

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 Checklist

Principle 1: Perceivable – information and user interface components must be presentable to users in ways they can perceive.

Standard	Description	Apply Yes/No	Meets Yes/No	Comments (mandatory)
<i>Guideline 1.1 Text Alternatives: Provide text alternatives for any non-text content so that it can be changed into other forms people need, such as large print, braille, speech, symbols or simpler language.</i>				
1.1.1	<p>Non-text Content: All non-text content that is presented to the user has a text alternative that serves the equivalent purpose, except for the situations listed below (Level A).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controls, Input: If non-text content is a control or accepts user input, then it has a name that describes its purpose. (Refer to Guideline 4.1 for additional requirements for controls and content that accepts user input.) • Time-Based Media: If non-text content is time-based media, then text alternatives at least provide descriptive identification of the non-text content. (Refer to Guideline 1.2 for the additional requirements for media.) • Test: If non-text content is a test or exercise that would be invalid if presented in text, then text alternatives at least provide descriptive identification of the non-text content. • Sensory: If non-text content is primarily intended to create a specific sensory experience, then text alternatives at least provide descriptive identification of the non-text content. • CAPTCHA: If the purpose of non-text content is to confirm that content is being accessed by a person rather than a computer, then text alternatives that identify and describe the purpose of the non-text content are provided, and alternative forms of CAPTCHA using output modes for different types of sensory perception are provided to accommodate different disabilities. • Decorative, Formatting, Invisible: If non-text content is pure decoration, is used only for visual formatting, or is not presented to users, then it is implemented in a way that it can be ignored by assistive technology. 	Yes	No	CAPTCHA images, Landing Page thumbnail images and legacy issue images do not have alt text. For those images that do have alt text, it is often unhelpful (“Featured Report” or repeating the caption).
<i>Guideline 1.2 Time-based Media: Provide alternatives for time-based media.</i>				

1.2.1	Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded): For prerecorded audio-only and prerecorded video-only media, the following are true, except when the audio or video is a media alternative for text and is clearly labeled as such (Level A): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prerecorded Audio-only: An alternative for time-based media is provided that presents equivalent information for prerecorded audio-only content. • Prerecorded Video-only: Either an alternative for time-based media or an audio track is provided that presents equivalent information for prerecorded video-only content. 	Yes	No	Videos on Landing/Home page and Take a Tour page do not include a transcript.
1.2.2	Captions (Prerecorded): Captions are provided for all prerecorded audio content in synchronized media, except when the media is a media alternative for text and is clearly labeled as such. (Level A)	Yes	Yes	Videos on Landing/Home page and Take a Tour page include closed captioning.
1.2.3	Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded): An alternative for time-based media or audio description of the prerecorded video content is provided for synchronized media, except when the media is a media alternative for text and is clearly labeled as such. (Level A)	No	No	N/A
1.2.4	Captions (Live): Captions are provided for all live audio content in synchronized media. (Level AA)	No	No	N/A
1.2.5	Audio Description (Prerecorded): Audio description is provided for all prerecorded video content in synchronized media. (Level AA)	No	No	N/A
1.2.6	Sign Language (Prerecorded): Sign language interpretation is provided for all prerecorded audio content in synchronized media. (Level AAA)	No	No	SAGE represents and warrants that the Services and Deliverables support, with exceptions, the WCAG 2.0 guidelines through Level AA.
1.2.7	Extended Audio Description (Prerecorded): Where pauses in foreground audio are insufficient to allow audio descriptions to convey the sense of the video, extended audio description is provided for all prerecorded video content in synchronized media. (Level AAA)	No	No	See above
1.2.8	Media Alternative (Prerecorded): An alternative for time-based media is provided for all prerecorded synchronized media and for all prerecorded video-only media. (Level AAA)	No	No	See above
1.2.9	Audio-only (Live): An alternative for time-based media that presents equivalent information for live audio-only content is provided. (Level AAA)	No	No	See above
<i>Guideline 1.3 Adaptable: Create content that can be presented in different ways (for example simpler layout) without losing information or structure.</i>				

1.3.1	Info and Relationships: Information, structure, and relationships conveyed through presentation can be programmatically determined or are available in text. (Level A)	Yes	No	<p>Page does not use a hierarchical heading structure: there is no <h1> tag and skipped heading levels (<h4> to <h5> to <h3> to <h6>) No additional semantic organization (ARIA landmarks/HTML5 regions) provided.</p> <p>Breadcrumb trail not properly defined for sublevel Browse Reports and Browse by Topics pages.</p> <p>Across Report Pages: Tables are not properly labeled with headers.</p> <p>E-mail a Document, Comment on this Report, CiteNow!, Save this search, and Create Topic Alert pages have no headings.</p> <p>Help/Frequently Asked Questions Page: The table under “Why should I set up a user profile” is not properly labeled with headers. Also, skipped heading level (from <h1> to <h3>).</p>
1.3.2	Meaningful Sequence: When the sequence in which content is presented affects its meaning, a correct reading sequence can be programmatically determined. (Level A)	Yes	Yes	
1.3.3	Sensory Characteristics: Instructions provided for understanding and operating content do not rely solely on sensory characteristics of components such as shape, size, visual location, orientation, or sound. (Level A)	Yes	Yes	<p>Help/Frequently Asked Questions Page: Some instructions use “visual” language; e.g., “icons on the top right corner of the page”.</p>

<i>Guideline 1.4 Distinguishable: Make it easier for users to see and hear content including separating foreground from background.</i>				
1.4.1	Use of Color: Color is not used as the only visual means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element. (Level A)	Yes	Yes	
1.4.2	Audio Control: If any audio on a Web page plays automatically for more than 3 seconds, either a mechanism is available to pause or stop the audio, or a mechanism is available to control audio volume independently from the overall system volume level. (Level A)	No	No	N/A
1.4.3	<p>Contrast (Minimum): The visual presentation of text and images of text has a contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1, except for the following: (Level AA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Text: Large-scale text and images of large-scale text have a contrast ratio of at least 3:1; • Incidental: Text or images of text that are part of an inactive user interface component, that are pure decoration, that are not visible to anyone, or that are part of a picture that contains significant other visual content, have no contrast requirement. • Logotypes: Text that is part of a logo or brand name has no minimum contrast requirement. 	Yes	No	<p>All Pages:</p> <p>Several elements have insufficient color contrast, including Search placeholder text and Feedback tab.</p> <p>In addition to the elements noted above, the Landing Page also has insufficient color contrast on the inactive tab headers under “Featured Report.”</p> <p>Search Results Page: Insufficient color contrast for “Save this search,” “Create Topic Alert,” “Search content from CQ Press.”</p>
1.4.4	Resize text: Except for captions and images of text, text can be resized without assistive technology up to 200 percent without loss of content or functionality. (Level AA)	Yes	Yes	Keyboard Ctrl + + or – can be used to adjust text sizing
1.4.5	<p>Images of Text: If the technologies being used can achieve the visual presentation, text is used to convey information rather than images of text except for the following: (Level AA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customizable: The image of text can be visually customized to the user's requirements; • Essential: A particular presentation of text is essential to the information being conveyed. 	No	No	N/A

1.4.6	<p>Contrast (Enhanced): The visual presentation of text and images of text has a contrast ratio of at least 7:1, except for the following: (Level AAA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Text: Large-scale text and images of large-scale text have a contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1; • Incidental: Text or images of text that are part of an inactive user interface component, that are pure decoration, that are not visible to anyone, or that are part of a picture that contains significant other visual content, have no contrast requirement. • Logotypes: Text that is part of a logo or brand name has no minimum contrast requirement. 	No	No	SAGE represents and warrants that the Services and Deliverables support, with exceptions, the WCAG 2.0 guidelines through Level AA.
1.4.7	<p>Low or No Background Audio: For prerecorded audio-only content that (1) contains primarily speech in the foreground, (2) is not an audio CAPTCHA or audio logo, and (3) is not vocalization intended to be primarily musical expression such as singing or rapping, at least one of the following is true: (Level AAA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Background: The audio does not contain background sounds. • Turn Off: The background sounds can be turned off. • 20 dB: The background sounds are at least 20 decibels lower than the foreground speech content, with the exception of occasional sounds that last for only one or two seconds. 	No	No	See above
1.4.8	<p>Visual Presentation: For the visual presentation of blocks of text, a mechanism is available to achieve the following: (Level AAA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreground and background colors can be selected by the user. • Width is no more than 80 characters or glyphs (40 if CJK). • Text is not justified (aligned to both the left and the right margins). • Line spacing (leading) is at least space-and-a-half within paragraphs, and paragraph spacing is at least 1.5 times larger than the line spacing. • Text can be resized without assistive technology up to 200 percent in a way that does not require the user to scroll horizontally to read a line of text on a full-screen window. 	No	No	See above
1.4.9	<p>Images of Text (No Exception): Images of text are only used for pure decoration or where a particular presentation of text is essential to the information being conveyed. (Level AAA)</p>	No	No	See above

Principle 2: Operable - User interface components and navigation must be operable.

Standard	Description	Apply Yes/No	Meets Yes/No	Comments
<i>Guideline 2.1 Keyboard Accessible: Make all functionality available from a keyboard.</i>				
2.1.1	<p>Keyboard: All functionality of the content is operable through a keyboard interface without requiring specific timings for individual keystrokes, except where the underlying function requires input that depends on the path of the user's movement and not just the endpoints. (Level A)</p>	Yes	Yes	Interface elements show keyboard focus and can be operated without the use of a mouse.

2.1.2	No Keyboard Trap: If keyboard focus can be moved to a component of the page using a keyboard interface, then focus can be moved away from that component using only a keyboard interface, and, if it requires more than unmodified arrow or tab keys or other standard exit methods, the user is advised of the method for moving focus away. (Level A)	Yes	Yes	Across Report Pages: The “Email a link back to” pop-up does not provide a keyboard-accessible option to close window without submitting an email. However, users can use a standard keyboard shortcut (Alt+F4 on PC; Command+W on Mac) to close the pop-up as a workaround.
2.1.3	Keyboard (No Exception): All functionality of the content is operable through a keyboard interface without requiring specific timings for individual keystrokes. (Level AAA)	No	No	SAGE represents and warrants that the Services and Deliverables support, with exceptions, the WCAG 2.0 guidelines through Level AA.

<i>Guideline 2.2 Enough Time: Provide users enough time to read and use content.</i>				
2.2.1	<p>Timing Adjustable: For each time limit that is set by the content, at least one of the following is true: (Level A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn off: The user is allowed to turn off the time limit before encountering it; or • Adjust: The user is allowed to adjust the time limit before encountering it over a wide range that is at least ten times the length of the default setting; or • Extend: The user is warned before time expires and given at least 20 seconds to extend the time limit with a simple action (for example, "press the space bar"), and the user is allowed to extend the time limit at least ten times; or • Real-time Exception: The time limit is a required part of a real-time event (for example, an auction), and no alternative to the time limit is possible; or • Essential Exception: The time limit is essential and extending it would invalidate the activity; or • 20 Hour Exception: The time limit is longer than 20 hours. 	No	No	N/A
2.2.2	<p>Pause, Stop, Hide: For moving, blinking, scrolling, or auto-updating information, all of the following are true: (Level A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving, blinking, scrolling: For any moving, blinking or scrolling information that (1) starts automatically, (2) lasts more than five seconds, and (3) is presented in parallel with other content, there is a mechanism for the user to pause, stop, or hide it unless the movement, blinking, or scrolling is part of an activity where it is essential; and • Auto-updating: For any auto-updating information that (1) starts automatically and (2) is presented in parallel with other content, there is a mechanism for the user to pause, stop, or hide it or to control the frequency of the update unless the auto-updating is part of an activity where it is essential. 	No	No	N/A
2.2.3	No Timing: Timing is not an essential part of the event or activity presented by the content, except for non-interactive synchronized media and real-time events. (Level AAA)	No	No	SAGE represents and warrants that the Services and Deliverables support, with exceptions, the WCAG 2.0 guidelines through Level AA.
2.2.4	Interruptions: Interruptions can be postponed or suppressed by the user, except interruptions involving an emergency. (Level AAA)	No	No	See above
2.2.5	Interruptions: Interruptions can be postponed or suppressed by the user, except interruptions involving an emergency. (Level AAA)	No	No	See above
<i>Guideline 2.3 Seizures: Do not design content in a way that is known to cause seizures.</i>				
2.3.1	Three Flashes or Below Threshold: Web pages do not contain anything that flashes more than three times in any one second period, or the flash is below the general flash and red flash thresholds. (Level A)	No	No	N/A

2.3.2	Three Flashes: Web pages do not contain anything that flashes more than three times in any one second period. (Level AAA)	No	No	SAGE represents and warrants that the Services and Deliverables support, with exceptions, the WCAG 2.0 guidelines through Level AA.
<i>Guideline 2.4 Navigable: Provide ways to help users navigate, find content, and determine where they are.</i>				
2.4.1	Bypass Blocks: A mechanism is available to bypass blocks of content that are repeated on multiple Web pages. (Level A)	Yes	Yes	A Skip to Main Content link is provided.
2.4.2	Page Titled: Web pages have titles that describe topic or purpose. (Level A)	Yes	No	Browse Reports by Date: CQR [select year]: The page title does not accurately reflect the purpose of the page. Browse by Topics Page: Social Services and Disabilities: The page title does not accurately reflect the purpose of the page.
2.4.3	Focus Order: If a Web page can be navigated sequentially and the navigation sequences affect meaning or operation, focusable components receive focus in an order that preserves meaning and operability. (Level A)	Yes	No	Landing Page: When “Feedback” modal dialog is dismissed, focus is not placed back on the “Feedback” link.
2.4.4	Link Purpose (In Context): The purpose of each link can be determined from the link text alone or from the link text together with its programmatically determined link context, except where the purpose of the link would be ambiguous to users in general. (Level A)	Yes	No	All Pages: Social media links do not contain text and appear as empty.
2.4.5	Multiple Ways: More than one way is available to locate a Web page within a set of Web pages except where the Web Page is the result of, or a step in, a process. (Level AA)	Yes	Yes	Site provides multiple options to access same content.
2.4.6	Headings and Labels: Headings and labels describe topic or purpose. (Level AA)	Yes	Yes	Headings and labels describe topic or purpose.
2.4.7	Focus Visible: Any keyboard operable user interface has a mode of operation where the keyboard focus indicator is visible. (Level AA)	Yes	Yes	Interface elements show keyboard focus and can be operated without the use of a mouse.

2.4.8	Location: Information about the user's location within a set of Web pages is available. (Level AAA)	No	No	SAGE represents and warrants that the Services and Deliverables support, with exceptions, the WCAG 2.0 guidelines through Level AA.
2.4.9	Link Purpose (Link Only): A mechanism is available to allow the purpose of each link to be identified from link text alone, except where the purpose of the link would be ambiguous to users in general. (Level AAA)	No	No	See above
2.4.10	Section Headings: Section headings are used to organize the content. (Level AAA)	No	No	See above

Principle 3: Understandable - Information and the operation of user interface must be understandable.

Standard	Description	Apply Yes/No	Meets Yes/No	Comments
<i>Guideline 3.1 Readable: Make text content readable and understandable.</i>				
3.1.1	Language of Page: The default human language of each Web page can be programmatically determined. (Level A)	Yes	Yes	Default language is provided for each Web page.
3.1.2	Language of Parts: The human language of each passage or phrase in the content can be programmatically determined except for proper names, technical terms, words of indeterminate language, and words or phrases that have become part of the vernacular of the immediately surrounding text. (Level AA)	No	No	N/A
3.1.3	Unusual Words: A mechanism is available for identifying specific definitions of words or phrases used in an unusual or restricted way, including idioms and jargon. (Level AAA)	No	No	SAGE represents and warrants that the Services and Deliverables support, with exceptions, the WCAG 2.0 guidelines through Level AA.
3.1.4	Abbreviations: A mechanism for identifying the expanded form or meaning of abbreviations is available. (Level AAA)	No	No	See above
3.1.5	Reading Level: When text requires reading ability more advanced than the lower secondary education level after removal of proper names and titles, supplemental content, or a version that does not require reading ability more advanced than the lower secondary education level, is available. (Level AAA)	No	No	See above
3.1.6	Pronunciation: A mechanism is available for identifying specific pronunciation of words where meaning of the words, in context, is ambiguous without knowing the pronunciation. (Level AAA)	No	No	See above
<i>Guideline 3.2 Predictable: Make Web pages appear and operate in predictable ways.</i>				

3.2.1	On Focus: When any component receives focus, it does not initiate a change of context. (Level A)	Yes	Yes	Context does not change upon component receiving focus.
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3.2.2	<p>On Input: Changing the setting of any user interface component does not automatically cause a change of context unless the user has been advised of the behavior before using the component. (Level A)</p>	Yes	No	<p>All Pages (except Report Pages): Error message pop-up for feedback modal changes page without alerting users and is not accessible to the screen reader.</p> <p>Across Report Pages: An interface element (“View PDF”) employs event handlers that force the change of context without notifying the user.</p> <p>Help/Frequently Asked Questions Page: Selecting the User Guide / sample assignments / User Guide with sample searches links causes a change of context (opens a PDF) without notifying the user.</p> <p>Also, selecting links on page to outside pages or email (e.g., customerservice@cqpress.com; http://www.cqpress.com/webhelp; SAGE Contact Us; homepage; Browse by... options, etc.) causes a change of context (opens a PDF) without notifying the user.</p> <p>And, link to “experienced journalists” does not announce change in context and takes users to a “static page not found” page.</p>
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3.2.3	Consistent Navigation: Navigational mechanisms that are repeated on multiple Web pages within a set of Web pages occur in the same relative order each time they are repeated, unless a change is initiated by the user. (Level AA)	Yes	Yes	Navigational elements across multiple pages occur in the same relative order.
3.2.4	Consistent Identification: Components that have the same functionality within a set of Web pages are identified consistently. (Level AA)	Yes	Yes	Components with the same functionality are ID'd consistently.
3.2.5	Change on Request: Changes of context are initiated only by user request or a mechanism is available to turn off such changes. (Level AAA)	No	No	SAGE represents and warrants that the Services and Deliverables support, with exceptions, the WCAG 2.0 guidelines through Level AA.
<i>Guideline 3.3 Input Assistance: Help users avoid and correct mistakes.</i>				
3.3.1	Error Identification: If an input error is automatically detected, the item that is in error is identified and the error is described to the user in text. (Level A)	Yes	No	All Pages (except Report Pages): Error message pop-up for feedback modal changes page without alerting users and is not accessible to the screen reader.
3.3.2	Labels or Instructions: Labels or instructions are provided when content requires user input. (Level A)	Yes	No	Comment on this Report Page: Required Email field is not identified as such other than in plain text. Search Results Page: Labels for "Save to Favorites" checkboxes are confusing to the screen reader (i.e., "Save cqresrre1996122000")
3.3.3	Error Suggestion: If an input error is automatically detected and suggestions for correction are known, then the suggestions are provided to the user, unless it would jeopardize the security or purpose of the content. (Level AA)	No	No	Providing this information would jeopardize the security of the site.

3.3.4	Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data): For Web pages that cause legal commitments or financial transactions for the user to occur, that modify or delete user-controllable data in data storage systems, or that submit user test responses, at least one of the following is true: (Level AA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reversible: Submissions are reversible. • Checked: Data entered by the user is checked for input errors and the user is provided an opportunity to correct them. • Confirmed: A mechanism is available for reviewing, confirming, and correcting information before finalizing the submission. 	No	No	N/A
3.3.5	Help: Context-sensitive help is available. (Level AAA)	No	No	SAGE represents and warrants that the Services and Deliverables support, with exceptions, the WCAG 2.0 guidelines through Level AA.
3.3.6	Error Prevention (All): For Web pages that require the user to submit information, at least one of the following is true: (Level AAA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reversible: Submissions are reversible. • Checked: Data entered by the user is checked for input errors and the user is provided an opportunity to correct them. • Confirmed: A mechanism is available for reviewing, confirming, and correcting information before finalizing the submission. 	No	No	See above

Principle 4: Robust - Content must be robust enough that it can be interpreted reliably by a wide variety of user agents, including assistive technologies.

Standard	Description	Apply Yes/No	Meets Yes/No	Comments
<i>Guideline 4.1 Compatible: Maximize compatibility with current and future user agents, including assistive technologies.</i>				
4.1.1	Parsing: In content implemented using markup languages, elements have complete start and end tags, elements are nested according to their specifications, elements do not contain duplicate attributes, and any IDs are unique, except where the specifications allow these features. (Level A)	Yes	Yes	Valid XML is provided and loaded to the platform.
4.1.2	Name, Role, Value: For all user interface components (including but not limited to: form elements, links and components generated by scripts), the name and role can be programmatically determined; states, properties, and values that can be set by the user can be programmatically set; and notification of changes to these items is available to user agents, including assistive technologies. (Level A)	Yes	Yes	Interface components are available to assistive technologies.