

Request to vendors for accessibility compliance

Requesting documentation for compliance review

To comply with the [Washington State Office of the Chief Information Office Policy 188](#) and the [Washington State Board for the Community and Technical Colleges Accessible Technology Policy](#), Whatcom Community College (WCC) is required to receive a vendor completed [Voluntary Product Accessibility Template \(VPAT\)](#). For WCC to verify the accuracy of the submitted VPAT along with verifying the product meets [WCAG 2.1 Level AA](#) accessibility requirements. To comply with these requirements please send a completed VPAT and a document stating compliance of [WCAG 2.1 Level AA](#).

All electronic resources must be evaluated for compliance for new product acquisition, renewal of usage, or continuation of usage by the college. Even if the product is acquired, procured, developed, substantially modified or substantially enhanced, including resources available at no cost, it still needs to be evaluated for compliance.

If you have any questions please contact Ward Naf wnaf@whatcom.edu, WCC's assigned IT Accessibility Coordinator.

Resources

VPAT <https://www.itic.org/policy/accessibility/>

WCAG 2.1 Level AA <https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/>

OCIO Policy 188 <https://ocio.wa.gov/policy/accessibility>

SBCTC Accessible Technology Policy <https://www.sbctc.edu/resources/documents/sbctc-accessible-technology-policy.docx>

SBCTC Policy 3.20.30 Access for students with disabilities <https://www.sbctc.edu/colleges-staff/policies-rules/policy-manual/chapter-3.aspx>