

Website Accessibility Statement

London Academy for Applied Technology (LAAT) – www.laat.ac.uk

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Related legislation	Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018; Equality Act 2010; WCAG 2.1 AA

1. Scope of this statement

This accessibility statement applies to the website published at www.laat.ac.uk, operated by London Academy for Applied Technology (“LAAT”, “we”, “our”). It does not cover third-party platforms linked from our website (for example, the virtual learning environment, application portals or recruitment systems), which publish their own accessibility statements.

2. Our commitment to accessibility

LAAT is committed to making its website accessible to all users, including disabled people, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 and our duties under the Equality Act 2010. We aim to meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 at Level AA as a minimum standard.

3. Accessibility features available on this website

The website provides an on-page accessibility toolbar that allows users to:

- switch between dark and light background contrast options;
- increase or decrease font size and letter spacing;
- adjust line height;
- select alternative typefaces, including a dyslexia-friendly font (OpenDyslexic), Arial, Verdana, Comic Sans and Courier New; and
- reset all settings to default.

4. How accessible this website is

This website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 AA standard. We know that some parts of the website are not yet fully accessible; the known issues are set out in Section 5.

5. Non-accessible content

5.1 Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

Based on our internal self-assessment, the following content is not yet fully accessible:

- Some images and decorative elements have missing or incorrect alternative text (for example, a hero image with unrelated alt text), which affects screen-reader users. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.1.1 (Non-text Content).
- Some links are non-descriptive or are non-functional placeholders (for example, links pointing to “#” and a malformed footer link), which affects keyboard and screen-reader navigation. This fails WCAG 2.4.4 (Link Purpose) and 2.1.1 (Keyboard).
- Some PDF policy documents may not be tagged for accessibility and may not be fully usable with assistive technology. This fails WCAG 1.3.1 (Info and Relationships) and 1.4.5 (Images of Text).
- Colour-contrast ratios across the site have not yet been fully verified against WCAG 1.4.3 (Contrast Minimum).
- Some online forms may not have programmatically associated labels and instructions. This fails WCAG 1.3.1 (Info and Relationships) and 3.3.2 (Labels or Instructions).

We are working to fix these issues and aim to resolve them by 31 December 2026. This statement will be updated as issues are corrected.

5.2 Disproportionate burden

We are not currently claiming that any content is a disproportionate burden to fix.

5.3 Content not within the scope of the regulations

Some older documents (for example, PDFs published before 23 September 2018) may not be fully accessible. The regulations do not require us to fix these unless they are needed for an active administrative process. If you need information from such a document in an accessible format, please contact us using the details in Section 7.

6. Preparation of this statement

This statement was prepared on 20 June 2026. It is based on an internal self-assessment of the website carried out by LAAT on 20 June 2026, using a combination of automated accessibility checks and manual review. This statement will be reviewed at least annually.

7. Feedback and requesting accessible formats

If you need information from this website in an alternative format (for example, accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille), or if you find any accessibility problems, please contact us:

- Email: info@laat.ac.uk
- Telephone: 020 3818 1109
- Address: Tower Bridge Business Centre, 46–48 East Smithfield, London E1W 1AW

We will consider your request and aim to respond within 5 working days.

8. Enforcement procedure

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018. If you are not happy with how we respond to your complaint, you can contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).

9. Technical information about this website’s accessibility

LAAT is committed to making its website accessible in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018. This website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 AA standard, due to the non-compliances listed in Section 5.