Digital Accessibility Statement for ECC Online February 2025

Background

The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/952/made apply to the websites and mobile apps of the State; Regional or local authorities; Bodies governed by public law (established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest); or Associations formed by one or more of these public sector bodies.

Section 4(2)(g) of the Regulations excludes websites that are only available for a closed group of people and not to the general public which were developed before September 2019 until they undergo substantial revision.

ECC has received legal advice confirming that it does not fall within the remit of the Regulations and there is no legal requirement on ECC to implement or draft any accessibility statements. Nor do the regulations apply to the ECC Online software, as this web-based product is not an open website nor a mobile app, is only available to authorised users within ECC member organisations and is not available to the general public.

However, in line with our organisational values (Equality, People, Collaboration and Innovation) we have undertaken a digital accessibility audit and provided this Digital Accessibility Statement.

How to Access ECC Online

Each organisational member of the ECC consortium licensed to use ECC Online, in conjunction with the HERA and FEDRA job evaluation schemes, can access the system at https://app.ecc.ac.uk/ whereby after successful authentication they will be redirected to their specific member content.

The software may be accessed via desktop, laptop or tablet devices including mobile phones and via a variety of browsers. The majority of reports available from the system can be downloaded in PDF, Word and Excel formats.

How Accessible This Software Is

We want as many authorised users as possible to be able to use this software so we have ensured that users should be able to:

- Zoom in up to 200% without the text spilling off the screen

- Navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- View screens in either portrait or landscape mode
- Listen to most of the website using a screen reader

The software has been tested against the following configurations:

Screen sizes

Desktop & Laptop

- 1920 x 1080
- 1536 x 864 (1920 x 1080 at 125% scaling)
- 1366 x 768

Tablet

- 768 x 1024

Mobile (portrait)

- iPhone 15
- Google Pixel 8

Browsers

- Chrome - current version, previous major version, Windows and MacOS
- Edge - current version, previous major version, Windows operating systems
- Firefox – current version, previous major version, Windows and MacOs
- Safari - current version, previous major version, MacOS

Technical Accessibility Features

The web-based software is run by Educational Competencies Consortium (ECC).

The functionality of the software means that many of the WCAG 2.2 AA requirements are not applicable. However, where they are, we have met the standard if we reasonably can.

For example, we've made the software body text as simple as possible to understand and with sufficient contrast (4.5:1 minimum ratio).

The ECC Online software has also been written using modern web standards to allow the use of web-based assistive technologies.

What We're Doing to Improve Accessibility

We continue to look at guidance and other documents held within the ECC Online system to make these as accessible as possible.

We remain committed to ensuring ease of use of our ECC Online system and welcome feedback on issues that are identified.

Support and Contact Information

AbilityNet has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

Support and Contact Information
Email: contactus@ecc.ac.uk
Web: www.ecc.ac.uk