

Web Standards checklist

Site name: _____

Site address: _____

Date: _____

1. Quality of code

- The site has full and correct Doctype
- The site uses character set
- The site uses valid (X)HTML
- The site uses valid CSS
- The site uses minimal CSS hacks
- The site has no unnecessary classes or ids
- The site uses well structured code
- The site has no broken links
- The site has been checked for speed and page size
- The site has no JavaScript errors

2. Degree of separation between content and presentation

- Where possible, decorative images in CSS
- The site uses CSS for all presentational aspects

3. Accessibility for users

- The site uses "alt" attributes for images
- The site uses relative units for text size
- The site layout is stable if font size increases
- The site uses visible skip menus
- The site uses accessible forms
- The site uses accessible tables
- The site has sufficient colour brightness/contrasts
- The site does not use colour alone for critical information
- The site uses delayed responsiveness for dropdown menus
- The site uses descriptive links

4. Accessibility for devices

- The site works acceptably across target browsers
- Content is accessible without CSS
- Content is accessible without images
- Content is meaningful in text browsers
- The content is accessible when printed?
- The content is accessible on Hand Held devices?
- The site has detailed metadata?
- The site work well in different window sizes?

5. Basic Usability

- The site has clear visual hierarchy?
- Headings clearly indicate the structure of the document
- Navigation is easy to understand
- Navigation is consistent throughout site
- The site uses underlined links
- The site uses consistent and appropriate language?
- The site has easy to find sitemap and contact page
- The site has a search tool
- The site has link to the home page on every page
- The site has clearly defined visited links

6. Site management

- The site has a meaningful 404 error page
- The site has friendly URLs
- The site allows URLs to work without "www"
- The site has a favicon