Accessibility Statement

Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board (WWETB) is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with <u>European Union (Accessibility of Websites and Mobile Applications of Public Sector Bodies)</u> Regulations 2020.

This accessibility statement applies to content published on www.wwetb.ie

Compliance Status

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

Non-accessible content

The content listed below is non accessible for the following reason:

Non-compliance with the <u>European Union (Accessibility of Websites and Mobile Applications of Public Sector Bodies) Regulations 2020</u>.

We are working to improve the accessibility compliance of our website and will endeavor to apply all accessibility standards to content being published to our website going forward.

Parts of WWETB's website are not fully accessible. For example:

- PDFs: some documents in PDF format are not fully accessible and may in some instances lack a correct tab order or headings, have invalid language attributes, contain invalid or missing table structures.
- Tables: some tables do not have correctly defined headers. This makes it difficult to be compatible with screen readers of voice recognition software to read the content on the site.
- Images: some images may not have additional added text and are not fully accessible throughout the website.
- Colour contrast: a small number of pages may contain items with a lack of proper colour contrast, all of which are currently being updated.

This is not an exhaustive list of non-accessible content, and we will work through these and other issues to address them.

WWETB is undertaking actions to improve the accessibility of its website:

- Staff are reviewing and improving the accessibility of all documents on an ongoing basis. Accessible versions of some essential PDFs provided by third parties are currently being sought.
- In conjunction with our web developer WWETB is undertaking continuous development of its website to improve functionality and methods of compliance with accessibility guidelines.
- We are working towards being fully compliant with WCAG 2.1 level AA following our next phase of development.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 21st December 2022.

This statement was prepared by WWETB's Communications Team.

The statement was updated on 21st May 2024.

In preparation for this statement an evaluation of the website's compliance with the requirements of Directive (EU) 2016/2102 will be carried out by way of an automated auditing tool (axe Monitor from Deque: https://www.deque.com/axe/monitor/) by the National Disability Authority in April 2022 against WCAG 2.1 to highlight accessibility issues through a Simplified Review of the website.

The Simplified Review is conducted against a subset of Success Criteria from WCAG 2.1 AA and is conducted on a weekly basis.

Feedback and contact information.

WWETB is committed to ensuring digital accessibility for all users. If you would like to request information about or assistance with accessing any content or functionality that is inaccessible, please email us at accessibility@wwetb.ie.

If you wish to request particular content in an accessible format, please include the following details:

- Your required format.
- The content you wish to receive (please include the URL of the content).
- Your name and email address.

We will make all reasonable efforts to fulfil your request.

Information on Access

Queries and complaints about accessibility are dealt with by a staff member with responsibility for access issues. Enquiries should be directed to WWETB at accessibility@wwetb.ie.

If you are not happy about our response to your complaint, you can ask the Ombudsman to investigate your complaint. Here is <u>contact information</u> and guidance on making a complaint from the <u>Office of the Ombudsman</u> or call them at 01 639 5600.