WCAG 2.1 A and AA Requirements

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| **Document Description** | This document rates ID Plus according to the W3C WCAG 2.1 A and AA requirements. |
| **Product Description** | ID+ is a shared authentication system that is used by many of Elsevier's products, such as ScienceDirect, Scopus, etc. It includes pages like Registration, Logins, and User Settings. |
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| **Testing Tools and Methods** | **Hands-on keyboard operation Firebug/Code inspection Firefox Web Developer Toolbar (removing style sheets) JAWS 18 on Mozilla Firefox 63 and MS IE 11 on Windows 10 NVDA screen reader v2019.2.1 Wave Extension**  **Color Contrast Analyzer W3C WAI Pages** Elsevier Accessibility Checklist: <http://romeo.elsevier.com/accessibility_checklist/> |
| **Document Sections** | The review document below includes all WCAG 2 A and AA checkpoints and is organized into 6 logical sections:   * Visuals * Keyboard * Headings and Structure * Labeling * Multimedia * Usability |
| **Pages Covered** | Welcome, Find your Institution, Sign In Password, Register, Sign In Institution, Check Inbox, Choose Account, Welcome Back, Add Details, Complete Registration, Register Success, Settings |
| **Note from W3C on Conformance** | <https://www.w3.org/TR/UNDERSTANDING-WCAG20/conformance.html> **“If there is no content to which a success criterion applies, the success criterion is satisfied.” This VPAT shows such criterion as: "Supports (N/A)"** |
| **Notes/Terminology** | **“AT” stands for Assistive Technology such as screen readers, voice input, etc.** |

| **WCAG 2.1 Success Criterion** | **Level** | **Evaluation** |
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| 1.1.1: Non-text Content | A | Partially supports |
| 1.2.1: Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded) | A | Supports (N/A) |
| 1.2.2: Captions (Prerecorded) | A | Supports (N/A) |
| 1.2.3: Audio Description or Full Text Alternative | A | Supports (N/A) |
| 1.2.4: Captions (Live) | AA | Supports (N/A) |
| 1.2.5: Audio Description | AA | Supports (N/A) |
| 1.3.1: Info and Relationships | A | Supports |
| 1.3.2: Meaningful Sequence | A | Supports |
| 1.3.3: Sensory Characteristics | A | Supports |
| 1.3.4 Orientation (2.1) | AA | Supports |
| 1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose (2.1) | AA | Partially supports |
| 1.4.1: Use of Color | A | Partially supports |
| 1.4.2: Audio Control | A | Supports (N/A) |
| 1.4.3: Contrast (Minimum) | AA | Supports |
| 1.4.4: Resize text | AA | Supports |
| 1.4.5: Images of Text | AA | Supports |
| 1.4.10 Reflow (2.1) | AA | Supports |
| 1.4.11 Non-Text Contrast (2.1) | AA | Partially supports |
| 1.4.12 Text Spacing (2.1) | AA | Supports |
| 1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus (2.1) | AA | Supports (N/A) |
| 2.1.1: Keyboard | A | Partially supports |
| 2.1.2: No Keyboard Trap | A | Supports |
| 2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts (2.1) | A | Supports (N/A) |
| 2.2.1: Timing Adjustable | A | Supports (N/A) |
| 2.2.2: Pause, Stop, Hide | A | Supports (N/A) |
| 2.3.1: Three Flashes or Below Threshold | A | Supports (N/A) |
| 2.4.1: Bypass Blocks | A | Supports |
| 2.4.2: Page Titled | A | Supports |
| 2.4.3: Focus Order | A | Partially supports |
| 2.4.4: Link Purpose (In Context) | A | Supports |
| 2.4.5: Multiple Ways | AA | Supports |
| 2.4.6: Headings and Labels | AA | Supports |
| 2.4.7: Focus Visible | AA | Supports |
| 2.5.1 Pointer Gestures (2.1) | A | Supports (N/A) |
| 2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation (2.1) | A | Supports (N/A) |
| 2.5.3 Label in Name (2.1) | A | Supports |
| 2.5.4 Motion Actuation (2.1) | A | Supports (N/A) |
| 3.1.1: Language of Page | A | Supports |
| 3.1.2: Language of Parts | AA | Supports |
| 3.2.1: On Focus | A | Supports |
| 3.2.2: On Input | A | Supports |
| 3.2.3: Consistent Navigation | AA | Supports |
| 3.2.4: Consistent Identification | AA | Supports |
| 3.3.1: Error Identification | A | Supports |
| 3.3.2: Labels or Instructions | A | Partially supports |
| 3.3.3: Error Suggestion | AA | Supports |
| 3.3.4: Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) | AA | Supports |
| 4.1.1: Parsing | A | Supports |
| 4.1.2: Name, Role, Value | A | Partially supports |
| 4.1.3 Status Messages (2.1) | AA | Supports (N/A) |

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| **Visuals** | | |
| **WCAG 2.1**  **Checkpoint** | **Supporting Features** | **Remarks** |
| [1.1.1: Non-Text Content](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#text-equiv-all) (A) Provide text alternatives for non-text content (e.g. images) | Partially supports | Most images and icons have appropriate text equivalents.  **Exceptions:**  Sign In Institution: The chevron image for "Learn more about SeamlessAccess" should have alt="". The Seamless Access logo image does not have alt text. |
| [1.3.3: Sensory Characteristics](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#content-structure-separation-understanding) (A) Do not rely on sensory characteristics of components such as shape, size, visual location, orientation, or sound | Supports | There are no instructions or areas of content which rely solely on sensory characteristics. |
| [1.4.1: Use of Color](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#visual-audio-contrast-without-color) (A) Color is not used as the only visual means of conveying info | Partially supports | Color is not used as the only means of conveying information in most areas.  **Exceptions:**  Sign In Institution: The SeamlessAccess link is non-underlined text and a color that is too similar surrounding paragraph text. A contrast of 3:1 between it and the adjacent paragraph text is required.  Register: "Elsevier", "Terms and conditions", and "Privacy policy" links are non-underlined text and a color that is too similar surrounding paragraph text. A contrast of 3:1 between them and the adjacent paragraph text is required.  Settings: The "Privacy Center" link near the header is non-underlined text and a color that is too similar surrounding paragraph text. A contrast of 3:1 between it and the adjacent paragraph text is required. |
| [1.4.3: Color Contrast (Minimum)](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#visual-audio-contrast-contrast) (AA) Text has enough contrast with the background (4.5:1 for small text and 3:1 for large text) | Supports | Text has enough contrast with its corresponding background in all areas. |
| [1.4.4: Resize Text](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#visual-audio-contrast-scale) (AA)  Text can be enlarged up to 200% without loss of functionality. | Supports | Text can be enlarged to 200% and content remains functional. |
| [1.4.5: Images of Text](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#visual-audio-contrast-text-presentation) (AA) Text is used rather than images of text, except where the presentation of text is essential, such as logos | Supports | No images of text are used other than for Logos or essential presentation. |
| [1.4.10 Reflow](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/#reflow) (AA) Content can be presented without loss of information or functionality, and without requiring scrolling in two dimensions for:  Vertical scrolling content at a width equivalent to 320 CSS pixels;  Horizontal scrolling content at a height equivalent to 256 CSS pixels. | Supports | ID Plus uses a responsive view that properly scrolls in only one direction once width reaches low CSS pixels. |
| [1.4.11 Non-Text Contrast (AA](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/#non-text-contrast)) User interact components and graphical objects have a contrast ratio of at least 3:1 against adjacent color(s). | Partially supports | Most non-text UI components and graphical objects have at least a 3:1 contrast ratio.  **Exceptions:** The bottom border of most text inputs on the various registration, login, and edit screens (e.g. Edit Address) do not have enough contrast at 1.37:1. |
| [1.4.12 Text Spacing (AA)](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/#text-spacing)  In content implemented using markup languages that support the following text style properties, no loss of content or functionality occurs by setting all the following and by changing no other style property:  Line height (line spacing) to at least 1.5 times the font size;  Spacing following paragraphs to at least 2 times the font size;  Letter spacing (tracking) to at least 0.12 times the font size;  Word spacing to at least 0.16 times the font size. | Supports | The site allows users to adjust the text spacing without causing loss of content or functionality. |
| [1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus (AA)](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/#content-on-hover-or-focus)  Where receiving and then removing pointer hover or keyboard focus triggers additional content to become visible and then hidden, the following are true:   * Dismissable * Hoverable * Persistent | Supports (N/A) | There is no content that appears on hover or focus. |
| [2.3.1: Three Flashes or Below Threshold](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#seizure-does-not-violate) (A) No more than three flashes in a 1-second period, or the flashes are below the defined thresholds | Supports (N/A) | No flashing content exists. |
| **Keyboard** | | |
| **WCAG 2.1**  **Checkpoint** | **Supporting Features** | **Remarks** |
| [1.3.2: Meaningful Sequence](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#content-structure-separation-sequence) (A)  The correct reading sequence can be programmatically determined | Supports | The correct reading sequence is usually logical with the DOM order matching the visual order. |
| [2.1.1: Keyboard](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#keyboard-operation-keyboard-operable) (A)  All functionality is available from a keyboard, except for tasks such as drawing | Partially supports | Most content is keyboard operable.  **Exceptions**:  Find your Institution: The institution combobox options should be reachable by arrow keys when focused in the input field.  Settings: Users should be able to move between options in the Job Role dropdown and others like it with the arrow keys. |
| [2.1.2: No Keyboard Trap](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#keyboard-operation-trapping) (A)  The user can use the keyboard to move through page elements and is not trapped on a particular element | Supports | No pages have a keyboard trap. |
| [2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts (A)](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/#character-key-shortcuts)  If a keyboard shortcut is implemented in content using only letter (including upper- and lower-case letters), punctuation, number, or symbol characters, then at least one of the following is true:   * Turn off * Remap * Active only on focus | Supports (N/A) | The site does not use any character key shortcuts. |
| [2.4.3: Focus Order](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#navigation-mechanisms-focus-order) (A)  Users can tab through the elements of a page in a logical order | Partially supports | Tab order is logical on the site in most areas.  **Exceptions:** Settings: Activating a ToC link should move keyboard focus to the start of that section. After activating Edit Password, user keyboard focus should move to the "Check your inbox" message. |
| [2.4.7: Focus Visible](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#navigation-mechanisms-focus-visible) (AA)  The page element with the current keyboard focus has a visible focus indicator | Supports | All elements have a visible focus indicator. Some elements still use the browser default. |
| [3.2.1: On Focus](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#consistent-behavior-receive-focus) (A)  When a UI component receives focus, this does not trigger unexpected actions. | Supports | Focusable elements do not cause unexpected actions when receiving focus. |
| **Headers and Structure** | | |
| **WCAG 2.1**  **Checkpoint** | **Supporting Features** | **Remarks** |
| [1.3.1: Information and Relationships](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#content-structure-separation-programmatic) (A)  Info, structure, and relationships can be programmatically determined | Supports | Good use of heading in some places to help distinguish content. Lists are typically used to group related links or text. Landmarks are sometimes used in good places. |
| [2.4.1: Bypass Blocks](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#navigation-mechanisms-skip) (A)  Users can bypass repeated blocks of content. | Supports | Headings and landmarks exist, which allow users using Assistive Technology to jump to the different areas of content quickly.  Note: A skip to content link should be a same-page link, it should not refresh the page. |
| [2.4.6: Headings and Labels](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#navigation-mechanisms-descriptive) (AA)  Headings and labels are clear and consistent. | Supports | Headings and labels used are clear and descriptive.  For example, h1 headings are the main purpose of the page. |
| [3.1.1: Language of Page](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#meaning-doc-lang-id) (A)  The language of the page is specified | Supports | The language is defined as lang="en" on all pages. |
| [3.1.2: Language of Parts](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#meaning-other-lang-id) (AA)  Specify the language of text passages that are in a different language than the default language of the page. | Supports | The change language links provide text labels that properly identify the language using the lang attribute. |
| [4.1.1: Parsing](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#ensure-compat-parses) (A)  Use valid, error-free HTML | Supports | HTML and CSS passes concerning these 4 specific criteria:  (i) elements have complete start and end tags,  (ii) elements are nested according to their specifications  (iii) elements do not contain duplicate attributes (iv) any IDs are unique, except where the specifications allow these features.  Note: There are other general HTML validation errors outside the scope of this criterion. |
| **Labeling** | | |
| **WCAG 2.1**  **Checkpoint** | **Supporting Features** | **Remarks** |
| [1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose (AA)](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/#identify-input-purpose) The purpose of each input field collecting information about the user can be programmatically determined when:  The input field serves a purpose identified in the Input Purposes for User Interface Components section; and the content is implemented using technologies with support for identifying the expected meaning for form input data. | Partially supports | Nearly all pages have forms with personally identifying information, and nearly all have appropriate autocomplete attributes.  **Exceptions:**  Settings: The "City", "Country/Region", and "State/Province" text inputs do not have proper values for their autocomplete attributes. |
| [2.4.2: Page Titled](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#navigation-mechanisms-title) (A)  The page has a title describing its topic or purpose | Supports | The title changes dynamically and is descriptive. |
| [2.4.4: Link Purpose (In Context)](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#navigation-mechanisms-refs) (A)  The purpose of each link can be determined from the link text or surrounding context. | Supports | All links used have an identifiable purpose from the link text or surrounding context. |
| [2.5.3 Label in Name](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/#label-in-name) (A)  For user interface components with labels that include text or images of text, the name contains the text that is presented visually. | Supports | All interface components that have visible text contain that text consistently within the accessible name. |
| [3.2.4: Consistent Identification](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#consistent-behavior-consistent-functionality) (AA)  UI components used across the web site are identified consistently on every page. | Supports | UI components are consistent across the site. Many pages use the same exact components, resulting in a consistent experience. |
| [3.3.1: Error Identification](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#minimize-error-identified) (A)  Input errors are clearly marked and described to the user. | Supports | Error identification happens and is presented well visually. Errors are connected to the appropriate input fields and use error symbols. |
| [3.3.2: Labels and Instructions](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#minimize-error-cues) (A)  Items requiring user input are clearly labeled or have clear instructions. | Partially supports | Most input areas have clear labels which are programmatically assigned.  **Exceptions:**  Settings: When editing Personal Information, Discipline should be a group label for the discipline checkboxes. |
| [3.3.3: Error Suggestion](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#minimize-error-suggestions) (AA)  When the user makes an input error, give suggestions for valid input. | Supports | The help text given for inputs beforehand, such as password requirements, are sufficient to provide suggestions for valid input. |
| [4.1.2: Name, Role, Value](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#ensure-compat-rsv) (A)  For all UI components, the name, value, and role can be programmatically determined. | Partially supports | Some UI components communicate their state programmatically.  **Exceptions:**  Input fields should not reference error messages with aria-labelledby when the message is not visible.  Find your Institution: The institution combobox should have aria-autocomplete="list".  Sign In Institution: The "Learn more about SeamlessAccess" element should be a button and have aria-expanded.  Add Details: The role="option" for each list item of the Title and Role lists should be on the <li>.  Settings: All of the Edit and Add New buttons on the page should be links. The profile element in the header should be a button and have aria-expanded="true/false". Account Settings and Privacy Settings in the header should be links. The Job Role input field needs role="combobox" and aria-expanded. |
| [4.1.3 Status Messages](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/#status-messages) (AA)  In content implemented using markup languages, status messages can be programmatically determined through role or properties such that they can be presented to the user by assistive technologies without receiving focus. | Supports (N/A) | There are no status messages of the kind described by this criterion on ID Plus. |
| **Multimedia** | | |
| **WCAG 2.1**  **Checkpoint** | **Supporting Features** | **Remarks** |
| [1.2.1: Audio-only or Video-only (Prerecorded)](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#media-equiv-av-only-alt) (A)  Provide alternatives for pre-recorded audio-only or video-only content. | Supports (N/A) | There is no audio-only or video-only content in ID Plus. |
| [1.2.2: Captions (Prerecorded)](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#media-equiv-captions) (A)  Provide captions for pre-recorded audio | Supports (N/A) | There is no pre-recorded audio content in ID Plus. |
| [1.2.3: Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded)](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#media-equiv-audio-desc) (A)  Provide alternatives for pre-recorded synchronized audio/video | Supports (N/A) | There is no synchronized audio/video in ID Plus. |
| [1.2.4: Captions (Live)](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#media-equiv-real-time-captions) (AA)  Provide captions for live audio in synchronized audio/video. | Supports (N/A) | There is no live audio in synchronized audio/video. |
| [1.2.5: Audio Description (Prerecorded)](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#media-equiv-audio-desc-only) (AA)  Provide an audio description of pre-recorded video. | Supports (N/A) | There is no pre-recorded video content in ID Plus. |
| [1.4.2: Audio Control](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#visual-audio-contrast-dis-audio) (A)  Audio can be paused and stopped, or the audio volume can be changed. | Supports (N/A) | There is no audio that plays automatically on the site. |
| [2.2.2: Pause, Stop, Hide](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#time-limits-pause) (A)  Users can stop, pause, or hide moving, blinking, scrolling, or auto-updating information. | Supports (N/A) | There is no moving, scrolling, or auto-updating information. |
| **Usability** | | |
| **WCAG 2.1**  **Checkpoint** | **Supporting Features** | **Remarks** |
| [2.2.1: Timing Adjustable](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#time-limits-required-behaviors) (A)  Users are warned of time limits shorter than 20 hours and time limits can be turned off or extended | Supports (N/A) | There is no session timeout on ID Plus.  Each product using ID+ uses an individual session timeout mechanism. Refer to a particular product VPAT for guidance |
| [2.4.5: Multiple Ways](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#navigation-mechanisms-mult-loc) (AA)  More than one way is available to navigate to other web pages. | Supports | All parts of ID Plus are part of a process and are exempt from this criterion's requirements. |
| [3.2.2: On Input](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#consistent-behavior-unpredictable-change) (A)  Changing the setting of a checkbox, radio button, or other UI component does not trigger unexpected changes in context. | Supports | User inputs do not cause unexpected actions. |
| [3.2.3: Consistent Navigation](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#consistent-behavior-consistent-locations) (AA)  Navigation menus are in the same location and order on every web page. | Supports | Navigation menus are consistently in the same place and in same order.  For example, on all pages, the header has the same links/buttons in the same order. The navigation menu always has the same links as well. |
| [3.3.4: Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data)](http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/#minimize-error-reversible) (AA)  For web pages with legal or financial commitments, input can be reviewed and corrected before final submission, and submissions can be reverted. | Supports | There are no submissions which require legal or financial commitments. Personal data, such as names, address, and titles are reversible, checked, and confirmed.  ID+ users/users of Elsevier products are not able to delete user accounts from the system. Users can send a note to customer support to have accounts deleted. However, once accounts are deleted they cannot be recovered. |
| **Mobile User Experience** | | |
| **WCAG 2.1**  **Checkpoint** | **Supporting Features** | **Remarks** |
| [1.3.4 Orientation](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/#orientation)  (AA) Content does not restrict its view and operation to a single display orientation, such as portrait or landscape, unless a specific display orientation is essential. | Supports | ID Plus does not restrict its view to a single orientation. |
| [2.5.1 Pointer Gestures](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/#pointer-gestures) (A) All functionality that uses multipoint or path-based gestures for operation can be operated with a single pointer without a path-based gesture, unless a multipoint or path-based gesture is essential. | Supports (N/A) | ID Plus does not use any multipoint or path-based gestures. |
| [2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation (A)](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/#pointer-cancellation)  For functionality that can be operated using a single pointer, at least one of the following is true:   * No Down-Event * Abort or Undo * Up Reversal * Essential | Supports | All interactive content functions through the Up-Event, allowing users to potentially move their pointer off the component to cancel. |
| [2.5.4 Motion Actuation (A)](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/#motion-actuation)  Functionality that can be operated by device motion or user motion can also be operated by user interface components and responding to the motion can be disabled to prevent accidental actuation, except when:   * Supported Interface * Essential | Supports (N/A) | There is no content on ID Plus that utilizes device or user motion. |