

White paper - Accessibility at Kognity

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Our Commitment to Accessibility

At Kognity, our vision is to radically improve learning for the world's students. That includes every student, regardless of ability. That's why we strive to implement accessibility as a fundamental pillar in how we design, build, deliver and develop the Kognity Teaching & Learning Platform.

We're proud to share how accessibility is now embedded into every layer of the Kognity Teaching & Learning Platform. This work has been guided by global standards and foremost our firm belief in equal opportunity, inclusion and educational excellence.

If you're looking for a platform that truly meets your students where they are, this is our promise to you!

Our Standards and Approach

Kognity's accessibility work is aligned with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2, Level AA, an international benchmark that also supports compliance with applicable legislation, including Titles II-III of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the European Accessibility Act.

These standards are applied across our entire product offering for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and Next Generation Science Standards. They help us ensure that all aspects of our platform are perceivable, operable, understandable and robust for all users, including students with disabilities.

Some areas where we've invested the most include:

- Screen reader compatibility
- Keyboard-only navigation
- Color contrast compliance
- Text alternatives for images and media
- Clear and meaningful headings and labels
- Logical focus order and navigation flow
- Support for cognitive and language diversity

That being said, to us, true accessibility is not just about meeting a technical standard, it's about dignity, autonomy and educational opportunity. That is why we strive to achieve a platform that is not just legally compliant, but genuinely inclusive.

Verified Compliance and Accountability

Over the past years, we've carried out several in-depth internal accessibility audits, covering the entire Kognity Teaching & Learning Platform, from content to code to user interface. These audits were benchmarked against WCAG 2.2 Level AA standards. Our progress is



summarized in our current <u>Accessibility Conformance Report (VPAT)</u>, which provides a transparent overview of where we are today.

To further enhance our accessibility program and ensure that we deliver on our promise, we've partnered with industry-leading accessibility consultant, Level Access. Their comprehensive audit is underway and will be completed in the coming months. In parallel, we're leveraging our partnership to steer improvements, reinforce our accessibility work and validate our internal processes.

To You, this means that You can be confident that our accessibility commitments are more than internal goals, they're backed by well-renowned third-party validation!

Accessibility Work is Continuous

We recognize that accessibility isn't a one-time milestone but a continuous effort. That's why we have integrated accessibility into our product development lifecycle to ensure accessibility is not just today, but in future releases.

Here are some of the initiatives we've already put into place.

- Implemented automated tools (called linters) to validate accessibility in code
- Automatic testing of accessibility via end-to-end testing
- Screenreader testing of every new platform feature to ensure usability for users with visual impairments
- Accessibility validation of all new content before publication

Join Us

We're happy to share further insights into our accessibility work and we welcome any feedback from users or educators with lived experience of disability! In the first instance, reach out to your Kognity contact person or email us at accessibility@kognity.com

We look forward to radically improving learning together with you!

