The digital accessibility checklist

20 points to check on your website. Each point refers to the matching criterion of RGAA 4.1.2, the French accessibility framework.

How to use it

Open your website next to this page and check each point, page by page. This checklist covers the essentials but does not replace an audit: the RGAA has 106 criteria.

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Images

1. Every image that conveys information has a text alternative that says the same thing (`alt` attribute).
   RGAA criteria 1.1 and 1.3
2. Decorative images are ignored by screen readers (`alt=""` attribute).
   RGAA criterion 1.2
3. No important text is shown as an image: it is written as real text.
   RGAA criterion 1.8

Colours

4. Text has enough contrast: at least 4.5:1, or 3:1 for large text.
   RGAA criterion 3.2
5. No information is conveyed by colour alone, for example a field in error shown only in red.
   RGAA criterion 3.1

Links

6. Every link can be understood from its text or its context: no stand-alone "click here".
   RGAA criterion 6.1

Keyboard and navigation

7. The whole website can be used with the keyboard alone, without a mouse, and the keyboard never gets stuck.

   RGAA criteria 7.3 and 12.9

8. The element with focus is always visible.

   RGAA criterion 10.7

9. A skip link takes users straight to the main content.

   RGAA criterion 12.7

10. At least two ways of navigating are offered: menu, sitemap or search engine.

    RGAA criterion 12.1

Page structure

11. Every page has a relevant title, shown in the browser tab.

    RGAA criteria 8.5 and 8.6

12. The page language is declared in the code (`<html lang="en">`).

    RGAA criterion 8.3

13. Headings (h1, h2, h3…) structure the content, without skipping levels.

    RGAA criterion 9.1

14. Lists are marked up as lists.

    RGAA criterion 9.3

Forms

15. Every field has a visible label linked to the field.

    RGAA criteria 11.1 and 11.2

16. Required fields and the expected format are indicated, and every error is explained in text.

    RGAA criteria 11.10 and 11.11

Display

17. When zoomed to 200 %, no text is cut off or overlaps.

    RGAA criterion 10.4

18. At 320 pixels wide, as on a small phone, everything stays readable without horizontal scrolling.

    RGAA criterion 10.11

Videos and animations

19. Videos have captions and, where needed, a transcript or audio description.

    RGAA criteria 4.1 and 4.3

20. Anything that moves, scrolls or blinks for more than 5 seconds can be paused.

    RGAA criterion 13.8

For the French public sector: legal obligations

- ✔ A published, up-to-date accessibility statement.
- ✔ The wording "Accessibility: fully, partially or not compliant" from the home page onwards.
- ✔ A published three-year plan and annual action plan.