

Accessibility Statement

Our commitment and approach to maintaining an accessible website

The Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General is committed to:

- Increasing accessibility. We state our commitment to this in our Statement of Strategy 2021 – 2025 in Priority 2, where we commit to enhance the use of new technologies and platforms to increase overall accessibility.
- Achieving “Level AA” conformance to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1, to comply with the National Disability Authority’s Code of Practice on Accessibility of Public Services and Information Provided by Public Bodies. (The National Disability Authority’s Centre for Excellence in Universal Design has an introduction to policy and legislation relevant to Universal Design in Ireland.)
- Ensuring that all new information on the website will achieve “Level AA” conformance to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1.
- Including accessibility when we procure 3rd-party systems or upgrades to existing systems.

This website’s conformance with official accessibility guidelines

The website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1, level AA. Our most recent web accessibility audit for this website was completed in September 2022. PDF documents currently on the website were not included in this audit. Our website platform contains a tool that facilitates a real-time accessibility scan of the website. The results of the scan are reviewed regularly.

Non-accessible content

We are working to improve the accessibility compliance of our website. Parts of our website are not fully accessible. For example:

- Some documents in PDF format are not fully accessible.
- Some tables on our website do not have correctly defined headers.
- Not all images on our website have text equivalents or sufficiently descriptive text equivalents.
- Many of our documents are published as PDFs, which are less accessible than HTML pages for people using assistive technologies.
- Some content is missing landmarks, which allows assistive technologies to navigate and find content quickly.

This is not an exhaustive list and staff are reviewing these specific issues and accessibility on an ongoing basis. Accessibility training requirements for staff are also being identified and addressed.

Exempted content

Content published prior to 23 September 2018 is exempt under the EU Web Accessibility Directive. The Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General is committed to ensuring all our content is as accessible as possible.

How to send feedback on this website's accessibility

We welcome feedback on the accessibility of this website.

- Email us: accessibility@audit.gov.ie
- Phone us: 01 863 8600
- Write to us: 3A Mayor Street Upper, D01PF72.

Accessibility features of this website

Recite Me

We have installed the Recite Me toolbar on our website to make the site more accessible and user friendly. Recite Me supports each visitor by providing options so that they can use our website in a way that works best for them. For example, users can change the font size, change the colour of the screen, translate text or use the screen reader option to read the text aloud. To use Recite Me, click on the Accessibility Help button on our website.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 28 July 2021 and reviewed and updated on 24 October 2022.

In preparation for this statement an evaluation of the website's compliance with the requirements of Directive (EU) 2016/2102 was carried out by way of:

- a self-assessment by the OCAg
- an assessment carried out by an external ICT specialist consultancy for websites.