Pearson Accessibility Conformance Report

Revised Section 508 Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.4)

Name of Product/Version: PearsonAccess^{Next}

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Product Description: PearsonAccess^{Next} is a comprehensive cloud-based management system for large-scale assessments. Core functionality manages organizations, user roles, student data, paper and online test delivery, scoring and reporting.

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Notes: This document was completed by the Product Owner based on product knowledge, design documents and requirements documentation.

Evaluation Methods Used: Evaluations were based on general product knowledge of the Product Owner, design documents and requirements documentation.

Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0	Level A (Yes)
	Level AA (Yes)
	Level AAA (No)
Revised Section 508 standards published January 18, 2017 and corrected January 22, 2018	(Yes)

Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports**: The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports**: Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.
- **Does Not Support**: The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.
- **Not Applicable**: The criterion is not relevant to the product.
- **Not Evaluated**: The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can be used only in WCAG 2.0 Level AAA.

WCAG 2.0 Report

Tables 1 and 2 also document conformance with Revised Section 508:

- Chapter 5 – 501.1 Scope, 504.2 Content Creation or Editing
- Chapter 6 – 602.3 Electronic Support Documentation

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.0 Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the WCAG 2.0 Conformance Requirements.

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Partially Supports	The application is not image-heavy. The logo is marked as a decorative image. Session Status colors do not have alt text. Student Detail report graph does not have meaningful alt text. Additional icons setup, testing, reports images do not have alt text.
1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded) (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Not Applicable	There is no audio or video-only content available in the application.
1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded) (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Not Applicable	There are no pre-recorded videos in the application.
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Not Applicable	There are no pre-recorded videos in the application.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Partially Supports	The application uses a logical structure in most of the places where information and relationships can be programmatically determined or are available in text. There are some exceptions, including buttons marked as "select an action" and lack of heading structure on many pages.
1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Supports	The application presents content in a meaningful order.
1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Supports	The application does not rely on sensory information alone to convey meaning.
1.4.1 Use of Color (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Supports	The application does not rely only on color coding to convey information.
1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Not Applicable	The application does not have audio or any multimedia.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Partially Supports	Users can access most of the main functions using a keyboard except for a few places like Session test lock/unlock and View historical data (Expand/Collapse) icons are not keyboard accessible.
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Supports	The application does not have any keyboard traps.
2.2.1 Timing Adjustable (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Supports	Timing can be adjusted on a need basis.
2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Supports	The application does not use moving or blinking content.
2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Supports	The application does not use flashing content.

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2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) – Does not apply to non-web software • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs) – Does not apply to non-web docs	Does Not Support	The application does not provide a skip to content link or landmarks to bypass blocks.
2.4.2 Page Titled (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Partially Supports	Most of the pages have unique titles, but some pages do not have page titles.
2.4.3 Focus Order (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Supports	The focus order is correct in the application.
2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Partially Supports	All links have meaningful link names except the logout screen which has a link labeled "click here".
3.1.1 Language of Page (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Not Applicable	The application does not use languages other than English.

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3.2.1 On Focus (Level A)
Also applies to:
Revised Section 508
   • 501 (Web)(Software)
   • 504.2 (Authoring Tool)
   • 602.3 (Support Docs)
	Partially Supports	Focus works accurately for most of the items in the application.

3.2.2 On Input (Level A)
Also applies to:
Revised Section 508
   • 501 (Web)(Software)
   • 504.2 (Authoring Tool)
   • 602.3 (Support Docs)
	Supports	Changing the setting of any user interface component does not automatically cause a change of context.

3.3.1 Error Identification (Level A)
Also applies to:
Revised Section 508
   • 501 (Web)(Software)
   • 504.2 (Authoring Tool)
   • 602.3 (Support Docs)
	Supports	The application clearly identifies input errors.

3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A)
Also applies to:
Revised Section 508
   • 501 (Web)(Software)
   • 504.2 (Authoring Tool)
   • 602.3 (Support Docs)
	Does Not Support	Many input fields in the application do not have meaningful labels.

4.1.1 Parsing (Level A)
Also applies to:
Revised Section 508
   • 501 (Web)(Software)
   • 504.2 (Authoring Tool)
   • 602.3 (Support Docs)
	Supports	The application is coded according to the industry standards.

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4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Does Not Support	The name, role, and value of interface elements for Hiding filters, Menus, view historical data (Expand/ Collapse) notifications are not available to assistive technology.

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Not Applicable	There is no live media used for this application.
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Not Applicable	The application does not use videos that require audio descriptions.
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Partially Supports	Most of the core interfaces and content meet the 4:5:1 color contrast requirement with the exception of some places in the application, one example being the text in warning icons.

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1.4.4 Resize text (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Supports	Text can be resized to at least 200 percent without loss of content or functionality.
1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Partially Supports	The application uses images of text in the top banner section and it does not have alt text.
2.4.5 Multiple Ways (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) – Does not apply to non-web software • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs) – Does not apply to non-web docs	Supports	The application offers a navigation menu.
2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Does Not Support	The application does not use a clear heading structure in most of the screens.
2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Supports	Visual keyboard focus is available across the application.

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3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Not Applicable	The application does not use languages other than English.
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) – Does not apply to non-web software • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs) – Does not apply to non-web docs	Supports	The application uses consistent navigation across the application.
3.2.4 Consistent Identification (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) – Does not apply to non-web software • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs) – Does not apply to non-web docs	Supports	The application uses icons and buttons consistently across the application.
3.3.3 Error Suggestion (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Partially Supports	Most of the time the application clearly identifies the input errors.
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs)	Supports	The application reduces the risk of input errors for sensitive data and provides messaging where users can check their answers before saving the data.

Table 3: Success Criteria, Level AAA

Notes: This application was not evaluated for WCAG 2.0 AAA compliance.

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Chapter 3: Functional Performance Criteria (FPC)

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
302.1 Without Vision	Partially Supports	Refer to Tables 1 and 2 for explanations.
302.2 With Limited Vision	Partially Supports	Refer to Tables 1 and 2 for explanations.
302.3 Without Perception of Color	Supports	Application does not rely on perception of color alone to convey information.
302.4 Without Hearing	Partially Supports	Refer to Tables 1 and 2 for explanations.
302.5 With Limited Hearing	Partially Supports	Refer to Tables 1 and 2 for explanations.
302.6 Without Speech	Supports	Application does not rely on speech input alone to access core functionality.
302.7 With Limited Manipulation	Partially Supports	Refer to Tables 1 and 2 for explanations.
302.8 With Limited Reach and Strength	Supports	Application does not require simultaneous actions.
302.9 With Limited Language, Cognitive, and Learning Abilities	Partially Supports	Refer to Tables 1 and 2 for explanations.

Chapter 4: Hardware

Notes: This section is not applicable to the product. There are no hardware components.

Chapter 5: Software

Notes: This section is not applicable to the product. This product is a web application and conformance is outlined in Tables 1 through 3 of this Accessibility Conformance Report.

Chapter 6: Support Documentation and Services

Notes: This Accessibility Conformance Report does not include information about the conformance of support documentation and services.

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