Open Policy Ltd Accessibility Conformance Report

WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.4Rev)

Name of Product/Version: Overton (version as of July 2025)

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Product Description: Web based database of policy documents.

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Notes: We are fully compliant to WCAG 2.1 Level A. We're currently working towards Level AA.

Evaluation Methods Used: We use a combination of manual inspection, in-house automated tests and Google Lighthouse.

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 / ~~No~~) Level AA (Yes / ~~No~~)

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
	Level AAA (Yes / ~~No~~)
[Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1](#)	Level A (Yes / ~~No~~)
	Level AA (Yes / ~~No~~)
	Level AAA (Yes / ~~No~~)

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.x Report

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.x 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

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A)	Not Applicable	There is no audio or video content in the application
1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Not Applicable	There is no audio or video content in the application
1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Not Applicable	There is no audio or video content in the application
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Not Applicable	There is no audio or video content in the application
1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A)	Supports	We use semantic markup to achieve this
1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence (Level A)	Supports	Usually there is more than one valid order, when an order exists it is linear and clear
1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics (Level A)	Supports	We don't use sensory characteristics as the sole way of conveying information
1.4.1 Use of Color (Level A)	Supports	We don't use color as the sole way of conveying information
1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A)	Not Applicable	There is no audio or video content in the application
2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A)	Partially Supports	Most functionality is reachable via a keyboard interface
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap (Level A)	Supports	
2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts (Level A 2.1 only)	Not Applicable	There are no character key shortcuts in the application
2.2.1 Timing Adjustable (Level A)	Not Applicable	There are no time limits set by the content.
2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide (Level A)	Not Applicable	There is no moving, blinking or otherwise auto-updating content in the application
2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold (Level A)	Not Applicable	There is no flashing content in the application
2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A)	Partially Supports	We group content into marked up <sections> to allow this
2.4.2 Page Titled (Level A)	Supports	All pages have an appropriate title
2.4.3 Focus Order (Level A)	Supports	The focus order is linear and preserves meaning
2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) (Level A)	Supports	It's possible to infer what links lead to based on their text and context; we try to avoid ambiguous link labels
2.5.1 Pointer Gestures (Level A 2.1 only)	Not Applicable	No gestures are used in the application
2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	Functionality is triggered on the up event

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2.5.3 Label in Name (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	Labels have the appropriate names
2.5.4 Motion Actuation (Level A 2.1 only)	Not Applicab	Motion is not used in the application
3.1.1 Language of Page (Level A)	Supports	Page language is set on every page
3.2.1 On Focus (Level A)	Supports	When components receive focus they do not initiate a change of context
3.2.2 On Input (Level A)	Supports	Changing the content of an input element does not initiate a change of context without warning
3.3.1 Error Identification (Level A)	Supports	The application has a consistent way of displaying descriptive errors
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A)	Partially Supports	User input boxes are clearly labeled
4.1.1 Parsing (Level A)	Supports	Markup is well formed and conforms to all applicable standards
4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (Level A)	Supports	Any custom user input components have the correct names and roles

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA)	Not Applicable	There is no audio or video content in the application
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA)	Not Applicable	There is no audio or video content in the application
1.3.4 Orientation (Level AA 2.1 only)	Partially Supports	The application supports any orientation
1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose (Level AA 2.1 only)	Partially Supports	Inputs have clear purpose
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA)	Partially supports	Some UI elements have insufficient contrast and we are working to change these over time
1.4.4 Resize text (Level AA)	Supports	Text can be resized up to 200% without loss of content or functionality

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1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA)	Supports	Where an image of text is used there is a plain text alternative
1.4.10 Reflow (Level AA 2.1 only)	Does not support P	Content is always reflowed assuming a viewport of 1024px
1.4.11 Non-text Contrast (Level AA 2.1 only)	Partially supports	Some UI elements have insufficient contrast and we are working to change these over time
1.4.12 Text Spacing (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	Text is appropriately spaced
1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus (Level AA 2.1 only)	Partially supports	Some popups cannot be dismissed without moving pointer hover or keyboard focus
2.4.5 Multiple Ways (Level AA)	Partially Supports	There are multiple ways to reach different sections of the application
2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA)	Partially Supports	We use semantic markup, labels and heading tags wherever appropriate. In some cases, semantic structure could be improved.
2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA)	Partially Supports	The focused element is also visually distinct from others. In some cases, the focus visible is not distinct
3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA)	Partially Supports	Passages in other languages are marked up correctly
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA)	Supports	Navigational mechanisms are consistent across pages in a set
3.2.4 Consistent Identification (Level AA)	Supports	Components are identified consistently across pages in a set
3.3.3 Error Suggestion (Level AA)	Partially supports	Not all errors suggest an acceptable alternative, we're working to change this over time
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) (Level AA)	Partially Supports	The application does not trigger any legal commitments or financial transactions. Some user data modification actions do not require confirmation.
4.1.3 Status Messages (Level AA 2.1 only)	Does not support	Error and status messages don't currently have names and roles. We're working to fix this in a future release

Table 3: Success Criteria, Level AAA

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.6 Sign Language (Prerecorded) (Level AAA)	Not Applicable	There is no audio or video content in the application
1.2.7 Extended Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AAA)	Not Applicable	There is no audio or video content in the application
1.2.8 Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level AAA)	Not Applicable	There is no audio or video content in the application
1.2.9 Audio-only (Live) (Level AAA)	Not Applicable	There is no audio or video content in the application
1.3.6 Identify Purpose (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Partially supports	We are gradually updating the interface so that elements beyond forms have an identified purpose
1.4.6 Contrast (Enhanced) (Level AAA)	Partially supports	Some UI elements have insufficient contrast and we are working to change these over time
1.4.7 Low or No Background Audio (Level AAA)	Not applicable	There is no audio or video content in the application
1.4.8 Visual Presentation (Level AAA)	Does not support	Fore- and back- colors cannot be selected by the user, widths are often wider than 80 characters
1.4.9 Images of Text (No Exception) (Level AAA)	Does not support	We use images of text to preview PDF pages where a researcher name appears; there is a text alternative for this but the image could contain some extra information (i.e. there may be some contextual clues in the layout of the page)
2.1.3 Keyboard (No Exception) (Level AAA)	Partially Supports	Most functionality is reachable via a keyboard interface
2.2.3 No Timing (Level AAA)	Not Applicable	The content does not rely on any timings.
2.2.4 Interruptions (Level AAA)	Does not support	It's not possible to turn off interruptions, though these are rare
2.2.5 Re-authenticating (Level AAA)	Partially Supports	The user can pick up where they left off after re-authenticating without the loss of any data. The application maintains its state on the URL
2.2.6 Timeouts (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Supports	User inactivity does not cause data loss
2.3.2 Three Flashes (Level AAA)	Not Applicable	There is no flashing content in the application

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2.3.3 Animation from Interactions (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Does not support	It's not possible to turn off animations, though these are rare
2.4.8 Location (Level AAA)	Supports	We indicate current position within navigation bars and show a human readable description of the (user removable) filters applied within the application to get to any given set of results
2.4.9 Link Purpose (Link Only) (Level AAA)	Partially supports	The purpose of some links is only clear from the context e.g., clicking on a university name in the People tab does something different to clicking on a university in the Scholarly Articles tab
2.4.10 Section Headings (Level AAA)	Supports	Where appropriate we use section headings
2.5.5 Target Size (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Partially supports	Some buttons have a target size height of 40px, we are working to change this over time
2.5.6 Concurrent Input Mechanisms (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Supports	Users can switch between supported modalities as it suits them
3.1.3 Unusual Words (Level AAA)	Does not support	Word definitions are not currently provided in the application
3.1.4 Abbreviations (Level AAA)	Does not support	Expanding abbreviations is not currently supported in the application
3.1.5 Reading Level (Level AAA)	Does not support	The application does not provide versions of text for lower reading abilities
3.1.6 Pronunciation (Level AAA)	Does not support	Pronunciation guides are not available in the application
3.2.5 Change on Request (Level AAA)	Supports	No change in contexts occur outside of the user's control and pop-up windows are not used
3.3.5 Help (Level AAA)	Does not support	The application doesn't currently have context sensitive help. This is on our product roadmap
3.3.6 Error Prevention (All) (Level AAA)	Does not support	Forms do not currently check and confirm user input