2, (f) - 9.1, (g) - 5.1, (h) - 5.2, (i) - 12.1, (j) - 7.1, (k) - 11.4.

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Section 1194.31 Functional Performance

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Criteria	Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user vision shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are blind or visually impaired shall be provided.	Supports	Product supports the use of screen readers.
(b) At least one mode of operation and information	Supports	Product supports the use of screen magnifiers.

retrieval that does not require visual acuity greater than 20/70 shall be provided in audio and enlarged print output working together or independently, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are visually impaired shall be provided.		
(c) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user hearing shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are deaf or hard of hearing shall be provided	Supports	Product includes transcripts for every audio and video presentation.
(d) Where audio information is important for the use of a product, at least one mode of operation and information retrieval shall be provided in an enhanced auditory fashion, or support for assistive hearing devices shall be provided.	Supports	Product includes transcripts for every audio and video presentation.
(e) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user speech shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people with disabilities shall be provided.	Supports	Product does not require user speech.
(f) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require fine motor control or simultaneous actions	Does Not Support	Not all content is keyboard accessible.

and that is operable with limited reach and strength shall be provided.		
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Section 1194.41 Information, Documentation and Support – Detail

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Criteria	Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) Product support documentation provided to end-users shall be made available in alternate formats upon request, at no additional charge	Supports	Product is self-contained.
(b) End-users shall have access to a description of the accessibility and compatibility features of products in alternate formats or alternate methods upon request, at no additional charge.	Supports	Product is self-contained.
(c) Support services for products shall accommodate the communication needs of end-users with disabilities.	Supports	Support services are available via email or phone.

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