
Website Accessibility Statement

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Introduction

1. This website is run by the Scottish Fiscal Commission. We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. For example, that means you should be able to:
 - change colours, contrast levels and fonts
 - zoom in up to 300% 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

Accessibility Audit

2. We commissioned an accessibility audit of our site in early 2022 which found the following issues:
 - some forms are missing descriptive labels
 - some pages are missing headings or headings have been skipped
 - there are colour contrast failures for text on background and UI components
 - some links are ambiguous throughout the site and do not make sense out of context
 - a visual focus indicator is missing at times when interactive elements receive keyboard focus
 - a skip to link or bypass block is missing from the site
 - buttons are incorrectly labelled at certain points on the site
 - landmarks are not labelled sufficiently
 - some elements do not receive keyboard focus and rely on mouse click alone to be activated
 - some parts of the site have applied ARIA elements which require unique ids but the ids have been duplicated
 - a table is missing a table caption
 - some images and infographics are missing suitable alternative text
 - on mobile, the focus order of some elements are not logical
 - What to do if you cannot access parts of this website
3. If you need information on this website in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille:

email: info@fiscalcommission.scot

call: 0131 244 0738
4. We'll consider your request and get back to you in 14 days.

Reporting accessibility problems with this website

5. We're always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, contact: info@fiscalcommission.scot

Enforcement procedure

6. The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service.

Contacting us by phone or visiting us in person

7. Our office has an audio induction loop, or if you contact us before your visit we can arrange a British Sign Language interpreter.
8. Find out how to contact us at: www.fiscalcommission.scot

Technical information about this website's accessibility

9. The Scottish Fiscal Commission is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.
10. This website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 AA standard, due to the non-compliances listed below.

Non accessible content

11. The areas listed below is non-accessible for the following reasons.

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations:

- some forms are missing descriptive labels. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A) and 3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A)
- some pages are missing headings or headings have been skipped. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A) and 2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA)
- there are colour contrast failures for text on background and UI components. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA) and 1.4.11 Non-text contrast (Level AA)
- some links are ambiguous throughout the site and do not make sense out of context. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) (Level A)
- a visual focus indicator is missing at times when interactive elements receive keyboard focus. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA)
- a skip to link or bypass block is missing from the site. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A)
- buttons are incorrectly labelled at certain points on the site. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A)

- landmarks are not labelled sufficiently. This fails WCAG 2.1 success 1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A) and 2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A)
- some elements do not receive keyboard focus and rely on mouse click alone to be activated. This fails WCAG 2.1 success 2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A)
- some parts of the site have applied ARIA elements which require unique ids but the ids have been duplicated. This fails WCAG 2.1 success 4.1.1 Parsing (Level A)
- a table is missing a table caption. This fails WCAG 2.1 success 1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A)
- some images and infographics are missing suitable alternative text. This fails WCAG 2.1 success 1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A)
- on mobile, the focus order of some elements are not logical. This fails WCAG 2.1 success 2.4.3 Focus Order (Level A)

PDFs and Other Documents

- Some of our older PDF and MS Word documents do not meet accessibility standards. (They fail WCAG 2.1 success criteria listed under Guidelines 2.4 – Navigable and/or 1.1.1 Non-text Content.) Other than those subject to exemption (see below).

Content Not Within the Scope of the Accessibility Regulations

12. The following content is exempt from meeting the accessibility regulations .

PDFs and Other Documents

13. The accessibility regulations do not require us to address issues with office file formats, such as Adobe PDF or Microsoft Office documents, published before 23 September 2018. This does not apply to documents that are essential to providing our services.

Documents Supplied by Third Parties

14. In some cases, we are obliged to publish original documents provided by third parties. The content and format of these documents is outwith our control.

Archive Content

15. We maintain an archive of old committee agendas and reports, predominantly based on PDF documents that may not meet accessibility guidelines. We also maintain an archive of committee audio files that are not accompanied by a transcription. We do not plan to update these elements as they are exempt.

Social Media

16. Content provided by third party suppliers such as Social Media platforms Twitter, Facebook or YouTube is outwith our control.

How we tested this website

17. This website was last tested on 15 March 2022. The test was carried out by Storm ID. We tested the following areas of the site: <https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/>:

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/about-us/introduction/>

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/about-us/what-we-do/>

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/about-us/vacancies/>

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/publication-categories/analytical/>

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/publications/fiscal-update-december-2021/>

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/publications/scotlands-economic-and-fiscal-forecasts-december-2021/>

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/publications/correspondence-2021/>

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/explainers/social-security/disability-assistance/>

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/explainers/funding-for-the-scottish-budget/income-tax-reconciliations/>

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/explainers/glossary/>

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/2020/>

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/first-award-winners-announced-for-the-voluntary-application-of-the-code-award-2020/>

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/category/events/>

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/contact/>

<https://www.fiscalcommission.scot/?s=test>

Remediation

18. In April 2022 Red Paint Design Studio worked from the audit provided by Storm ID to address the issues raised. This work was confirmed as completed in October 2022.
19. This statement was prepared on 15 March 2022, and was last updated on 17 May 2023.

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