

Section 508 Evaluation Template

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Name of Product: *Newspapers.com*

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| <i>Criteria</i> | Supporting Features | Remarks and explanations |
| Section 1194.21 Software Applications and Operating Systems | Supports with exceptions | Supports with some exceptions. See below for details. |
| Section 1194.22 Web-based internet information and applications | Supports with exceptions | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is compliant but the data has some exceptions. See below for full details. |
| Section 1194.23 Telecommunications Products | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |
| Section 1194.24 Video and Multi-media Products | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a video or multimedia product. |
| Section 1194.25 Self-Contained, Closed Products | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a self-contained, closed product. |
| Section 1194.26 Desktop and Portable Computers | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a desktop or portable computer product. |
| Section 1194.31 Functional Performance Criteria | Supports with exceptions | Supports with some exceptions. See below for details. |
| Section 1194.41 Information, documentation, and support. | Supports with exceptions | Supports with some exceptions. See below for details. |

Section 1194.21 Software Applications and Operating Systems

*Refer to (<http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/guide/1194.21.htm>) for details on the guidelines listed below.

| <i>Criteria</i> | Supporting Features | Remarks and explanations |
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| (a) When software is designed to run on a system that has a keyboard, product functions shall be executable from a keyboard where the function itself or the result of performing a function can be discerned textually. | Supports | The product is designed for keyboard access. This applies to QWERTY keyboards. |

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| <p>(b) Applications shall not disrupt or disable activated features of other products that are identified as accessibility features, where those features are developed and documented according to industry standards. Applications also shall not disrupt or disable activated features of any operating system that are identified as accessibility features where the application programming interface for those accessibility features has been documented by the manufacturer of the operating system and is available to the product developer.</p> | <p>Supports</p> | <p><i>Newspapers.com</i> does not disrupt/disable standard browser functionality.</p> |
| <p>(c) A well-defined on-screen indication of the current focus shall be provided that moves among interactive interface elements as the input focus changes. The focus shall be programmatically exposed so that Assistive Technology can track focus and focus changes.</p> | <p>Supports</p> | <p>The current input focus can be discerned by assistive technology (using standard html code for forms, etc.).</p> |
| <p>(d) Sufficient information about a user interface element including the identity, operation and state of the element shall be available to Assistive Technology. When an image represents a program element, the information conveyed by the image must also be available in text.</p> | <p>Supports</p> | |
| <p>(e) When bitmap images are used to identify controls, status indicators, or other programmatic elements, the meaning assigned to those images shall be consistent throughout an application's performance.</p> | <p>Supports</p> | <p><i>Newspapers.com</i> does try to be consistent with button functionality across all pages.</p> |
| <p>(f) Textual information shall be provided through operating system functions for displaying text. The minimum information that shall be made available is text content, text input caret location, and text attributes.</p> | <p>Supports</p> | <p><i>Newspapers.com</i> uses standard HTML input elements as supported by all browsers. Any text written to the screen can be interpreted by assistive technologies.</p> |
| <p>(g) Applications shall not override user selected contrast and color selections and other individual display attributes.</p> | <p>Does not support</p> | <p><i>Newspapers.com</i> has its own color scheme and does not permit customization.</p> |
| <p>(h) When animation is displayed, the information shall be displayable in at least one non-animated presentation mode at the option of the user.</p> | <p>Not Applicable</p> | <p><i>Newspapers.com</i> has no animations that would provide information to the end user.</p> |
| <p>(i) Color coding shall not be used as the only means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element.</p> | <p>Supports</p> | <p>Color is used to enhance usability in the product by drawing attention to certain areas of the screen, but color is never the only means of conveying important information.</p> |

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| (j) When a product permits a user to adjust color and contrast settings, a variety of color selections capable of producing a range of contrast levels shall be provided. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> does not provide functionality to alter color. |
| (k) Software shall not use flashing or blinking text, objects, or other elements having a flash or blink frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz. | Supports | <i>Newspapers.com</i> does not use flashing or blinking elements in the user interface. |
| (l) When electronic forms are used, the form shall allow people using Assistive Technology to access the information, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues. | Partially supported | Most forms in the product have been coded with the necessary mark-up (use of labels/ids, fieldsets, etc.) to make them accessible to assistive technologies. However, a few exceptions (typically related to check boxes on results pages) do exist. |

Section 1194.22 Web-based Internet information and applications

* Refer to (<http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/guide/1194.22.htm>) for details on the guidelines listed below.

| <i>Criteria</i> | Supporting Features | Remarks and explanations |
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| (a) A text equivalent for every non-text element shall be provided (e.g., via "alt", "longdesc", or in element content). | Supports | There are some images that are used as "spacers" that do not have alt text and should not. The images have appropriate alt text or attributes. |
| (b) Equivalent alternatives for any multimedia presentation shall be synchronized with the presentation. | Supports | The product links to videos which have close captioning available. |
| (c) Web pages shall be designed so that all information conveyed with color is also available without color, for example from context or markup. | Supports | Color is used to enhance usability in the product by drawing attention to certain areas of the screen, but color is never the only means of delivering important information. |
| (d) Documents shall be organized so they are readable without requiring an associated style sheet. | Partially supported | Some pages are not easily readable when style sheets are disabled. |
| (e) Redundant text links shall be provided for each active region of a server-side image map. | Not applicable | The product does not use server side image maps. |

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| (f) Client-side image maps shall be provided instead of server-side image maps except where the regions cannot be defined with an available geometric shape. | Supports | The image map also includes a redundant set of text links. In the only image maps, the data is client side. |
| (g) Row and column headers shall be identified for data tables. | Not applicable | The product does not use data tables. |
| (h) Markup shall be used to associate data cells and header cells for data tables that have two or more logical levels of row or column headers. | Not applicable | The product does not use data tables. |
| (i) Frames shall be titled with text that facilitates frame identification and navigation | Not applicable | The product does not use frames. |
| (j) Pages shall be designed to avoid causing the screen to flicker with a frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz. | Supports | Graphics and other elements of the content do not flicker in the product. |
| (k) A text-only page, with equivalent information or functionality, shall be provided to make a web site comply with the provisions of this part, when compliance cannot be accomplished in any other way. The content of the text-only page shall be updated whenever the primary page changes. | Does not Support | <i>Newspapers.com</i> does not contain any alternate text-only pages for its content. |
| (l) When pages utilize scripting languages to display content, or to create interface elements, the information provided by the script shall be identified with functional text that can be read by Assistive Technology. | Not applicable | Interface elements are not created by scripting languages in the product. |
| (m) When a web page requires that an applet, plug-in or other application be present on the client system to interpret page content, the page must provide a link to a plug-in or applet that complies with §1194.21(a) through (l). | Partially supported | Images can be downloaded in PDF format which would require Acrobat or another PDF reader for offline reading. |
| (n) When electronic forms are designed to be completed on-line, the form shall allow people using Assistive Technology to access the information, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues. | Supports | All forms have been coded with the necessary mark-up (use of labels/ids, etc.) to make them accessible to assistive technologies. |

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| (o) A method shall be provided that permits users to skip repetitive navigation links. | Does not support | |
| (p) When a timed response is required, the user shall be alerted and given sufficient time to indicate more time is required. | Supports | The product does not require timed responses. |

Note to 1194.22: The Board interprets paragraphs (a) through (k) of this section as consistent with the following priority 1 Checkpoints of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 1.0 (WCAG 1.0) (May 5 1999) published by the Web Accessibility Initiative of the World Wide Web Consortium: Paragraph (a) - 1.1, (b) - 1.4, (c) - 2.1, (d) - 6.1, (e) - 1.2, (f) - 9.1, (g) - 5.1, (h) - 5.2, (i) - 12.1, (j) - 7.1, (k) - 11.4.

| Section 1194.23 Telecommunications Products | | |
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| * Refer to (http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/guide/1194.23.htm) for details on the guidelines listed below. | | |
| Criteria | Supporting Features | Remarks and explanations |
| (a) Telecommunications products or systems which provide a function allowing voice communication and which do not themselves provide a TTY functionality shall provide a standard non-acoustic connection point for TTYs. Microphones shall be capable of being turned on and off to allow the user to intermix speech with TTY use. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |
| (b) Telecommunications products which include voice communication functionality shall support all commonly used cross-manufacturer non-proprietary standard TTY signal protocols. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |
| (c) Voice mail, auto-attendant, and interactive voice response telecommunications systems shall be usable by TTY users with their TTYs. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |
| (d) Voice mail, messaging, auto-attendant, and interactive voice response telecommunications systems that require a response from a user within a time interval, shall give an alert when the time interval is about to run out, and shall provide sufficient time for the user to indicate more time is required. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |
| (e) Where provided, caller identification and similar telecommunications functions shall also be available for users of TTYs, and for users who cannot see displays. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |
| (f) For transmitted voice signals, telecommunications products shall provide a gain adjustable up to a minimum of 20 dB. For incremental volume control, at least one intermediate step of 12 dB of gain shall be provided. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |

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| (g) If the telecommunications product allows a user to adjust the receive volume, a function shall be provided to automatically reset the volume to the default level after every use. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |
| (h) Where a telecommunications product delivers output by an audio transducer which is normally held up to the ear, a means for effective magnetic wireless coupling to hearing technologies shall be provided. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |
| (i) Interference to hearing technologies (including hearing aids, cochlear implants, and assistive listening devices) shall be reduced to the lowest possible level that allows a user of hearing technologies to utilize the telecommunications product. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |
| (j) Products that transmit or conduct information or communication, shall pass through cross-manufacturer, non-proprietary, industry-standard codes, translation protocols, formats or other information necessary to provide the information or communication in a usable format. Technologies which use encoding, signal compression, format transformation, or similar techniques shall not remove information needed for access or shall restore it upon delivery. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |
| (k)(1) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: Controls and Keys shall be tactilely discernible without activating the controls or keys. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |
| (k)(2) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: Controls and Keys shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate controls and keys shall be 5 lbs. (22.2N) maximum. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |
| (k)(3) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: If key repeat is supported, the delay before repeat shall be adjustable to at least 2 seconds. Key repeat rate shall be adjustable to 2 seconds per character. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |
| (k)(4) Products which have mechanically operated controls or keys shall comply with the following: The status of all locking or toggle controls or keys shall be visually discernible, and discernible either through touch or sound. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a telecommunications product. |

Section 1194.24 Video and Multi-media Products

* Refer to (<http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/guide/1194.24.htm>) for details on the guidelines listed below.

| <i>Criteria</i> | Supporting Features | Remarks and explanations |
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| (a) All analog television displays 13 inches and larger, and computer equipment that includes analog television receiver or display circuitry, shall be equipped with caption decoder circuitry which appropriately receives, decodes, and displays closed captions from broadcast, cable, videotape, and DVD signals. As soon as practicable, but not later than July 1, 2002, widescreen digital television (DTV) displays measuring at least 7.8 inches vertically, DTV sets with conventional displays measuring at least 13 inches vertically, and stand-alone DTV tuners, whether or not they are marketed with display screens, and computer equipment that includes DTV receiver or display circuitry, shall be equipped with caption decoder circuitry which appropriately receives, decodes, and displays closed captions from broadcast, cable, videotape, and DVD signals. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a video or multimedia product. |
| (b) Television tuners, including tuner cards for use in computers, shall be equipped with secondary audio program playback circuitry. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a video or multimedia product. |
| (c) All training and informational video and multimedia productions which support the agency's mission, regardless of format, that contain speech or other audio information necessary for the comprehension of the content, shall be open or closed captioned. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a video or multimedia product. |
| (d) All training and informational video and multimedia productions which support the agency's mission, regardless of format, that contain visual information necessary for the comprehension of the content, shall be audio described. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a video or multimedia product. |
| (e) Display or presentation of alternate text presentation or audio descriptions shall be user-selectable unless permanent. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a video or multimedia product. |

Section 1194.25 Self-Contained, Closed Products

* Refer to (<http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/guide/1194.25.htm>) for details on the guidelines listed below.

| <i>Criteria</i> | Supporting Features | Remarks and explanations |
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| (a) Self contained products shall be usable by people with disabilities without requiring an end-user to attach Assistive Technology to the product. Personal headsets for private listening are not Assistive Technology. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a self-contained, closed product. |
| (b) When a timed response is required, the user shall be alerted and given sufficient time to indicate more time is required. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a self-contained, closed product. |

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| (c) Where a product utilizes touchscreens or contact-sensitive controls, an input method shall be provided that complies with 1194.23 (k) (1) through (4). | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a self-contained, closed product. |
| (d) When biometric forms of user identification or control are used, an alternative form of identification or activation, which does not require the user to possess particular biological characteristics, shall also be provided. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a self-contained, closed product. |
| (e) When products provide auditory output, the audio signal shall be provided at a standard signal level through an industry standard connector that will allow for private listening. The product must provide the ability to interrupt, pause, and restart the audio at anytime. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a self-contained, closed product. |
| (f) When products deliver voice output in a public area, incremental volume control shall be provided with output amplification up to a level of at least 65 dB. Where the ambient noise level of the environment is above 45 dB, a volume gain of at least 20 dB above the ambient level shall be user selectable. A function shall be provided to automatically reset the volume to the default level after every use. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a self-contained, closed product. |
| (g) Color coding shall not be used as the only means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a self-contained, closed product. |
| (h) When a product permits a user to adjust color and contrast settings, a range of color selections capable of producing a variety of contrast levels shall be provided. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a self-contained, closed product. |
| (i) Products shall be designed to avoid causing the screen to flicker with a frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a self-contained, closed product. |
| (j) (1) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: The position of any operable control shall be determined with respect to a vertical plane, which is 48 inches in length, centered on the operable control, and at the maximum protrusion of the product within the 48 inch length on products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a self-contained, closed product. |
| (j)(2) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: Where any operable control is 10 inches or less behind the reference plane, the height shall be 54 inches maximum and 15 inches minimum above the floor. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a self-contained, closed product. |
| (j)(3) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: Where any operable control is more than 10 inches | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a self-contained, closed product. |

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| and not more than 24 inches behind the reference plane, the height shall be 46 inches maximum and 15 inches minimum above the floor. | | |
| (j)(4) Products which are freestanding, non-portable, and intended to be used in one location and which have operable controls shall comply with the following: Operable controls shall not be more than 24 inches behind the reference plane. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a self-contained, closed product. |

Section 1194.26 Desktop and Portable Computers

* Refer to (<http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/guide/1194.26.htm>) for details on the guidelines listed below.

| <i>Criteria</i> | Supporting Features | Remarks and explanations |
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| (a) All mechanically operated controls and keys shall comply with 1194.23 (k) (1) through (4). | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a desktop or portable computer product. |
| (b) If a product utilizes touchscreens or touch-operated controls, an input method shall be provided that complies with 1194.23 (k) (1) through (4). | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a desktop or portable computer product. |
| (c) When biometric forms of user identification or control are used, an alternative form of identification or activation, which does not require the user to possess particular biological characteristics, shall also be provided. | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a desktop or portable computer product. |
| (d) Where provided, at least one of each type of expansion slots, ports and connectors shall comply with publicly available industry standards | Not applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not a desktop or portable computer product. |

Section 1194.31 Functional Performance Criteria

| <i>Criteria</i> | Supporting Features | Remarks and explanations |
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| (a) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user vision shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are blind or visually impaired shall be provided. | Partially supported | <i>Newspapers.com</i> is not fully compliant and is not coded to work with screen readers in all aspects. User vision is required to view and read the images of various historical documents There is currently no method available that Assistive Technology can read the contents of the census images. |

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| (b) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require visual acuity greater than 20/70 shall be provided in audio and enlarged print output working together or independently, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are visually impaired shall be provided. | Not supported | Historical document images can be enlarged or inversed, but no special provisions in the product are made for Assistive Technology to be able to read the images. |
| (c) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user hearing shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people who are deaf or hard of hearing shall be provided | Not Applicable | There are no audio cues that are required to use the <i>Newspapers.com</i> product. Help videos provide a closed captioning option. |
| (d) Where audio information is important for the use of a product, at least one mode of operation and information retrieval shall be provided in an enhanced auditory fashion, or support for assistive hearing devices shall be provided. | Not Applicable | There are no audio cues that are required to use the <i>Newspapers.com</i> product. |
| (e) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require user speech shall be provided, or support for Assistive Technology used by people with disabilities shall be provided. | Not Applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> does not require voice input to control. |
| (f) At least one mode of operation and information retrieval that does not require fine motor control or simultaneous actions and that is operable with limited reach and strength shall be provided. | Not Applicable | <i>Newspapers.com</i> does not require this degree of control. |

Section 1194.41 Information, documentation, and support.

| <i>Criteria</i> | Supporting Features | Remarks and explanations |
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| (a) Product support documentation provided to end-users shall be made available in alternate formats upon request, at no additional charge. | Supports with exceptions | Context-sensitive, text-based (HTML) help is available from each page of the product which can be viewed online or printed. Product details are available from the corporate site or on request. However, no special provisions have been made for Assistive Technology users. |

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| <p>(b) End-users shall have access to a description of the accessibility and compatibility features of products in alternate formats or alternate methods upon request, at no additional charge.</p> | <p>Does not support</p> | <p><i>Newspapers.com</i> does not provide an Accessibility Help page or alternate methods for obtaining accessibility and compatibility information.</p> |
| <p>(c) Support services for products shall accommodate the communication needs of end-users with disabilities.</p> | <p>Supports with exceptions</p> | <p><i>Newspapers.com</i> support must be done via email or a phone call.</p> |