



CMS Section 508 Program Tip #5: Fields Labels



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Field labels carry a “high impact” consideration and should be prioritized during development and remediation.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT

In order for assistive technology users to understand and successfully complete a given task, form fields must have labels that are programmatically defined.

WHAT TO DO

1. Ensure all form input controls have a meaningful and unique accessible name:
 - Programmatically associate the visual label with its field using the label tag for attribute. The value must match the ID of the field.
2. Relative form controls (check boxes, radio buttons, and multi-part fields) must be labeled. Use the FIELDSET and LEGEND tags.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on field labels and related techniques, please visit the [WCAG 2.0, Guideline 3.3.2, Labels or Instructions](#).

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