

# ADA Compliance Checklist

This is not meant to be a comprehensive list but is hopefully a good starting place. Feel free to add.

To see the WCAG standards established by W3C go [here](#)

- Form fields should have a visible label, not just a placeholder
- Field formatting information should stay visible after beginning to edit
- Test page text with Text Only setting up to 200%
- Color contrast should meet WCAG standard
- Don't rely on color to convey meaning, provide another way for the information to be understood
- All page content MUST be keyboard accessible
  - Confirm that the tabbing order makes sense for the user experience
  - Ensure that the user won't get stuck in an infinite tabbing loop
- Header tags should not be used for styling alone. They should add meaning to the page hierarchy. Add styling to get different text sizes and styling
- Use provided HTML semantic tags whenever possible. This makes it much easier for screen readers
- Avoid using small targets (i.e. be sure that the text associated with a checkbox selects that checkbox)
- Not everyone can use drag and drop or similar components. Be sure to provide an alternative way to modify the information
- Make sure all page actions are visible. (i.e. don't rely on a mouse hover to show that an image is a carousel)
- Page titles should go from specific to general information. They should help the user know what the page is about, not just what the website is.
- Audio and visual content that conveys meaning must have a text alternative. This could be an alt tag description, closed captioning, a transcript, etc.
  - Media that has meaning that is already conveyed can have a blank alt tag
- Look at content proximity, both for auditory content and visually. Related information should be close together. Those who need to zoom in may not be able to see a modal or submit button that is on another part of the page
- Don't use auto-advancing fields. They cause issues for accessibility
- Use plain language and provide full versions of acronyms

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