

## Section 508 Compliance

### What is section 508?

508 is part of the Electronic and Information Technology (EIT) accessibility act that was passed to make technological resources available to people with disabilities. This means that people need to be able to access your content whether they are deaf, blind, mobility impaired, or just don't have time to wait for flashy modules to load to find content. This applies to online content, information devices, and any information technology bought with government funding.

### Why do we comply?

- It's the law
- It gives everyone taking the course full and complete ability to interact with the course regardless of disability.
- It makes the web more accessible for everyone:
  - People with disabilities
  - Mobile device users
  - People using slow computers or connections

### Keep these things in mind:

- Visual Impairments – your course must include narration of all relevant information
- Hearing Loss – any multimedia in your course must include captions or a transcript; this will also help those who speak English as a second language, have software limitations, don't have the equipment to listen to audio or aren't in a situation where audio is convenient.
- Mobility Limitations – Keep navigation simple and easy to operate.
- Learning Disabilities – Modules should not be timed if possible, and should include easy navigation and directional buttons?

\*\*508 Compliance also provides information electronically in a clear, simple language with easily understandable navigational mechanisms for everyone's benefit.

### How will section 508 change my Distance Learning product?

It will make it more usable. Any training or information that receives federal funding is required to be available to everyone, equally.