

Digital Accessibility Statement for ECC Online

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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 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 (Members come first, Fairness and Equality) we have undertaken a digital accessibility audit and prepared this Digital Accessibility Statement.

Scope

This statement applies to the web-based software ECC Online. Each organisational member of the ECC consortium licensed to use ECC Online, in conjunction with the HERA and FEDRA job evaluation schemes, has a unique url using the format <https://app.ecc.ac.uk/membername> where 'membername' is replaced with the name of the organisation or an agreed abbreviation.

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 a variety of formats including MHTML.

The web-based software is run by Educational Competencies Consortium (ECC) and is developed and maintained for us by DCSL GuideSmiths who also carried out the accessibility audit.

The functionality of the software means that many of the WCAG 2.1 AA requirements are not applicable. However, where they are, we have met the standard if we reasonable can. For example, in terms of non-text contrast within the relevant areas of the software, a contrast ratio of at least 3:1 is used to differentiate between icons and components of charts or graphs.

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

We've also made the software page text as simple as possible to understand and with sufficient contrast (4.5:1 minimum ratio).

The ECC Online software has had some modifications made to allow the use of voice recognition software and this functionality will be enabled if we receive requests for this.

We will also 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.

[AbilityNet](#) has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

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