

The Philippines' Web Accessibility Mandate — A National WCAG Standard Meets a 53% Average Compliance Rate

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Philippines

Quality score: 88/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

The Philippines mandated WCAG-compliant, inclusive design for all government websites as early as 2010, formalised in 2017 as national standard ISO/IEC 40500:2012 — yet an independent 2024 academic audit found average compliance of only 53.43%, a candid data point on the gap betw

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	2/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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