

## Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) or Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR)

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Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC) requires all electronic and information technology (IET) that the College purchases must be accessible as specified by a Voluntary Product Assessment Template (VPAT) or an Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR). An Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR) shows the extent to which a digital technology meets an accessibility technical standard such as WCAG2.1 or Section 508, a VPAT is a template that suppliers can use to complete an ACR.

The VPAT (Voluntary Product Accessibility Template) is a report that communicates the accessibility level of a product to stakeholders. The ACR (Accessibility Conformance Report) is an evaluation and documentation of a product's accessibility, including detailed testing results and recommendations. Used during development and to ensure compliance during the product's lifecycle.

### **Why do we need it?**

It describes how well the product conforms to the accessibility standards of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act. The purpose of a VPAT is to help buyers of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) make informed decisions before purchasing a product:

- Understand a product's level of accessibility compliance.
- Compare compliance of similar products.
- Choose a product that best meets accessibility standards and the organization's functional and legal requirements.
- Plan for equally effective access when an accessible product is not available.

### **How do you submit a VPAT?**

Either direct the College to your website that contains the VPATs or upload as a separate document when submitting to our solicitation. Make sure you submit VPAT 2.0 (or higher). Section 508 was refreshed in 2017, and now measures accessibility using Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 criteria. VPATs developed before 2017 may be out of date if the product has been updated since then.

### **Why do we require a VPAT?**

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act requires government agencies to make ICT accessible to people with disabilities. Obtaining and reviewing a product's VPAT is one step in the accessible procurement process.