

508 Compliance: What You Need to Know



What is 508 Compliance?

508 compliance is section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This requires electronic and information technology and telecommunication to be accessible for people with disabilities. This includes all types information shared over the internet. This creates standards for online content creation.

Policy

Accessibility

All content must be accessible to people with disabilities.

Branding

Content must clearly identify ownership/sponsorship of agency.

Comments

Commenting must be cleared before they are posted and must not contain partisan political views, commercial endorsements, discriminatory or offensive language.

Posts

All posts must be cleared before posting. Posts must also have verifiable information that can be found on agency website.

Examples of Information Types

Websites

Printers/
Scanners

Software

Emails

Social
media
Posts

Surveys

Forms

Training
Materials

Announc-
ements

Admin
Docs

Policies

Benefits

Additional Resources

- [Department of Health and Human Services, 508 Compliance Policy](#)
- [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines](#)
- [Accessibility for Teams](#)
- [ANDI, Accessibility Testing Tool](#)
- [Color Contrast Checker](#)
- [Accessibility Checklist and Best Practices](#)