

AFFORDABLE ACCESS CHECKLIST



To assist you in making great accessible technology buying decisions, this checklist is provided to ensure that all your desired criteria are met before making a purchase.

Products

Pricing

- Is the product priced under \$250?

Windows tablets and mini-PCs

- Does it run Windows 10, or is entitled to the free Windows 10 upgrade?
- Does it come with a 12-month free Office 365 license?
- Does it have at least 2GB RAM?
- Does it have at least 16GB storage space?
- Does it have an SD card slot for upgrading storage?
- Does it come with an HDMI port so I can connect it to an external monitor?
- Do I need to download additional software such as the NVDA screen reader?
- Do I need to purchase additional hardware such as USB buttons to assist with a mobility impairment?

Android tablets

- Does it have at least a dual-core processor?
- Does it have at least 1GB RAM?
- Does it have at least 8GB storage space?
- Does it have an SD card slot for upgrading storage?
- Does it run the version of Android I need (4.4 minimum, 5.0 or higher recommended)?

Android smartphones

- Does it have at least a dual-core processor?
- Does it have at least 1GB RAM?
- Does it support 4G for a faster online experience?
- Does it have at least 16GB storage space?
- Does it have an SD card slot for upgrading storage?
- Does it run the version of Android I need? (4.4 minimum, 5.0 or higher recommended)

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SIM-only plans

- Do I need voice calls in my plan?
- Do I need text messages in my plan?
- Do I need data in my plan?

Additional equipment

- Would a Chromecast provide additional assistance to my disability needs?
- Would a Raspberry Pi be worth investigating given a lot of technical knowledge is required to set it up correctly?

Disability

Vision

- Does the Android version in the device I wish to purchase have the accessibility features I need? (see the Android information in the 'What's accessible' section)
- Would a ChromeCast be helpful to see information on my device mirrored on a large television?
- Can my tablet upgrade to Windows 10 to make use of the improved accessibility features?
- Should I upgrade to Windows 10 given I use third-party accessibility features?
- Does the Windows tablet have the ability to connect a monitor so I can show the display on a large screen?
- Do I need a more advanced screen reader like the free NVDA?

Hearing

- Will the Android device I wish to purchase support closed captions? (see the 'What's accessible' section)
- Does my telco have a SIM-only plan so I don't have to pay for phone calls, instead focusing on my data-based needs?
- Do I need a Chromecast to view captioned video?

Mobility

- Would USB buttons assist me in place of expensive switch keys?
- Does my tablet include a free upgrade to Windows 10 so I can use the improved voice recognition features?

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