

New Zealand Government Web Accessibility Standard

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · New Zealand

Quality score: 96/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

In 2010 New Zealand became the first country to make WCAG conformance mandatory for government websites; the standard now requires WCAG 2.2 Level AA (from March 2025), though a 2018 external audit found average agency compliance of only 65%.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	4/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-20

[Department of Internal Affairs — Government Chief Digital Officer \(GCDO\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-20

[NZ Government Web Standards](#) — accessed 2026-08-20

[BOIA — NZ web accessibility laws overview](#) — accessed 2026-08-20

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