Possible Way to Think About Outcomes in WCAG 3

Guideline:

Requirement (Outcome)	
Organization Methods (Assertion)	
Platform Methods (Prerequisite)	
 Author methods that: prevent safety Issues, allow AT to provide support, and prevent task completion even with ideal AT support (Prerequisite) 	
All other Author methods (Baseline & Enhanced)	

Example 1: Visible Pointer Indicator

Guideline: The point of interaction (including focus and pointer) must be visually indicated

Requirement (Outcome)	The pointer must have a sufficient visual indicator.
Organization Methods (Assertion)	None
Platform Methods (Prerequisite)	 Provide a pointer indicator that: Exist: There is a visible pointer indicator. Be persistent: The pointer indicator is persistent Distinct Style: The pointer indicator changes shape based on the type of interaction available Color Contrast: Provide a pointer indicator that maximizes chance of sufficient contrast in high contrast and dark mode In Viewport: The pointer indicator should be visible within the viewport
Author methods that: • prevent safety Issues, • allow AT to provide support, and • prevent task completion even with ideal AT support (Prerequisite)	Don't block the default pointer indicator and ensure that default indicator is present and meets the outcome.
All other Author methods (Baseline & Enhanced)	 If you provide a custom pointer indicator, you must ensure that it: Exist: There is a visible pointer indicator. Be persistent: The pointer indicator is persistent Distinct Style: The pointer indicator changes shape based on the type of interaction available Color Contrast: Provide a pointer indicator that maximizes chance of sufficient contrast in high contrast and dark mode In Viewport: The pointer indicator should be visible within the viewport

Example 2: Visible Keyboard Focus

Guideline: The point of interaction (including focus and pointer) must be visually indicated

Requirement (Outcome)	The keyboard focus must have a sufficient visual indicator.
Organization Methods (Assertion)	Maintain a style guide or design system that includes designs for the keyboard focus indicator which meet the outcome.
Platform Methods (Prerequisite)	 Provide a keyboard focus indicator that: Exist: There is a visible pointer focus indicator. Be persistent: The pointer focus indicator is persistent Distinct Style: The keyboard focus indicator changes shape based on the type of interaction available Color Contrast: Provide a pointer indicator that maximizes chance of sufficient contrast in high contrast and dark mode In Viewport: The pointer focus indicator should be visible within the viewport
Author methods that: prevent safety Issues, allow AT to provide support, and prevent task completion even with ideal AT support (Prerequisite)	Avoid changing the platform provided pointer focus indicator
All other Author methods (Baseline & Enhanced)	 If you provide a custom keyboard focus indicator, you must ensure that it: Exist: There is a visible pointer focus indicator. Be persistent: The pointer focus indicator is persistent Distinct Style: The keyboard focus indicator changes shape based on the type of interaction available Color Contrast: Provide a pointer indicator that maximizes chance of sufficient contrast in high contrast and dark mode In Viewport: The pointer focus indicator should be visible within the viewport the viewport