Information Technology Services
Web Accessibility Standard

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Standard Statement

All web pages and content promoting Tarleton State University's mission on the Tarleton domain shall be accessible by all users. As required by System Regulation 29.01.04, Accessibility of Electronic and Information Resources, Tarleton shall comply with the Title 1, Rule §206.70 of the Texas Administrative Code, Accessibility and Usability of Institution of Higher Education Web Sites, which implements the access standards of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. All web pages and web content containing official university information that are built, updated or revised after the effective date of this policy must comply with these standards.

Reason for Standard

The purpose of this standard is to establish minimum accessibility standards for official university web pages and content intended for the public. As a government agency, Tarleton recognizes that our information is largely considered to be in the public domain. The university is committed to making its official web pages and content accessible for all users.

Standards and Responsibilities

1. RESPONSIBILITIES

   The following responsibilities are pursuant to Title 1, Rule §206.70 of the Texas Administrative Code.

   1.1. Web Accessibility Coordinator Responsibilities

   1.1.1. Develop and maintain a plan for achieving accessibility including metrics to measure progress in plan implementation;

   1.1.2. Monitor compliance in achieving accessibility through reports provided by automated 508 validation software;

1.1.3. Provide consultation and training on web accessibility standards, pursuant to Title 1, Rule §213.39 of the Texas Administrative Code;

1.1.4. Coordinate with the University Project Management Committee for Information Technology, or designee, in reviewing and recommending an exception for web accessibility. The president or designee shall approve or disapprove the exception request, pursuant to Title 1, Rule §213.37 of the Texas Administrative Code.

1.2. Web Site Owner Responsibilities

1.2.1 Must be aware of accessibility standards, and be proactive in providing accessible web pages and content.

1.2.2 Ensure that all new or redesigned web pages/content comply with the requirements of 1 Texas Administrative Code § 206 and this standard, unless an exception is approved through the Exception Request Process, pursuant to § 2054.460, Texas Government Code.

2. HOMEPAGE REQUIREMENTS

The Tarleton homepage must include an "Accessibility" link, or a "Site Policies" link to a web page that contains the university's accessibility policy; site validation standard (i.e., § 508); contact information for the university's Web Accessibility Coordinator; and a link to the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities Web site, pursuant to Title 1, Rule §206.70 of the Texas Administrative Code.

Definitions

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508 Validation Tool: A software application that can scan web pages and provide information to assist in determining if the web pages meet the Section 508 standards. These 508 validation tools provide reports that help to ensure websites are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Accessibility: Web design criteria which support access that is not dependent on a single sense or ability, such as vision or hearing.

University Project Management Committee for Information Technology: (UPMC) Responsible for the review of University information technology project proposals. The committee evaluates project proposals, recommends and/or approves proposals; prioritizes project proposals; oversees the development/implementation of projects through completion; and serves as an escalation review body to resolve project problems.

Web Pages and Content: All HTML documents and supporting documents (e.g., PDF, DOC, PPT) that are available on a web site.

Web Site Owner: An entity (e.g., deans, vice presidents, department heads) responsible for a business function and determining controls and access to web pages and the content that supports that business function.

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