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SEBI Digital Accessibility Checklist

For stock brokers, investment advisers, research analysts, and other SEBI-regulated entities. Use it to see what is due, what to test, and where most platforms fail.

1. Key SEBI deadlines

SEBI's circular dated October 30, 2026 extended the audit and remediation timelines. All other provisions of the earlier circulars are unchanged.

Jan 31, 2027	**Appoint an IAAP-certified auditor, complete the accessibility audit of your digital platforms, and remediate the findings.** Circular No. HO/53/12/13(2)2026-ITD5-M2IPC/I/24856/2026
Apr 30, 2027	Annual accessibility audit and submission of the final compliance report to SEBI.

2. Governance and paperwork

What you need in place before, during, and after the audit.

- [ ] **List every digital platform** investors use: website, mobile apps, trading terminals, back-office and investor portals, onboarding and KYC flows, and downloadable documents.
- [ ] **Appoint an IAAP-certified auditor** and keep a copy of their certificate and certificate number on file.
- [ ] **Agree the audit scope and standard** in writing. WCAG 2.1 AA is the baseline; India's IS 17802 builds on the same success criteria.
- [ ] **Name an internal owner** for accessibility, with authority over product, design, and vendors.
- [ ] **Turn audit findings into a remediation plan** with an owner and a target date for each issue, prioritised by severity.
- [ ] **Re-test after fixes** and get the auditor to verify them, so your final report reflects the current state.
- [ ] **Check third-party components** (charting libraries, KYC and e-sign vendors, payment gateways). Their failures count against your platform.
- [ ] **Publish an accessibility statement** and a way for users to report barriers, and track those reports.

- [ ] **Keep evidence**: audit reports, remediation tracker, re-test results, and change history for the annual audit.

3. Platform checks (WCAG 2.1 AA)

Quick checks your team can run before the formal audit. Each one maps to WCAG 2.1 AA requirements.

Keyboard

- [ ] Every link, button, form field, menu, and dialog works with the keyboard alone (Tab, Shift+Tab, Enter, Space, arrow keys).
- [ ] A clearly visible focus indicator shows where you are at all times.
- [ ] Focus never gets stuck, and moves into and back out of pop-ups and modals correctly.
- [ ] A "skip to main content" link lets keyboard users bypass repeated navigation.

Screen readers

- [ ] Every image, icon, and icon-only button has a meaningful text alternative; decorative images are hidden.
- [ ] Pages use real headings (H1–H3) in a logical order, and landmarks (header, nav, main, footer).
- [ ] Data tables (holdings, order book, P&L) have proper header cells so values are read with their column names.
- [ ] Live updates such as order confirmations, errors, and price alerts are announced to screen readers.
- [ ] Tested with NVDA or JAWS on Windows, VoiceOver on iOS and macOS, and TalkBack on Android.

Visual design

- [ ] Text contrast is at least 4.5:1 (3:1 for large text, icons, and input borders).
- [ ] Gains and losses are not shown by red/green colour alone; add +/− signs, arrows, or labels.
- [ ] The page works at 200% zoom and at 320px width without loss of content or horizontal scrolling.
- [ ] Nothing flashes more than three times per second.

Forms, onboarding, and KYC

- [ ] Every field has a visible label that is also announced by screen readers (not placeholder text alone).
- [ ] Errors are described in text, linked to the field, and explain how to fix them.
- [ ] Session timeouts warn users and let them extend their time before they lose their progress.
- [ ] CAPTCHAs and OTP steps offer an accessible alternative (for example, an audio option or another channel).

- [ ] Document uploads, video KYC, and e-sign steps can be completed with assistive technology, or have an assisted route.

Content and documents

- [ ] PDFs (contract notes, statements, research reports) are tagged, readable by screen readers, and have a logical reading order.
- [ ] Videos have captions; audio-only content has a transcript.
- [ ] Link text makes sense on its own (avoid "click here").
- [ ] The page language is set, so screen readers pronounce content correctly.

Mobile apps

- [ ] All controls have accessible names for TalkBack and VoiceOver.
- [ ] Touch targets are large enough and well spaced; gestures have single-tap alternatives.
- [ ] The app respects the system font size and works in both orientations.

4. Issues we find most often in SEBI audits

Patterns from our audits of brokers, advisers, and analysts. Fixing these early saves remediation time later.

1. Icon-only buttons (buy, sell, delete, menu) with no accessible name.
2. Price and P&L changes shown only in red and green.
3. Charts and market depth with no text or table alternative.
4. Login, OTP, and KYC forms with missing labels and unclear error messages.
5. Custom dropdowns, date pickers, and modals that don't work with the keyboard.
6. Session timeouts that log users out with no warning.
7. Untagged PDF contract notes and statements.
8. Low-contrast grey text, disabled states, and input borders.
9. Order confirmations and errors that are never announced to screen reader users.
10. Third-party widgets (chat, KYC, payment) that fail even when your own pages pass.

Want to know where you stand?

Get a free SEBI readiness scan of your platform from an IAAP-certified auditor (CPACC certificate no. MACPACC14546), or book a full audit with a fixed price.

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