

# [Yomidas] Accessibility Conformance Report

## WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.5Rev)

**Name of Product/Version:** Yomidas

**Report Date:** April 2026

**Product Description:** Yomidas is a digital archive service that provides access to articles from The Yomiuri Shimbun, covering historical and current content.

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**Notes:**

**Evaluation Methods Used:**

**Applicable Standards/Guidelines**

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
<a href="#">Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0</a>	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)
<a href="#">Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1</a>	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)
<a href="#">Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2</a>	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)

## Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports:** The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports:** Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.
- **Does Not Support:** The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.
- **Not Applicable:** The criterion is not relevant to the product.
- **Not Evaluated:** The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can only be used in WCAG Level AAA criteria.

## WCAG 2.x Report

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.x Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the [WCAG 2.0 Conformance Requirements](#).

## Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<a href="#">1.1.1 Non-text Content</a> (Level A)	Partially Supports	Most images across Yomidas have appropriate alternative text; however, some images do not have appropriate alternative text (alt attributes). Decorative images are not consistently assigned empty alt attributes, which may result in unnecessary information being announced by screen readers. In addition, some images that convey content do not include appropriate descriptions, making it difficult for users to fully understand the information.
<a href="#">1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded)</a> (Level A)	Not Applicable	Yomidas does not include audio or video content.
<a href="#">1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded)</a> (Level A)	Not Applicable	
<a href="#">1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded)</a> (Level A)	Not Applicable	
<a href="#">1.3.1 Info and Relationships</a> (Level A)	Partially Supports	Some heading elements (h1–h6) are used in places that are not actual headings. In addition, some content presented as lists is not consistently marked up using appropriate list elements (ul, ol, li). As a result, the structure and relationships of information may not be correctly conveyed to users of assistive technologies in these instances.
<a href="#">1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.4.1 Use of Color</a> (Level A)	Partially Supports	Some links are not visually distinguishable from surrounding text in their default state. Although the color changes on hover, this may make it difficult for some users to identify links.
<a href="#">1.4.2 Audio Control</a> (Level A)	Not Applicable	
<a href="#">2.1.1 Keyboard</a> (Level A)	Does Not Support	When navigating using the keyboard (e.g., the Tab key), some elements receive focus but cannot be

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		<p>activated. In addition, some interactive elements do not receive keyboard focus and therefore cannot be operated using a keyboard.</p> <p>For example, the “Print” button can receive focus but cannot be activated. Additionally, certain elements do not receive keyboard focus, including the trash icon for deleting folders on the “Saved Articles” page, the close (“x”) button in the popup dialog that appears after selecting the trash icon, and the “Copy to a folder,” “Move to a folder,” and “Delete” buttons that appear when selecting articles within a folder.</p>
<a href="#">2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.2.1 Timing Adjustable</a> (Level A)	Not Applicable	Yomidas does not include time limits or auto-updating content that requires user control.
<a href="#">2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide</a> (Level A)	Not Applicable	Yomidas does not include time limits or auto-updating content that requires user control.
<a href="#">2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold</a> (Level A)	Not Applicable	Yomidas does not include content that flashes more than three times per second.
<a href="#">2.4.1 Bypass Blocks</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.4.2 Page Titled</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.4.3 Focus Order</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context)</a> (Level A)	Partially Supports	<p>Most links clearly indicate their purpose or destination when considered in context. However, in some cases, links do not clearly indicate that they lead to PDF files. In addition, some linked images have empty alternative text, which may prevent screen reader users from understanding the purpose or destination of the links. As a result, users may have difficulty determining the purpose or destination of links in these instances.</p>
<a href="#">2.5.1 Pointer Gestures</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	

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<a href="#">2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.5.3 Label in Name</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Does Not Support	The visible labels for certain input fields do not match their programmatically determinable accessible names. For example, in the advanced search section on the top page and search results pages, input fields such as “Words to exclude” and “Select date,” as well as the “User ID” and “Password” fields on the login page, have accessible names that do not include or match their visible labels. As a result, users relying on speech input or other assistive technologies may have difficulty identifying and interacting with these fields.
<a href="#">2.5.4 Motion Actuation</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Not Applicable	Yomidas does not include functionality that can be operated by device motion.
<a href="#">3.1.1 Language of Page</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.2.1 On Focus</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.2.2 On Input</a> (Level A)	Partially Supports	When users enter text to search for folders on the Saved Articles page, the content displayed below the input field may update automatically without explicit user confirmation. This behavior may cause confusion for some users, as the change occurs immediately upon input.
<a href="#">3.2.6 Consistent Help</a> (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.3.1 Error Identification</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.3.2 Labels or Instructions</a> (Level A)	Does Not Support	Form controls, such as checkboxes and radio buttons in the advanced search interface, are not properly labeled, as they are not programmatically associated with labels or title attributes. As a result, users of assistive technologies cannot reliably identify the purpose of these controls.
<a href="#">3.3.7 Redundant Entry</a> (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	
<a href="#">4.1.1 Parsing</a> (Level A) WCAG 2.0 and 2.1 – Always answer ‘Supports’ WCAG 2.2 (obsolete and removed) - Does not apply	Supports	For WCAG 2.0 and 2.1, the September 2023 errata update indicates this criterion is always supported. See

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		the <a href="#">WCAG 2.0 Editorial Errata</a> and the <a href="#">WCAG 2.1 Editorial Errata</a> .
<a href="#">4.1.2 Name, Role, Value</a> (Level A)	Does Not Support	Some form controls do not have programmatically determinable names due to missing or improperly associated labels or title attributes. In addition, radio buttons and checkboxes in the advanced search section are not exposed to screen readers. As a result, users cannot reliably identify the name, role, and value of these controls, and some functionality is not operable using assistive technologies.

**Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA**

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<a href="#">1.2.4 Captions (Live)</a> (Level AA)	Not Applicable	Yomidas does not include audio or video content.
<a href="#">1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded)</a> (Level AA)	Not Applicable	Yomidas does not include audio or video content.
<a href="#">1.3.4 Orientation</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum)</a> (Level AA)	Does Not Support	Text and background color combinations do not consistently meet the required minimum contrast ratio of 4.5:1. In addition, the contrast ratio for link text on mouse hover states also does not meet the 4.5:1 requirement. As a result, some users may have difficulty reading text content.
<a href="#">1.4.4 Resize text</a> (Level AA)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.4.5 Images of Text</a> (Level AA)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.4.10 Reflow</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Does Not Support	When content is displayed at a viewport width of 1280 CSS pixels and zoomed to 400%, some content is clipped or becomes unavailable without requiring horizontal scrolling. For example, in the advanced

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		search condition input area, the sample text displayed in the “Example” field is partially cut off. As a result, users may be unable to access all content at this zoom level.
<a href="#">1.4.11 Non-text Contrast</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Does Not Support	The contrast ratio of non-text user interface components and graphical objects does not consistently meet the required minimum ratio of 3:1. Examples include insufficient contrast between input field and checkbox borders and the background, focus indicators and the background, graphical object colors and adjacent colors, and slider track colors and the background. As a result, some users may have difficulty perceiving these elements.
<a href="#">1.4.12 Text Spacing</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Does Not Support	When text spacing is adjusted to the following values—line height of at least 1.5 times the font size, paragraph spacing of at least 2 times the font size, letter spacing of at least 0.12 times the font size, and word spacing of at least 0.16 times the font size—some content becomes distorted or is not displayed correctly. For example, in the advanced search date range input section, the “Starting from today” label used for specifying the search period is partially obscured or overlaps with other content. As a result, users may have difficulty reading or understanding the content.
<a href="#">1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Not Applicable	Yomidas does not include content that appears on hover or focus.
<a href="#">2.4.5 Multiple Ways</a> (Level AA)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.4.6 Headings and Labels</a> (Level AA)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.4.7 Focus Visible</a> (Level AA)	Does Not Support	When navigating using the keyboard (e.g., the Tab key), the focus indicator is difficult to perceive and, in some cases, not visible. This issue occurs across the Yomidas system, particularly in checkbox components.

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		As a result, users may have difficulty determining which element currently has focus.
<a href="#">2.4.11 Focus Not Obscured (Minimum)</a> (Level AA 2.2 only)	Does Not Support	On the Saved Articles page, when users select registered articles using checkboxes, an action menu appears at the bottom of the screen. This menu overlaps with the footer area, causing footer links to be obscured and, in some cases, not accessible via keyboard navigation. As a result, users may be unable to reach or perceive these links.
<a href="#">2.5.7 Dragging Movements</a> (Level AA 2.2 only)	Does Not Support	In the print settings for page image printing, the print area selection method is limited to dragging to select the area to print. No alternative method is provided that allows the same functionality using a single pointer without a dragging movement. As a result, users who cannot perform dragging gestures may be unable to operate this feature.
<a href="#">2.5.8 Target Size (Minimum)</a> (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.1.2 Language of Parts</a> (Level AA)	Does Not Support	In some cases, changes in language within the page, such as from Japanese to English, are not explicitly indicated using language attributes. As a result, assistive technologies may not correctly identify the language of the content.
<a href="#">3.2.3 Consistent Navigation</a> (Level AA)	Does Not Support	Navigation mechanisms are not presented consistently across pages. For example, the order and placement of navigation elements, such as headers and footers, vary between pages. As a result, users may have difficulty predicting where to find navigation options.
<a href="#">3.2.4 Consistent Identification</a> (Level AA)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.3.3 Error Suggestion</a> (Level AA)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data)</a> (Level AA)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.3.8 Accessible Authentication (Minimum)</a> (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	
<a href="#">4.1.3 Status Messages</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Does Not Support	Status messages are not programmatically exposed and are not announced by assistive technologies such

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		as screen readers. As a result, users may not be aware of changes in content or system status.

**Table 3: Success Criteria, Level AAA**

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<a href="#">1.2.6 Sign Language (Prerecorded)</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">1.2.7 Extended Audio Description (Prerecorded)</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">1.2.8 Media Alternative (Prerecorded)</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">1.2.9 Audio-only (Live)</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">1.3.6 Identify Purpose</a> (Level AAA 2.1 and 2.2)		
<a href="#">1.4.6 Contrast (Enhanced)</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">1.4.7 Low or No Background Audio</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">1.4.8 Visual Presentation</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">1.4.9 Images of Text (No Exception)</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">2.1.3 Keyboard (No Exception)</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">2.2.3 No Timing</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">2.2.4 Interruptions</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">2.2.5 Re-authenticating</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">2.2.6 Timeouts</a> (Level AAA 2.1 and 2.2)		
<a href="#">2.3.2 Three Flashes</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">2.3.3 Animation from Interactions</a> (Level AAA 2.1 and 2.2)		
<a href="#">2.4.8 Location</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">2.4.9 Link Purpose (Link Only)</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">2.4.10 Section Headings</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">2.4.12 Focus Not Obscured (Enhanced)</a> (Level AAA 2.2 only)		
<a href="#">2.4.13 Focus Appearance</a> (Level AAA 2.2 only)		

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<a href="#">2.5.5 Target Size</a> (Level AAA 2.1 and 2.2)		
<a href="#">2.5.6 Concurrent Input Mechanisms</a> (Level AAA 2.1 and 2.2)		
<a href="#">3.1.3 Unusual Words</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">3.1.4 Abbreviations</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">3.1.5 Reading Level</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">3.1.6 Pronunciation</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">3.2.5 Change on Request</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">3.3.5 Help</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">3.3.6 Error Prevention (All)</a> (Level AAA)		
<a href="#">3.3.9 Accessible Authentication (Enhanced)</a> (Level AAA 2.2 only)		

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