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Voluntary Product Accessibility Template®

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The purpose of the **Voluntary Product Accessibility Template**, or **VPAT™**, is to assist Federal contracting officials and other buyers in making preliminary assessments regarding the availability of commercial “Electronic and Information Technology” products and services with features that support accessibility. It is assumed and recommended that offerers will provide additional contact information to facilitate more detailed inquiries.

The first table of the Template provides a summary view of the Section 508 Standards. The subsequent tables provide more detailed views of each subsection. There are three columns in each table. Column one of the Summary Table describes the subsections of subparts B and C of the Standards. The second column describes the supporting features of the product or refers you to the corresponding detailed table, e.g., “equivalent facilitation.” The third column contains any additional remarks and explanations regarding the product. In the subsequent tables, the first column contains the lettered paragraphs of the subsections. The second column describes the supporting features of the product with regard to that paragraph. The third column contains any additional remarks and explanations regarding the product.

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Section 1194.21 Software Applications and Operating Systems – Detail

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<i>Criteria</i>	Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) When software is designed to run on a system that has a keyboard, product functions shall be executable from a keyboard where	Not Applicable	

<p>the function itself or the result of performing a function can be discerned textually.</p>		
<p>(b) Applications shall not disrupt or disable activated features of other products that are identified as accessibility features, where those features are developed and documented according to industry standards. Applications also shall not disrupt or disable activated features of any operating system that are identified as accessibility features where the application programming interface for those accessibility features has been documented by the manufacturer of the operating system and is available to the product developer.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>	
<p>(c) A well-defined on-screen indication of the current focus shall be provided that moves among interactive interface elements as the input focus changes. The focus shall be programmatically exposed so that Assistive Technology can track focus and focus changes.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>	
<p>(d) Sufficient information about a user interface element including the identity, operation and state of the element shall be available to Assistive Technology. When an image represents a program element, the information conveyed by the image must also be available in text.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>	
<p>(e) When bitmap images are used to identify controls, status indicators, or other programmatic elements, the meaning assigned to those images shall be consistent throughout an application's performance.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>	
<p>(f) Textual information shall be provided through operating system</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>	

functions for displaying text. The minimum information that shall be made available is text content, text input caret location, and text attributes.		
(g) Applications shall not override user selected contrast and color selections and other individual display attributes.	Not Applicable	
(h) When animation is displayed, the information shall be displayable in at least one non-animated presentation mode at the option of the user.	Not Applicable	
(i) Color coding shall not be used as the only means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element.	Not Applicable	
(j) When a product permits a user to adjust color and contrast settings, a variety of color selections capable of producing a range of contrast levels shall be provided.	Not Applicable	
(k) Software shall not use flashing or blinking text, objects, or other elements having a flash or blink frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.	Not Applicable	
(l) When electronic forms are used, the form shall allow people using Assistive Technology to access the information, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues.	Not Applicable	

Section 1194.22 Web-based Internet

information and applications – Detail

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<i>Criteria</i>	Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) A text equivalent for every non-text element shall be provided (e.g., via "alt", "longdesc", or in element content).	Supports with exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some images are used in interactions that require vision, such as the prompting of a user to recall a certain word or text. In these cases, equivalent text undermines the pedagogical purpose of the image and is not provided.• Some interface / design images lack alternative text. These exceptions generally are being removed as they are found and new designs are implemented.
(b) Equivalent alternatives for any multimedia presentation shall be synchronized with the presentation.	Supports with exceptions	Videos, with a small number of exceptions, contain captions and synchronized transcripts. Some animated tutorials do not contain captions, but transcripts are available as accessible document files.
(c) Web pages shall be designed so that all information	Supports with exceptions	In a small number of cases, color is used as the

conveyed with color is also available without color, for example from context or markup.		sole indicator of information, such as a state of being (available or unavailable, for example). These exceptions generally are being removed as they are found and new designs are implemented.
(d) Documents shall be organized so they are readable without requiring an associated style sheet.	Does not support	Pages are not usable when stylesheets are turned off or not supported. Most content, however, in the site is available through alternative delivery methods, such as accessible print.
(e) Redundant text links shall be provided for each active region of a server-side image map.	Not applicable	Does not use image maps.
(f) Client-side image maps shall be provided instead of server-side image maps except where the regions cannot be defined with an available geometric shape.	Not applicable	Does not use image maps.
(g) Row and column headers shall be identified for data tables.	Supports	
(h) Markup shall be used to associate data cells and header cells for data tables that have two or more logical levels of row or column headers.	Supports with exceptions	Tables are navigable using the correct reader commands, such as via Jaws, but context isn't always ideal; for example, the reader may not give the full path within a cell. Most content, however, in the site is available through alternative delivery methods, such as accessible print.
(i) Frames shall be titled with text that facilitates frame	Supports	

identification and navigation		
(j) Pages shall be designed to avoid causing the screen to flicker with a frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.	Not applicable	Pages do not contain flickering elements.
(k) A text-only page, with equivalent information or functionality, shall be provided to make a web site comply with the provisions of this part, when compliance cannot be accomplished in any other way. The content of the text-only page shall be updated whenever the primary page changes.	Does not support	Most pages take advantage of media, including images, audio, animations, and video, and many are designed to work with certain senses (listening and speaking, for example). Thus generally a text-only representation of content is problematic. Most textual content in the site, however, is available through alternative delivery methods, such as accessible print.
(l) When pages utilize scripting languages to display content, or to create interface elements, the information provided by the script shall be identified with functional text that can be read by Assistive Technology.	Not applicable	We rely on the fact that modern screen readers generally can parse content generated from scripting languages like javascript.
(m) When a web page requires that an applet, plug-in or other application be present on the client system to interpret page content, the page must provide a link to a plug-in or applet that complies with §1194.21(a) through (l).	Not supported	Adobe Flash is required for partner chat communication activities and for a few older animations. The page does not provide a link to download the plug-in, and the Flash dialog box presented through the browser is not accessible. Partner chat activity transcripts are available to conduct these activities in an alternative format, such as face to face. Older animations in Flash are being replaced or phased

		out as new editions of programs are released.
(n) When electronic forms are designed to be completed on-line, the form shall allow people using Assistive Technology to access the information, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues.	Supports with exceptions	A small number of forms lack sufficient keyboard support. These exceptions generally are being removed as they are found and new designs are implemented.
(o) A method shall be provided that permits users to skip repetitive navigation links.	Does not support	There is no skip-link to enable direct access to the main content area.
(p) When a timed response is required, the user shall be alerted and given sufficient time to indicate more time is required.	Supports with exceptions	Some learning activities are designed to work on a particular timing. Generally, options are provided to slow down the timing or repeat the activity without penalty. Assessments can be delivered with a designated timing that the student user cannot change, but this feature is not required and is only active via an action by the instructor.

Note to 1194.22: The Board interprets paragraphs (a) through (k) of this section as consistent with the following priority 1 Checkpoints of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 1.0 (WCAG 1.0) (May 5 1999) published by the Web Accessibility Initiative of the World Wide Web Consortium: Paragraph (a) - 1.1, (b) - 1.4, (c) - 2.1, (d) - 6.1, (e) - 1.2, (f) - 9.1, (g) - 5.1, (h) - 5.2, (i) - 12.1, (j) - 7.1, (k) - 11.4.

Section 1194.23 Telecommunications Products

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Criteria	Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) Telecommunications products or systems which provide a function allowing voice communication and which do not themselves provide a TTY functionality shall provide a standard non-acoustic connection point for TTYs. Microphones shall be capable of being turned on and off to allow the user to intermix speech with TTY use.	Not applicable	
(b) Telecommunications products which include voice communication functionality shall support all commonly used cross-manufacturer non-proprietary standard TTY signal protocols.	Not applicable	
(c) Voice mail, auto-attendant, and interactive voice response telecommunications systems shall be usable by TTY users with their TTYs.	Not applicable	
(d) Voice mail, messaging, auto-attendant, and interactive voice response telecommunications systems that require a response from a user within a time interval, shall give an alert when the time interval is about to run out, and shall provide sufficient time for the user to indicate more time is required.	Not applicable	

<p>(e) Where provided, caller identification and similar telecommunications functions shall also be available for users of TTYs, and for users who cannot see displays.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>(f) For transmitted voice signals, telecommunications products shall provide a gain adjustable up to a minimum of 20 dB. For incremental volume control, at least one intermediate step of 12 dB of gain shall be provided.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>(g) If the telecommunications product allows a user to adjust the receive volume, a function shall be provided to automatically reset the volume to the default level after every use.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>(h) Where a telecommunications product delivers output by an audio transducer which is normally held up to the ear, a means for effective magnetic wireless coupling to hearing technologies shall be provided.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>(i) Interference to hearing technologies (including hearing aids, cochlear implants, and assistive listening devices) shall be reduced to the lowest possible level that allows a user of hearing technologies to utilize the telecommunications product.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>(j) Products that transmit or conduct information or communication, shall pass through cross-manufacturer, non-proprietary, industry-standard codes, translation protocols, formats or other information necessary to provide the information or communication in a usable format. Technologies which use encoding, signal compression, format</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	

transformation, or similar techniques shall not remove information needed for access or shall restore it upon delivery.		
(k)(1) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: Controls and Keys shall be tactilely discernible without activating the controls or keys.	Not applicable	
(k)(2) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: Controls and Keys shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate controls and keys shall be 5 lbs. (22.2N) maximum.	Not applicable	
(k)(3) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: If key repeat is supported, the delay before repeat shall be adjustable to at least 2 seconds. Key repeat rate shall be adjustable to 2 seconds per character.	Not applicable	
(k)(4) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: The status of all locking or toggle controls or keys shall be visually discernible, and discernible either through touch or sound.	Not applicable	

***Section 1194.24 Video and Multi-media
Products – Detail***

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Criteria	Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
<p>a) All analog television displays 13 inches and larger, and computer equipment that includes analog television receiver or display circuitry, shall be equipped with caption decoder circuitry which appropriately receives, decodes, and displays closed captions from broadcast, cable, videotape, and DVD signals. As soon as practicable, but not later than July 1, 2002, widescreen digital television (DTV) displays measuring at least 7.8 inches vertically, DTV sets with conventional displays measuring at least 13 inches vertically, and stand-alone DTV tuners, whether or not they are marketed with display screens, and computer equipment that includes DTV receiver or display circuitry, shall be equipped with caption decoder circuitry which appropriately receives, decodes, and displays closed captions from broadcast, cable, videotape, and DVD signals.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	

<p>(b) Television tuners, including tuner cards for use in computers, shall be equipped with secondary audio program playback circuitry.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>(c) All training and informational video and multimedia productions which support the agency's mission, regardless of format, that contain speech or other audio information necessary for the comprehension of the content, shall be open or closed captioned.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>(d) All training and informational video and multimedia productions which support the agency's mission, regardless of format, that contain visual information necessary for the comprehension of the content, shall be audio described.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>(e) Display or presentation of alternate text presentation or audio descriptions shall be user-selectable unless permanent.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	

Section 1194.25 Self-Contained, Closed Products – Detail

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Criteria	Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) Self contained products shall be usable by people with disabilities without requiring an end-user to attach Assistive Technology to the product. Personal headsets for private listening are not Assistive Technology.	Not applicable	
(b) When a timed response is required, the user shall be alerted and given sufficient time to indicate more time is required.	Not applicable	
(c) Where a product utilizes touchscreens or contact-sensitive controls, an input method shall be provided that complies with §1194.23 (k) (1) through (4).	Not applicable	
(d) When biometric forms of user identification or control are used, an alternative form of identification or activation, which does not require the user to possess particular biological characteristics, shall also be provided.	Not applicable	
(e) When products provide auditory output, the audio signal shall be provided at a standard signal level through an industry standard	Not applicable	

<p>connector that will allow for private listening. The product must provide the ability to interrupt, pause, and restart the audio at anytime.</p>		
<p>(f) When products deliver voice output in a public area, incremental volume control shall be provided with output amplification up to a level of at least 65 dB. Where the ambient noise level of the environment is above 45 dB, a volume gain of at least 20 dB above the ambient level shall be user selectable. A function shall be provided to automatically reset the volume to the default level after every use.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>(g) Color coding shall not be used as the only means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>(h) When a product permits a user to adjust color and contrast settings, a range of color selections capable of producing a variety of contrast levels shall be provided.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>(i) Products shall be designed to avoid causing the screen to flicker with a frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	

<p>(j) (1) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: The position of any operable control shall be determined with respect to a vertical plane, which is 48 inches in length, centered on the operable control, and at the maximum protrusion of the product within the 48 inch length on products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>(j)(2) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: Where any operable control is 10 inches or less behind the reference plane, the height shall be 54 inches maximum and 15 inches minimum above the floor.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>(j)(3) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: Where any operable control is more than 10 inches and not more than 24 inches</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	

behind the reference plane, the height shall be 46 inches maximum and 15 inches minimum above the floor.		
(j)(4) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: Operable controls shall not be more than 24 inches behind the reference plane.	Not applicable	

**Section 1194.26 Desktop and Portable
Computers – Detail**

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Criteria	Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) All mechanically operated controls and keys shall comply with §1194.23 (k) (1) through (4).	Not applicable	
(b) If a product utilizes touchscreens or touch-operated controls, an input method shall be provided that complies with §1194.23 (k) (1) through (4).	Not applicable	
(c) When biometric forms	Not applicable	

of user identification or control are used, an alternative form of identification or activation, which does not require the user to possess particular biological characteristics, shall also be provided.		
(d) Where provided, at least one of each type of expansion slots, ports and connectors shall comply with publicly available industry standards	Not applicable	

Section 1194.31 Functional Performance

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Criteria	Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user vision shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are blind or visually impaired shall be provided.	Supports with exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some interactions are designed to require vision; for example, images can be used to prompt a user to recall a word or text. Alternative accessible text materials generally are available for the information provided in these activities. • Some interface components are not provided with text alternatives. These exceptions generally are

		being removed as they are found and new designs are implemented.
(b) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require visual acuity greater than 20/70 shall be provided in audio and enlarged print output working together or independently, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are visually impaired shall be provided.	Supports with exceptions	Some features have a contrast ratio less than 4:5:1. These exceptions generally are being removed as they are found and new designs are implemented.
(c) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user hearing shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are deaf or hard of hearing shall be provided	Supports with exceptions	Some interactions are designed to require hearing: for example, listening activities involving audio. Providing captions would undermine the pedagogical purpose of the activity. Alternative accessible text generally is available for the information provided in these activities.
(d) Where audio information is important for the use of a product, at least one mode of operation and information retrieval shall be provided in an enhanced auditory fashion, or support for assistive hearing devices shall be provided.	Supports with exceptions	Some audio that provides directions or reading text does not include unique volume controls inside the browser, and instead rely on the device controls to manage. These examples generally include text in addition to the audio. Otherwise, audio controls through the device and the browser work in standard fashion.
(e) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user speech shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people with disabilities shall be	Supports with exceptions	Some interactions are designed to require speaking; for example, partner-based communication chat activities. Alternative accessible text generally is available for the information provided in these activities.

provided.		
(f) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require fine motor control or simultaneous actions and that is operable with limited reach and strength shall be provided.	Supports with exceptions	Some features lack sufficient keyboard support. These exceptions generally are being removed as they are found and new designs are implemented.

**Section 1194.41 Information, Documentation
and Support – Detail**

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Criteria	Supporting Features	Remarks and explanations
(a) Product support documentation provided to end-users shall be made available in alternate formats upon request, at no additional charge	Supports	Some support is available in video or audio, but there are alternative print documents that may be used in place of the media.
(b) End-users shall have access to a description of the accessibility and compatibility features of products in alternate formats or alternate methods upon request, at no additional charge.	Supports	
(c) Support services for products shall accommodate the	Supports	Support assistance is available via email, chat, or phone.

communication needs of end-users with disabilities.		
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