Adobe Acrobat Accessibility Checker – Section 508 & WCAG Compliance Checklist

This updated checklist includes all critical options in Adobe Acrobat Accessibility Checker with an additional column indicating whether each item is Required or Recommended for compliance.

Category	Item to Check	WCAG Reference	Required vs Recommend
Document	Accessibility permission flag	WCAG 2.1 – 1.3.1	Required
Document	Document is tagged PDF	WCAG 2.1 – 1.3.1	Required
Document	Primary language is set	WCAG 2.1 – 3.1.1	Required
Document	Document title is set	WCAG 2.1 – 2.4.2	Required
Document	Bookmarks for >21 pages	WCAG 2.1 – 2.4.1	Recommended
Alternate Text	Images have alternate text	WCAG 2.1 – 1.1.1	Required
Alternate Text	Figures alt text associated	WCAG 2.1 – 1.1.1	Required
Page Content	Tagged annotations	WCAG 2.1 – 1.3.1	Required
Forms	Field descriptions (tooltips)	WCAG 2.1 – 3.3.2	Required
Page Content	Tab order is correct	WCAG 2.1 – 2.4.3	Required
Tables	Headers identified	WCAG 2.1 – 1.3.1	Required
Tables	Headers associated with cells	WCAG 2.1 – 1.3.1	Required
Tables	Caption provided	WCAG 2.1 – H39	Recommended
Tables	Summary provided	WCG Technique Advisory	Recommended
Lists	Lists properly tagged	WCAG 2.1 – 1.3.1	Required
Headings	Headings properly nested	WCAG 2.1 – 1.3.1	Required
Document	Logical reading order	WCAG 2.1 – 1.3.2	Required
Document	Color contrast (manual check)	WCAG 2.1 – 1.4.3	Required