

# The University of Edinburgh website accessibility policy (interim)

## DRAFT - The University of Edinburgh website accessibility policy

### Policy update - May 2018

The policy has been updated and reworded and so is currently in draft. The policy is currently going through University committee review procedures.

The University of Edinburgh is committed to ensuring that its websites are accessible to the widest possible audience, including disabled users.

### Policy intention

The long-term goal and intention of this policy is to state clear accessibility principles that the University of Edinburgh websites should follow.

The University is in the process of ensuring its pages comply with the AA standard of the W3C recommended version of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). The University acknowledges that this is an anticipatory and continuing work in progress and, in order to ensure no user is disadvantaged while this work is carried out, the University intends to respond to all requests for assistance with accessibility by either altering the necessary content as soon as possible, or, if requested, by providing the information in an alternative format at no cost within a reasonable timeframe. It is the responsibility of the University to provide these alternative formats. Appropriate channels of communication are available to allow visitors to request alternative formats and to give feedback about any accessibility issues.

The University will make reasonable adjustments to ensure specific individual needs that cannot be addressed by mainstreamed adjustments are met.

### Policy dimensions

For the purpose of this policy, the term “websites” includes:

- Websites (public and non authenticated) managed and under the control of the University of Edinburgh using the ed.ac.uk domain (www.ed.ac.uk/something) or any subdomain (www.something.ed.ac.uk). (Note: websites with these domains that are the intellectual property of other (separate) legal entities, such as (but not limited to) the Edinburgh University Student Union, are excluded).
- Material managed and hosted by the University on these pages such as documents, audio, video and any other additional files.

### Policy principles

The University of Edinburgh will adhere to the following principles in relation to its websites:

- The websites shall provide appropriate channels of communication for feedback about accessibility.
- The websites shall meet the University of Edinburgh’s responsibilities under the Equality Act (2010) and The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

- The websites shall meet level AA of the of the W3C recommended version of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.

## Guidance and Support

The University supports staff building and maintaining University websites and associated material to enable them to comply with this policy and has created guidance for this purpose.

<https://www.wiki.ed.ac.uk/display/WAG/Web+Accessibility+Guidance+Home>.

## Changes to this policy

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of our user community. This policy was last reviewed in May 2018.

**If you require this policy document in another alternative format please contact:**

- The Disability Information Officer on 0131 650 6645
- Email: [wiki.galt@ed.ac.uk](mailto:wiki.galt@ed.ac.uk)
- Information Services Helpline - <https://www.ed.ac.uk/information-services/help-consultancy/contact-helpline>