

# WCAG 3 Schedule Proposal Comparison

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|                                | Option 1 - WCAG 3 Broad                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Option 2 - WCAG 3 Narrow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Option 3 - WCAG 2 Incremental                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Approach</b>                | Iterative                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Iterative                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Incremental                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Starting Point</b>          | WCAG 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | WCAG 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | WCAG 2.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Description</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focuses on getting as much possible done at the same time, in stages. It prioritizes maturing Foundational and Normative content.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prioritizes reaching similar coverage to WCAG 2.2 AAA and providing an opportunity for public feedback before fully maturing content. It then builds off that work.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selects and defines a few specific changes to make to WCAG 2.2. Completes the changes and delivers by the end of the charter.</li> </ul>                                                 |
| <b>Phase 1<br/>(2025-2027)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundational Requirements with the user needs and testing tab including a generic method and a web method (Mature).</li> <li>Informative supporting documentation for 3+ requirements</li> <li>Conformance model(s) (Mature)</li> <li>FPWD of a first draft of informative note on how WCAG 3 could be adopted into regulation including small organizations, third party and large websites</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundational Requirements, Supplemental requirements &amp; Assertions comparable to WCAG 2.2 AAA with at least one method each (Refining)</li> <li>Conformance model (Mature)</li> <li>FPWD of a first draft informative note on how WCAG 3 could be adopted into regulation including small organizations, third party and large websites</li> <li>FPWD of note on high impact items (assertions, color contrast)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select and define a few specific changes to make to WCAG 2.2</li> <li>Complete the changes and deliver by the end of the charter (2.3? 3.0?)</li> <li>Incubate for next phase</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Phase 2<br/>(2027-2029)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FPWD of note on high impact items (assertions, color contrast)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assertions (Mature)</li> <li>• All informative documentation for Foundational Requirements</li> <li>• Final draft of informative note on how WCAG 3 could be adopted into regulation</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All informative documentation for Phase 1</li> <li>• Foundational Requirements, Supplemental requirements &amp; Assertions comparable to WCAG 2.2 AAA with at least one method each (Mature)</li> <li>• Final draft of informative note on how WCAG 3 could be adopted into regulation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select and define a few specific changes to make to WCAG 2.2</li> <li>• Complete the changes and deliver by the end of the charter or the charter afterwards (2.4?, 3.1?)</li> <li>• Incubate for next phase</li> </ul> |
| <b>Phase 3<br/>(2029-2031)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplemental Requirements with the user needs and testing tab including a generic method and an html method. (2030)</li> <li>• All informative documentation for Supplemental Requirements. (2031)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional requirements and assertions based on research support and technology changes</li> <li>• Best practices</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select and define a few specific changes to make to WCAG 2.2</li> <li>• Complete the changes and deliver by the end of the charter or the charter afterwards (2.4?, 3.1?)</li> <li>• Incubate for next phase</li> </ul> |
| <b>Onward</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional requirements and assertions based on research support and technology changes</li> </ul>                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional requirements and assertions based on research support and technology changes</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select and define a few specific changes to make to WCAG 2.2</li> <li>• Complete the changes and deliver by the end of the charter or the charter afterwards (2.4?, 3.1?)</li> <li>• Incubate for next phase</li> </ul> |

