Accessibility statement for Scottish Fiscal Commission

This accessibility statement applies to the Scottish Fiscal Commission website and associated publications.

If you require accommodations to better access our services, please <u>contact us</u> with your specific needs. We strive to make suitable adjustments to accommodate all individuals.

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

We've also made the website text simple to understand.

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

Feedback and contact information

If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, contact info@fiscalcommission.scot

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

We'll consider your request and get back to you in 14 days.

Enforcement procedure

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, <u>contact</u> the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).

Contacting us by phone or visiting us in person

General enquiries

Email: info@fiscalcommission.scot Call: 0131 244 0738

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Scottish Fiscal Commission is based in Governor's House, Regent Road in Edinburgh.

You can view our location on a map.

Although Governor's House is a historic building it has a step free access with a ramp leading to the front door, the ground floor has wide doorways (where the main meeting space is), and there is an accessible toilet.

Technical information about this website's accessibility

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.

Compliance status

This website is partially compliant with the <u>Web Content</u> <u>Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1</u> AA standard, due to the non-compliances listed below.

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Non-accessible content

We know some parts of this website are not fully accessible:

- Some documents are not accessible
- Some images are not accessible
- Some forms are missing descriptive labels
- Some pages are missing headings or headings have been skipped
- There are color contrast failures for text on background and UI components
- Some links are ambiguous throughout the site and do not make sense out of context

Specifically

- The close button in the cookie banner cannot be accessed using the keyboard This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.1.1 (keyboard).
- There is no visible focus on the magnifying glass icon in the search bar. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.7 (focus visible).
- The white text in the cookie banner has insufficient colour contrast. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.4.3 (contrast).
- There is no visible focus on the accordion tabs below the 'Our Values 'heading on our 'What we do 'page. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.7 (focus visible).
- Some of our PDF publications are missing page titles within the document settings. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.2 (page titled).

We acknowledge the existence of these concerns and are proactively engaged in efforts to ensure their compliance.

Content that's not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

The accessibility regulations do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23 September 2018 if they're not essential to providing our services. Likewise, pre-recorded audio and video published before 23 September 2020 is also exempt.

We do not plan to add captions to live video streams because live video is exempt from meeting the accessibility regulations. The same applies to maps.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 15 March 2022. It was last reviewed on 24 January 2024.

This website was last tested on 11 September 2023. The test was carried out by the Government Digital Service. A sample of our pages were tested using automated testing tools and simple manual checks. You can read the full accessibility test report here: Accessibility report for www.fiscalcommission.scot (accessibility-monitoring.service.gov.uk).

A prior audit of the website was carried out Storm ID and acted upon by Red Paint Design Studio between April and October 2022.