# Technical Accessibility Statement

## Technical Information about this website’s accessibility

Aberystwyth University is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

## Compliance status

## This website is partially compliant with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/) AA standard, due to the non-compliances and exemptions listed below.

## Non-accessible content

The content listed below is non-accessible for the following reasons.

### Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

Some images don’t have a text alternative. This means that the information in them isn’t available to people using assistive technology. This doesn’t meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.1.1 Non-Text Content. When we publish new content, we’ll make sure that all images have text alternatives (unless they are purely decorative). We will work our way through the site, adding appropriate alternative text to existing images. We are educating our content editors to ensure that they create accessible content.

### Disproportionate burden

Some of our interactive forms are difficult to navigate using a keyboard. For example, because some form controls are missing a ‘label’ tag.

Our forms are built and hosted through third party software and ‘skinned’ to look like our website.

We’ve assessed the cost of fixing the issues with navigation and accessing information, and with interactive tools and transactions. We believe that doing so now would be a disproportionate burden within the meaning of the accessibility regulations. We will make another assessment when the supplier contract is up for renewal, likely to be in [rough timing].

### Content that’s not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

Many of our older PDFs and Word documents don’t meet accessibility standards. The accessibility regulations [do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23 September 2018](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/952/regulation/4/made) if they’re not essential to providing our services.

We do not plan to add captions to live video streams because live video is [exempt from meeting the accessibility regulations](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/952/regulation/4/made).

## What we’re doing to improve accessibility

Our testing identified issues with some of our templates that were affecting large numbers of pages across our website. We are working on these issues now.

We have provided training and guidance for staff who edit the website, so that they can improve the accessibility of the content they are responsible for.

We are ensuring that our development processes include accessibility considerations and testing as standard.

We have introduced a digital accessibility policy.

**Preparation of this accessibility statement**

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This website was last tested on [date]. The test was carried out by [add name of organisation that carried out test or indicate that you did your own testing].