

Policies Document

Cambridge Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

Accessibility Policy

Accessibility of web content

The University of Cambridge is committed to making accessible for all users information and resources that are available via the web. We favour the principles of usability and universal design, which will be of benefit of all users. By following these principles and incorporating techniques to ensure information and resources are accessible with assistive technologies, separate resources for disabled users should not be required.

Policy statement

All web content should be assessed by the guidelines published by the Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) from the World Wide Web Consortium, known as Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, available at <http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/>. The University requires that:

- All **new** web content should be written to at least conformance level 2 standard (AA), but to conformance level 3 standard (AAA) if possible.
- All existing content should meet at least conformance level 1 standard (A) of Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 1.0 (<http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG10/>).
- **Most content** should meet conformance level 1 standard (A) of the newer guidelines by 1 September 2011. A development plan should be in hand to make all material conformant to at least A level within as short a time as possible.

Departments, faculties and research groups and other groups that publish information on the web are responsible for being conversant with accessibility issues, auditing their web content and taking reasonable steps to ensure their websites and online systems comply with these requirements. Any **third-party** who is engaged to design web content for the University, whether hosted within or without cam.ac.uk, will be required to comply with these guidelines. Sites will be checked periodically.

Should a user have difficulty accessing information on any courses in Moodle, they should contact the Moodle Helpdesk giving details of the courses concerned and outlining their requirements. The Helpdesk will endeavour to supply the information to them in another form.

Review

This statement may be reviewed when local or national policies or the WAI guidelines are revised.