

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

"The power of the Web is in its universality. Access by everyone regardless of disability is an essential aspect." Tim Berners-Lee

At **ACB** we are committed to making our website accessible to all users. We strive to comply with the standards of accessibility in the W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG).

We welcome feedback from users who experience any difficulty navigating the **ACB** website or gaining access to information.

Please email us at *office@acbuk.net* with your helpful comments.

Access keys

Most browsers support jumping to specific links by typing keys defined on the website. Windows users, you can press ALT + an access key. Macintosh users, you can press Control + an access key.

All pages on this site define the following access keys which are those adopted as U.K. Government Standards:

- Access key S - Skip navigation and go to content
- Access key 1 - Home page
- Access key 2 - Areas of Expertise
- Access key 3 - Our Experts
- Access key 4 - Case Histories
- Access key 5 - Contact us
- Access key 6 - Terms and conditions
- Access key 7 - Accessibility statement
- Access key 8 - Privacy Statement

Standards compliance

1. All pages on this site are WCAG AAA approved, complying with all Priority Level 1 guidelines of the W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines. This is a judgement call; many of the guidelines are intentionally vague. They require a subjective assessment and cannot be tested using any of the third party automatic validators. We have reviewed the guidelines and believe that all pages comply.
2. All pages on this site validate as XHTML 1.0 Transitional.
3. All cascading style sheets (CSS) validate using the W3C CSS Validator.

4. All pages on this site use structured semantic mark-up. H1 tags are used for the page title, H2 tags for main headings within the document and H3 tags for sub headings.

Navigation aids

All pages contain a 'skip navigation and go to content' link for speech browser users. The 'skip content' link allows these users to move quickly past navigation links, if they are not useful to them, and on to page content. Windows users press ALT + key 'S', Macintosh users press Control + key 'S' to jump the speech browser past the navigational links on a page and to begin reading out the main content on that page.

Links

1. Where necessary, links have a title attribute that describes the target in greater detail.
2. Links are written to make sense when read out of context.

Images

All content images used in this site include a descriptive ALT attribute. Those images that are purely decorative include a null ALT attribute.

Visual Design

1. This site uses cascading style sheets (CSS) for visual layout.
2. This site uses only relative font sizes, compatible with the user-specified "text size" option in visual browsers.

Accessibility references

W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, which explains the reasons behind each guideline.

(LINK) <http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG10/>

W3C accessibility techniques, which explains how to implement each guideline.

(LINK) www.w3.org/TR/WCAG10-TECHS

W3C accessibility checklist, a developer's guide to accessibility.

(LINK) www.w3.org/TR/WCAG10/full-checklist.html