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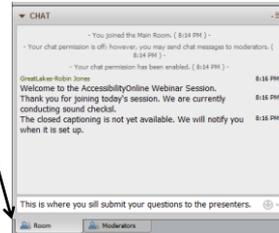
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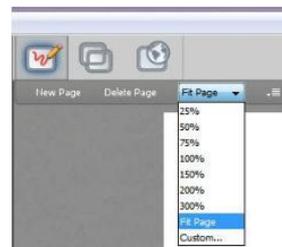
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- A best practice is a policy, process, procedure or technique proven effective over time and repeatable by multiple agencies.
 - A best practice is generalized so that diverse agencies may use it in their own organizations but specific enough to provide useful guidance and instruction.
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Section 508 Best Practices Webinars

Webinars are bi-monthly:

- January, March, May, July, September, November

Next Webinar: March 27, 2018

- Topic: Accessibility of Electronic Content
- Time: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern

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An Overview of the Revised 508 Standards – and A Roadmap for Transitioning

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Standards changes having greatest impact on implementation strategies

- From product based to feature based approach
- New organizational approach
- New scoping requirements
- Changing exception requirements
- New standards for electronic content, software, and hardware
 - Major emphasis on WCAG for electronic content and software

NOTE: these are just highlights – not intended to be an exhaustive list!

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Information & Communications Technology (ICT)

Information technology and other equipment, systems, technologies, or processes

for which the principal function is the creation, manipulation, storage, display, receipt, or transmission of electronic data and information

as well as any associated content.

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New organizational approach

Original 508 Standards

- > **General**
- > **Technical Standards**
 - > 1194.21 Software applications and operating systems.
 - > 1194.22 Web-based intranet and internet information and applications.
 - > 1194.23 Telecommunications products.
 - > 1194.24 Video and multimedia products.
 - > 1194.25 Self contained, closed products.
 - > 1194.26 Desktop and portable computers.
- > **1194.31 Functional performance criteria.**
- > **1194.41 Information, documentation, and support.**

Revised 508 Standards

Chapter 1: Application and Administration

E101 General
E102 Referenced Standards
E103 Definitions

Chapter 2: Scoping Requirements

(includes WCAG applicability to electronic content and software)

Chapter 3: Functional Performance Criteria

Chapter 4: Hardware

Chapter 5: Software

Chapter 6: Support Documentation & Services

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Standards categories

Electronic Content

Software

Hardware

Support Services & Documentation

Electronic Content Examples

Websites and web-based content
(Internet & Intranet)

Microsoft Office &
PDF Documents

Training materials
(e.g., online training
materials, tests,
online surveys)

Multimedia
(video/audio)

Digital content
(e.g., documents,
templates, forms,
reports, surveys)

Interactive maps

Electronic
emergency
notifications

Subscription services
(e.g., news feeds,
alert services,
professional
journals)

Public Facing vs. Non Public Facing

Public Facing	Non Public Facing
Made available to members of the <u>general</u> public	May be broadly disseminated or sent to individual agency employees May be sent to or made available to specific members of the public.
Usually published on the web (for example, on an agency website, blog, form, or social media page). However, public facing content might also be made available in non-web formats, such as information displayed on screens or interactive kiosks in waiting areas.	Content may be disseminated via an internal agency website or intranet, or by other delivery modes. Common distribution methods: emails, text messages, phone alerts, storage media, and downloadable documents
Applies to ALL Electronic Content	Applies to nine categories of electronic content

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The “Nine Categories”

An emergency notification

An initial or final decision adjudicating an administrative claim or proceeding.

An internal or external program or policy announcement.

A notice of benefits, program eligibility, employment opportunity, or personnel action.

A formal acknowledgement of receipt.

A survey or questionnaire:

A template or form

Educational or training materials

Intranet content designed as a Web page

Note: Section 504 accommodation requirements always apply

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Software Examples

Web, desktop,
server, and
mobile
applications

Authoring Tools
& Platforms

Software
Infrastructure

ICT Service
offerings (e.g.
"as a service")

Hardware Examples

Computers &
Laptops

Servers

Tablets

Printers

Copiers

Document
Scanners

Multi-function
office machines

Peripheral
equipment
(e.g., keyboards,
mice)

Information kiosks
and transaction
machines

Mobile phones

Support Services & Documentation

Accessibility and Compatibility Features

WCAG conformance

Alternative formats

Accommodate PWDs

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Revised Functional Performance Criteria

Applicability

- Where the requirements in Chapters 4 (Hardware) and 5 (Software) do not address one or more functions of ICT

Covers

- No vision, **limited vision, color blindness**
- No hearing and **limited hearing**
- No speech
- Limited manipulation, limited reach & strength,
- **Limited language, cognitive and learning abilities**

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Major changes to exceptions

01

Exceptions apply to features & components

02

New Exceptions

- Legacy ICT
- Best Meets

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Narrower Scope

- Undue Burden
- Back Office (Now called ICT in Maintenance and Monitoring Spaces)

What standards apply to electronic content and software?

WCAG Conformance A & AA

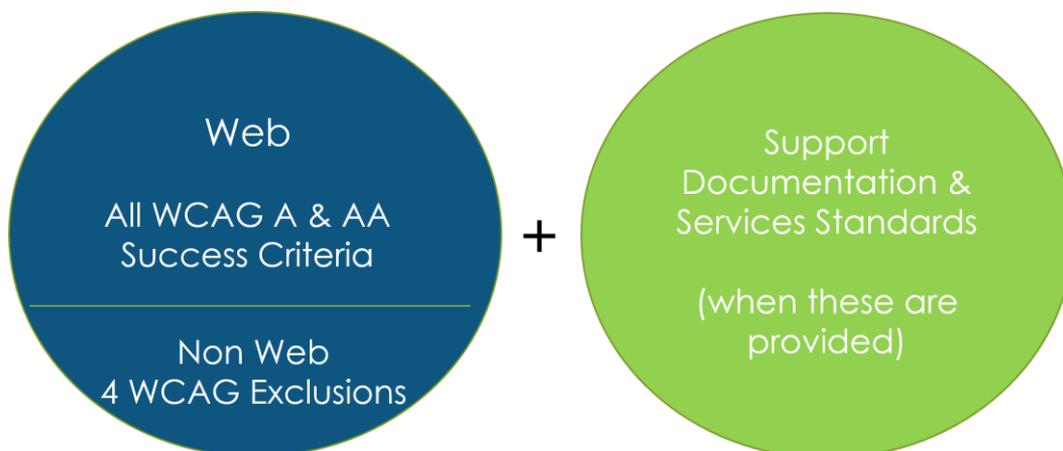
Applies to all electronic content & software

Must reach Level A and AA to conform to Revised 508 Standards



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Standards Applicability to Electronic Content



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Standards Applicability to Software



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Inter-Agency 508 Refresh Workgroup



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Revised 508 Standards Refresh Toolkit

These resources are intended to help your agency transition to the Revised 508 Standards, which go into effect on **January 18, 2018**. We welcome your [feedback and suggestions for improvement](#).

[Program Management](#)
[Identify Requirements](#)
[Procurement](#)
[Design & Development](#)
[Content Creation](#)
[Testing](#)
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<https://www.section508.gov/refresh-toolkit>

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Where do I begin?

Resource	Purpose
Overview of the New Standards	High level overview all changes from the Original 508 Standards
Cross reference tables for web, software and hardware	Detailed provision by provision comparison between the original and revised standards
Quick Reference Guide	High-level recap of what agencies need to change – and links to available resources

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508 Program Resources

Resource	Purpose
Revised 508 Standards Roadmap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to manage your 508/IT Accessibility Program in accordance with the Revised 508 Standards
Transition Quick Reference Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-level recap of what your agency needs to change, based on revisions to the Standards
Old vs. Revised Standards Comparison charts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed standard by standard comparison
How to Update Agency Policies for the Revised 508 Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies key policy areas that are impacted by changes in the Revised 508 Standards, Provides high level policy guidance Provides sample policy language
How to Identify User Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how to identify user needs for IT accessibility
Building Organizational Support for Accessible Electronic Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help your staff get the tools and training they need to produce accessible electronic content

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How to identify Section 508 Requirements

Resource	Purpose
Section 508 Applicability Checklist & Instructions	Step by step guidance on how to develop accessibility requirements
Application 508 Standards and Exceptions Chart	Sample template for reporting standards and exceptions in solicitations
Accessibility Requirements Tool (ART)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSA replacement for Buy Accessible Wizard Based on Revised 508 Standards Applicability Checklist for consistency Generates very detailed applicability reports, and eventually tailored contract language

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How to procure ICT using the Revised 508 Standards

Resource	Purpose
How to Request Information From Vendors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed recommendations on how to obtain higher quality 508 information from vendors
How to Define Accessibility Provisions Clauses and Acceptance Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides detailed recommendations on recommended provisions and clauses to proactive protect agency risk
Accessibility Conformance Reports (based on VPAT 2.0 Template)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An entirely new template for vendors to report on product conformance to the Revised 508 Standards.
Solicitation Requirements Tool (SRT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses machine learning to automatically review ICT solicitations and identify potential need for 508 review to ensure proper 508 language is included.

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How to design and develop ICT using the Revised 508 Standards

Resource	Purpose
Accessibility Resources for Developers and Authors	Extensive list of resources to help developers and authors create accessible electronic content that conforms the Revised 508 Standards
US Web Design Resources	A design system to quickly prototype and deploy accessible digital products
Guidance on defining requirements	Same as applicability guidance previously mentioned

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How to create accessible electronic documents using the Revised 508 Standards

Resource	Description
Microsoft Office 2013 (Word, Excel PowerPoint)	Baseline Test Process Test Checklist
Microsoft 365 (Word, Excel PowerPoint, Outlook)	Same as above
Adobe PDF	Same as above
Microsoft Word and PDF Training Videos	Short 2-5 minute You Tube Training Videos Developed by the FAA

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How to test for conformance to the Revised 508 Standards

Resource	Description
Inter Agency Trusted Tester Baseline V3	Baseline any agency can use to construct their own test process
DHS Trusted Tester Process V5	DHS's test process for web and software
DHS Trusted Tester Training	FAC49: What Is Section 508 and Why Is It Important To You FAC50: Trusted Tester Tools FAC51: Section 508 Standards for Software and Web FTE250: Trusted Tester Training FAC56: Section 508 for COR(s), Program and Project Managers
DHS Trusted Tester Certification Exam	FTE251: Trusted Tester Certification Exam
Electronic document testing resources	Updated resources for testing Microsoft Office and Adobe PDF documents for conformance to the Revised 508 Standards

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How to get training on the Revised 508 Standards

Resource	Purpose
Section 508: What is It and Why is It Important to You?	Introduction to Section 508 and Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
Accessibility of ICT: An Overview for Government Executives	A brief, high-level overview of the Revised 508 Standards, including roles and responsibilities of key Federal agency officials.
Procuring Section 508 Conformant ICT Products and Services	Basic overview of the Federal acquisition process with regard to procuring ICT products and services that are Section 508 conformant.
Accessibility of ICT: Micro-Purchases	How to make micro-purchases that conform with the Revised 508 Standards.
Technology Accessibility Playbook: How to Build an Effective Section 508 Program	Describes the 12 plays to integrate strategic, business and technology management into a successful Section 508 program, to ensure Federal ICT is accessible to persons with disabilities.
508 Transition Webinars	This series of webinars

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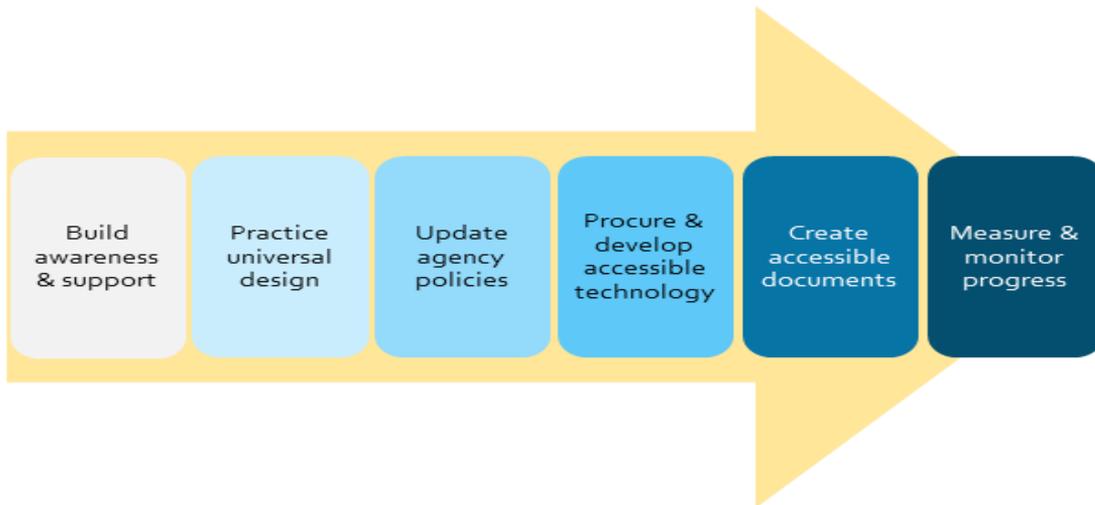
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Transition Roadmap



Build Awareness & Support

- Develop Communications Plan
- Key briefings
 - CIO, CTO, CPO, General Counsel
 - Other key influencers
- Primary Focus
 - Helps agency meet user needs
 - Promotes diverse workforce
 - Supports IT modernization objectives
- Advocate for full life cycle inclusion

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Promote Universal Design

- Customer Experience = an environment that can be accessed, understood and used to the greatest extent possible by all people, regardless of their age, size, ability or disability.
- Key driver for technology modernization
- Engage with person who have disabilities

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Incorporate Revised 508 Standards into Agency Policies

- Revise all 508 references
- Promote 508 life cycle inclusion
- Establish clear accountability
- Clarify expectations for electronic content and authoring tools
- Address 508 governance

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Inserting 508 language into solicitations is not enough!

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Embed 508 throughout the acquisition life cycle



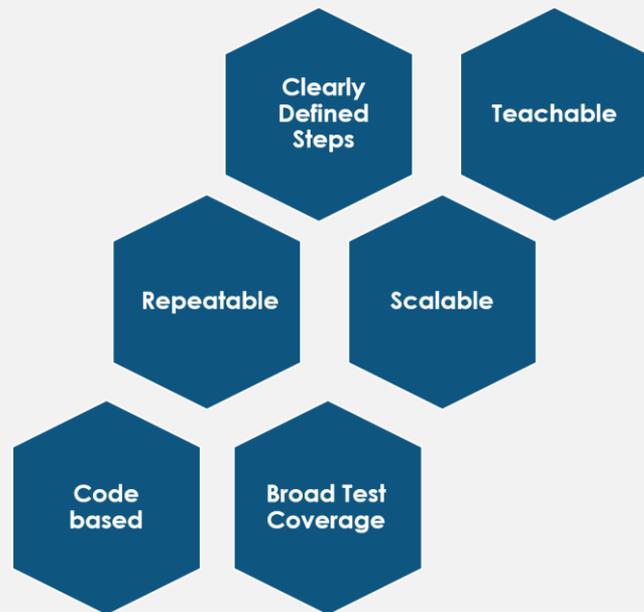
Is it accessible?
How can we tell?

Are automated tools the answer?

Accessibility Testing requires training,
discipline, and knowledge

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We need a **comprehensive** test process



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Trusted Tester Program

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Accessibility

- Compliance Test Processes
- DHS Trusted Tester Program**
- Interagency Trusted Tester Program

DHS Trusted Tester Program (TT)

The Department of Homeland Security [Office of Accessible Systems & Technology \(OAST\)](#) is committed to the development of the common testing approach for accessibility compliance and conformity, named *Trusted Tester (TT)*. TT provides a code-inspection based test approach for determining software and website conformance to the Section 508 standards.

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Benefits of Trusted Tester +

Additional Resources +

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Use authoring tools that can create
accessible electronic documents

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Don't
re-invent the wheel

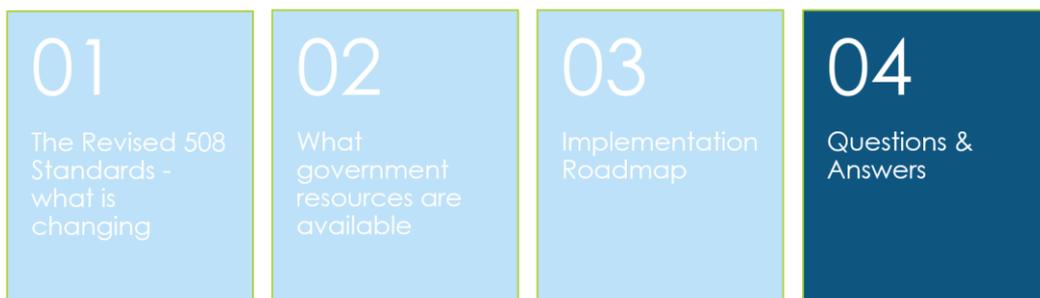
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