

Accessibility Statement for The Real Birth Workshop

The Real Birth Company strongly believes that all pregnant women regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, or socio-economic background should have access to the same level of positive, factual and evidence-based information to support them in making the right decisions for themselves and their babies. We are committed to providing accessible antenatal education to all who need it and have designed our website to accommodate all levels of ability and the different digital technologies currently available. We are constantly working to improve user experience whilst ensuring we prioritize adherence to available standards and guidelines

The Real Birth Workshop currently offers the following accessibility functions:

- Text reflows up to 500% zoomed in (the maximum amount)
- The ability to change font size, font colour & background colour and a [video guide](#) on how to use these features
- Navigation of the entire website using just a keyboard
- Full functionality of the workshop on all current mobile device operating systems
- Program availability in Portrait and Landscape modes

The workshop has been written in an easily understandable style with common phraseology and in six humanly translated languages with more in the pipeline. The workshop also contains a list of references available to users providing them with access to alternative sources of reputable information.

The Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 are government guidelines which provide guidance and recommendations on how to implement easily accessible content for those who may experience difficulties. By following these guidelines, we hope to ensure the Real Birth Workshop is as user friendly as possible.

Our ORCHA evaluated Workshop is fully compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 AA standard and is partially compliant with the updated 2.1 AA standard guidelines.

The following issues are currently being addressed:

- Images are missing ALT text
- Videos do not have subtitles or an alternative transcript available
- Website requires a mouse in order to access some key information

Whilst The Real Birth Company is working to ensure our programme is as accessible as possible, we are not yet compliant with the recent 2.1 AA standard guidelines. We are currently working on implementing the above changes so the workshop will become fully compliant, and we will continue to monitor and make changes in order to continually improve user accessibility.

[AbilityNet](#) has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

Our team will continue working to seek out and implement solutions ensuring our workshop is as user friendly as possible but if you experience any issues or wish to suggest a helpful feature to us, please complete the user feedback form at the end of [Module 7](#) or feel free to contact us through our [contact page](#).

We currently do not offer services such as accessible PDF or braille versions of the workshop that can be sent directly to the user. We also do not provide a text relay service for people who are D/deaf, hearing impaired or have a speech impediment.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, [contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service \(EASS\)](#).

Technical information about this website's accessibility

The Real Birth Company is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

Compliance status

This website is partially compliant with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines Version 2.1](#) AA standard, due to failing to meet Section 2.5.3.

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

The Web Content Accessibility Guidelines Section 2.5.3 is the only guideline that we do not currently meet, as all our images do not have a text alternative so that people who use a screen reader can access the information. We will be implementing text alternatives for all images in the Real Birth Workshop by September 2022. Going forward, when we publish new content, all images will meet the accessibility standards on launch.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on [date when it was first published]. It was last reviewed on [date when it was last reviewed].

This website was last tested on [date]. The test was carried out by [add name of organisation that carried out test or indicate that you did your own testing].

We used this approach to decide on a sample of pages to test [add link to explanation of how you decided which pages to test].