Accessibility

We have made every effort to make this site accessible and easy to use for everyone no matter what browser you choose to use, and whether they use assistive technology or not.

Landmark roles

Following guidance set by the Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) and the Accessible Rich Internet Applications Suite (ARIA), landmark roles are provided to make the site more accessible. Roles used to identify specific content or navigation areas for machine readers and assistive devices such as screen readers.

Landmarks have been added to identify the site's Header (banner), Sidebar (complementary), Footer (content info), Primary Content (main), Navigation (navigation) and Search (search).

Browser support

The site is built in a flexible manner and scales to ensure readability on whatever device or browser it is viewed upon. Browser support is progressive meaning more capable browsers may get improved aesthetics or functionality, yet content is still accessible to even the oldest browsers.

Semantics

HTML5 markup is used to structure the site with appropriate elements used to clearly and logically identify content for search engines or screen readers.

JavaScript

The use of JavaScript will give the user enhanced features of the site. Where it is not available then all pages and process are still accessible.

Forms

All forms fields follow a logical tab sequence to ensure easy navigation. Form fields also have 'label' and 'id' attributes to associate the form field with its label to allow for easy entry of data.

Links

All links have been written to make sense when taken out of context. Where appropriate, we have also added link title attributes to describe the link in greater detail.

Font size

The font sizes used on the website are fully flexible. You can change the font size to make it either larger or smaller via your browser settings.

Colours

We have taken care to ensure that the site's colour combinations contrast significantly and are effective in ensuring information is still clear when viewed by all.

Downloads

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