



# **Cork Education and Training Board**

## **Accessibility Statement**

Cork Education and Training Board (Cork ETB) is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the European Union (Accessibility of Websites and Mobile Applications of Public Sector Bodies) Regulations 2020.

This accessibility statement applies to content published on www.corketb.ie

#### **Compliance Status**

This website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 level AA, due to the non-accessible content listed below.

#### Non-accessible content

Cork ETB are continually working to improve the accessibility compliance of the website and will endeavour to apply all accessibility standards to content being published on the website going forward.

Some elements of Cork ETB's website do not fully comply with the European Union (Accessibility of Websites and Mobile Applications of Public Sector Bodies) Regulations 2020. For example:

- PDFs: some documents in PDF format are not fully accessible and lack a correct table heading tab order or headings. Some may have invalid language attributes.
- Course Finder: the content that populates the course pages is loaded dynamically via a json feed from Fetchourses.ie. While we are undertaking steps to ensure this content is displayed in a fully accessible manner, some items displayed at present may not adhere to accessibility standards.
- Colour contrast: a number of pages may contain items with a lack of proper colour contrast, all of which are currently being updated.
- Images: some images may not have additional added text and are not fully accessible throughout the website.
- Search box: the search box lacks a unique attribute value.

This is not an exhaustive list of non-accessible content and Cork ETB will strive to work through these and other issues to address them in so far as we can.

Cork ETB is undertaking actions to improve the accessibility of the website:

- Staff are reviewing and improving the accessibility of all documents on an ongoing basis. Accessible versions of some essential PDFs are being sought.
- In conjunction with our Web Developer, Cork ETB is undertaking continuous review and development of the website to improve functionality and methods of compliance with guidelines.

#### **Exempted Content**

PDF documents published before 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 are exempt from the scope of the 2020 regulations. However, if you wish to receive any inaccessible content that was published on the site, please contact Cork ETB.

## Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.

In preparation for this statement an evaluation of the website's compliance with the requirements of Directive (EU) 2016/2102 was carried out by way of an automated auditing tool (axe Monitor from Deque: <u>https://www.deque.com/axe/monitor/</u>) by the National Disability Authority in April 2022 against WCAG 2.1 to highlight accessibility issues through a Simplified Review of the website.

Other tools used by Cork ETB staff and its web developer to assist with improving the website's compliance included the Microsoft Accessibility Checker, Accessibility Check (Acrobat DC) and Chrome developer tools and axe Dev Tools.

## Feedback and contact information

Cork ETB welcomes feedback on the accessibility of the website. If you have a comment or complaint, please email <u>communications@corketb.ie</u>.

If you wish to request particular content in an accessible format, please include the following details:

- Your required format.
- The content you wish to receive (please include the url of the content).
- Your name and email address.

We will make all reasonable efforts to fulfil your request.

#### **Enforcement procedure**

If you are not happy with the response to a complaint, you can ask the Ombudsman to review your complaint. Click <u>here</u> for the contact information and guidance on making a complaint from the Office of the Ombudsman.