

Illinois Information Technology Accessibility Act

15.1 - Provide natively accessible downloadable documents whenever possible.

What:

Downloadable documents are often provided in formats such as Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF), Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, etc. Each document format has its own accessibility issues and may or may not provide appropriate techniques to address accessibility. A document is considered natively accessible if it follows the accessibility techniques for its format.

Why:

Because non-HTML documents cannot implement HTML accessibility techniques, they must be accessible in and of themselves. If essential content or functionality is presented in a downloadable document that is not accessible, it will not be usable by individuals with disabilities.

How:

Check with the manufacturer and/or publisher of the format of a downloadable document to determine if and how it can be made accessible. If accessibility techniques exist, ensure that the downloadable document fully implements these techniques and meets the functional performance criteria defined in these standards.

Note: See Adobe's Accessibility Resource Center (<http://www.adobe.com/accessibility>) for information about PDF accessibility.

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