

# [Yomidas] Accessibility Conformance Report

## WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.5Rev)

**Name of Product/Version:** Yomidas

**Report Date:** May 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. 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)	Supports	
<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	

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<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	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.
<a href="#">2.5.1 Pointer Gestures</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	
<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)	Partially Supports	Due to design constraints, some input fields use visually hidden labels instead of visible text labels. Accessible names are programmatically associated with these fields to support assistive technologies such as screen readers. Where visible labels are provided, the accessible names match the visible labels.
<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)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.2.6 Consistent Help</a> (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<a href="#">3.3.1 Error Identification</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.3.2 Labels or Instructions</a> (Level A)	Partially Supports	Due to design constraints, some input fields use visually hidden labels rather than persistent visible labels. Accessible names are programmatically associated with these fields to support assistive technologies such as screen readers. In some cases, contextual cues and placeholder text are also used to help users understand the expected input.
<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 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)	Partially Supports	Form controls and interactive elements are primarily implemented using standard HTML elements such as input, a, and button, which provide semantic roles and compatibility with assistive technologies. However, some components may have limitations in fully exposing name, role, or value information.

## 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)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.4.4 Resize text</a> (Level AA)	Supports	

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<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)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.4.11 Non-text Contrast</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.4.12 Text Spacing</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Partially Supports	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. 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)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.4.11 Focus Not Obscured (Minimum)</a> (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.5.7 Dragging Movements</a> (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	
<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)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.2.3 Consistent Navigation</a> (Level AA)	Partially Supports	Navigation mechanisms are generally presented consistently across standard pages. However, certain article viewer pages use a simplified layout without standard header or footer navigation in order to maximize reading space for newspaper content. As a result, navigation placement may differ between standard pages and content viewing interfaces.
<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	

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<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)	Supports	

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

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<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)		

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<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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