

Tax-Sale.info Accessibility Conformance Report

WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.5Rev)

Name of Product/Version: Tax-Sale.info (Michigan Auction web platform)

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Product Description: Land auction website. Tax-Sale.info is operated by Title Check LLC and provides property auction services in Michigan, allowing users to browse lots, view details and photos, and submit bids online.

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Scope of report: This report covers the Tax-Sale.info web platform evaluated against WCAG 2.1 Level A and Level AA success criteria. Because WCAG 2.1 is a superset of WCAG 2.0, conformance with WCAG 2.1 implies conformance with all equivalent WCAG 2.0 criteria. WCAG 2.2-only criteria and Level AAA criteria are outside the scope of this report. The conformance claim applies to actively maintained content and the evaluation reflects the state of the platform as of the report date.

Evaluation Methods Used: Evaluation was conducted in accordance with the W3C Website Accessibility Conformance Evaluation Methodology (WCAG-EM). Testing was performed by

personnel with knowledge of product functionality and accessibility requirements, using the following methods and tools: manual inspection using Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox browsers; automated scanning using the Lighthouse accessibility audit tool in Chrome DevTools; color contrast analysis using the Firefox Accessibility Contrast tool, and Deque Systems Inc. Axe DevTools Chrome extension; and keyboard-only navigation testing. Pages evaluated included the home page, lot listing pages, auction catalog pages, login & signup pages, post-login user dashboard, and check-out pages. The site follows consistent page templates with limited dynamic content variation, allowing a small structured and random sample to be representative of the overall user experience. Feedback from users experiencing accessibility barriers is welcomed at accessibility@tax-sale.info and will inform future evaluation cycles.

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 (No) Level AA (No) Level AAA (No)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (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.

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A)	Supports	The site has non-text content in several forms: navigation icons, property photos and other images. Text alternatives and appropriate labels have been provided for active content. Archived auction listing pages are retained for historical reference and are not actively maintained. Conformance claims apply to actively maintained content.
1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Supports	The site includes prerecorded training videos containing both audio and video. No audio-only or video-only media is present; all video content has a synchronized audio track, satisfying this criterion.

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1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Supports	Prerecorded training videos on the site include captions.
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Supports	Training videos are screen recordings in which the narrator verbally describes all actions being performed on screen. The audio track itself serves as a media alternative for the visual content, satisfying this criterion without requiring a separate audio description track or transcript.
1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A)	Supports	Semantic HTML elements, ARIA roles, aria-labels, and aria-describedby attributes are used throughout to convey structure and relationships programmatically. Navigation landmark roles, form field associations, and interactive component states are available to assistive technology.
1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence (Level A)	Supports	Content reading order in the underlying document is consistent with the visual presentation. CSS positioning is used within self-contained components such as buttons, where all positioned elements belong to the same logical unit and do not affect the meaningful sequence of page content.
1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics (Level A)	Supports	Instructions and labels do not rely solely on sensory characteristics such as shape, size, or visual location. Symbolic icons use widely recognized conventions and are supplemented with appropriate text alternatives and aria-labels.
1.4.1 Use of Color (Level A)	Supports	Color is not used as the sole means of conveying information. Error states are communicated through text messages and programmatic associations in addition to visual color indicators. Status indicators and interactive states are identified with text labels or aria attributes rather than color alone.
1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A)	Not Applicable	The site contains no auto-playing audio. Video content with audio is embedded via YouTube and requires explicit user initiation to play.

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2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A)	Supports	Navigation, inputs, dialog confirmations and dismissals, and image carousels support full keyboard navigation.
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap (Level A)	Supports	No keyboard traps identified. Users can navigate to and away from all focusable components using standard keyboard navigation. No assistive technology exit methods beyond standard Tab and Shift+Tab are required anywhere on the site.
2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	No single-character keyboard shortcuts are implemented in the site's own code. Training videos are embedded via YouTube's iframe player, which implements single-character shortcuts that are active only when the player has focus, satisfying the focus-active condition of this criterion. Shortcut behavior within the embedded player is governed by YouTube's own accessibility implementation.
2.2.1 Timing Adjustable (Level A)	Supports	Auction closing times are fixed and cannot be extended, as they constitute real-time events in which the time limit is a required part of a live competitive bidding process, and no alternative is possible (real-time exception). Outside of auction bidding times, no content-imposed time limits are present on the site.
2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide (Level A)	Supports	Image carousels advance automatically but provide an easily accessible pause control allowing users to stop automatic rotation. No other content moves, blinks, or scrolls automatically.
2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold (Level A)	Supports	No flashing or strobing content is present on the site.
2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A)	Supports	A skip navigation link is provided allowing users to bypass repeated navigation and jump directly to main page content. Image carousels contain linked images and text pointing to the same destination, a single link is used to avoid navigation redundancy.

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2.4.2 Page Titled (Level A)	Supports	All pages have descriptive titles that identify their topic or purpose.
2.4.3 Focus Order (Level A)	Supports	Focusable components receive focus in a logical order that preserves meaning and operability. A skip navigation link ensures keyboard users can reach primary content without traversing repeated elements. Focus order was verified across representative pages using keyboard navigation testing.
2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) (Level A)	Supports	The purpose of each link can be determined from the link text alone or from its programmatic context. Icon-only interactive elements include aria-labels to ensure their purpose is discernible to assistive technology users.
2.5.1 Pointer Gestures (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	All functionality is operable with a single pointer. Carousels provide prev/next controls as alternatives to swipe gestures. Embedded YouTube video players and Google Maps provide single-pointer controls for all functionality, including zoom controls as an alternative to pinch-to-zoom gestures. No path-based gestures are required for any site-owned functionality.
2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Interactive elements use standard HTML controls that activate on pointer up-event, allowing users to cancel accidental activations by moving the pointer away before releasing.
2.5.3 Label in Name (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Visible text labels are reflected in the accessible names of interactive components. Icon-only controls use aria-labels that describe their function. No conflicts between visible labels and programmatic names were identified.
2.5.4 Motion Actuation (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Not Applicable	No motion-actuated functionality is present on the site
3.1.1 Language of Page (Level A)	Supports	The primary language of each page is identified as English using lang="en-US" on the html element.

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		Reading direction is explicitly declared using the dir attribute.
3.2.1 On Focus (Level A)	Supports	Focusing a component does not initiate any change of context. Navigation menus, search, and interactive controls require explicit activation and do not trigger changes on focus alone.
3.2.2 On Input (Level A)	Supports	Changing the setting of any user interface component does not trigger an automatic change of context. Filter controls update content visibility as expected from their labels, search requires explicit submission, and no form controls navigate or submit automatically on change.
3.3.1 Error Identification (Level A)	Supports	Input errors are described to the user in text. Error messages are programmatically associated with their respective fields using aria-describedby, and are announced to assistive technology users via role=alert without requiring focus to move to the error message.
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A)	Supports	All form fields are accompanied by visible labels or sufficient contextual information to identify their purpose. Input fields use properly associated label elements where applicable.
4.1.1 Parsing (Level A) WCAG 2.0 and 2.1 – Always answer ‘Supports’ WCAG 2.2 (obsolete and removed) - Does not apply	Supports	For WCAG 2.0 and 2.1, the September 2023 errata update indicates this criterion is always supported. See the WCAG 2.0 Editorial Errata and the WCAG 2.1 Editorial Errata .
4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (Level A)	Supports	User interface components are implemented using semantic HTML elements or include appropriate ARIA roles, names, and state attributes. Interactive controls have discernible names via visible text or aria-labels. Dynamic state changes including expanded/collapsed, active filters, and error messages are communicated programmatically via aria-expanded, aria-current, and role=alert respectively.

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA)	Not Applicable	Tax-Sale.info does not contain live audio content in synchronized media.
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA)	Supports	Training videos are narrated screen recordings in which the narrator verbally describes on-screen actions, serving as an audio description of the visual content.
1.3.4 Orientation (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Content is not restricted to a single display orientation and adapts to both portrait and landscape orientations.
1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Form fields that collect user information include appropriate autocomplete attributes allowing browsers and assistive technologies to identify their purpose. Login and signup forms include autocomplete values for credentials and personal information fields.
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA)	Supports	Text and images of text (logo) meet the minimum contrast ratio requirements. Contrast was verified using Firefox accessibility contrast tool and Chrome Axe DevTools extension
1.4.4 Resize text (Level AA)	Supports	Text can be resized up to 200% without loss of content or functionality.
1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA)	Supports	Text is not presented as images of text. The site logo is exempt as a logotype.
1.4.10 Reflow (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Content reflows at 320 CSS px width without requiring horizontal scrolling or loss of content and functionality. Embedded Google Maps are exempt as content requiring two-dimensional layout.
1.4.11 Non-text Contrast (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	User interface components and graphical objects meet the minimum 3:1 contrast ratio against adjacent colors. Contrast was verified using the Firefox

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		Accessibility Contrast tool and Deque Systems Axe DevTools
1.4.12 Text Spacing (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Content and functionality are preserved when text spacing is adjusted to WCAG-specified values including line height, paragraph spacing, letter spacing, and word spacing.
1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Additional content that appears on hover or focus, including navigation submenus, is hoverable, persistent, and can be dismissed using the Escape key without moving the pointer or focus.
2.4.5 Multiple Ways (Level AA)	Supports	Multiple ways are available to locate content including primary navigation, search, an interactive map, and direct URL access.
2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA)	Supports	Headings and labels describe the topic or purpose of their associated content. Decorative text is not marked up as headings.
2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA)	Supports	All keyboard operable components display a visible focus indicator.
3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA)	Not Applicable	All content is in English and no passages or phrases in other languages are present.
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA)	Supports	Navigation elements are presented in consistent order across all pages. Primary navigation, search, and footer elements are implemented via shared templates ensuring uniform placement throughout the site.
3.2.4 Consistent Identification (Level AA)	Supports	Components with the same functionality are identified consistently across all pages.
3.3.3 Error Suggestion (Level AA)	Supports	Where input errors are detected, suggestions for correction are provided in text. Error messages describe requirements needed to resolve errors.
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) (Level AA)	Supports	Bid submission and deed entry contain a review or confirmation step allowing users opportunity to catch mistakes.

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4.1.3 Status Messages (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Status messages are communicated via ARIA live region roles ensuring they are announced by assistive technology without requiring focus to move to the message. Error notifications and time-sensitive bid updates use assertive live regions, while non-urgent confirmations use polite live regions.

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