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April 28, 2026

SUBMISSION OF THE INITIAL ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT REPORT FOR DIGITAL PLATFORMS

Depository Participant (DPs) are advised to refer Communique CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2025/656 dated September 29, 2025, along with SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/131 dated September 25, 2025, regarding Compliance Guidelines for Digital Accessibility Circular 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder- mandatory compliance by all Regulated Entities' dated July 31, 2025.

As prescribed in the above-mentioned SEBI circular, DPs are required to submit the Initial Accessibility Audit Report for digital platforms by **April 30, 2026**, to the Depository.

In the view of the above, all the DPs are advised to submit the Initial Accessibility Audit Report for digital platforms in accordance with the process outlined in attached **Annexure A** through the AuditWeb Portal - <https://auditweb.cdslindia.com>.

Please note that the Depository Participant (DP) shall ensure that the Accessibility Auditor comprehensively covers all applicable digital platforms within the scope of the audit. This shall include websites, mobile applications, portals, and similar interfaces.

Further, it is recommended that the DP may consider including the auditor's certification details (IAAP ID / Certificate Number) as well as their contact information, in the signed audit report that shall be uploaded by them on the AuditWeb Portal.

DPs are requested to take note of the aforesaid compliance requirement and ensure compliance accordingly.

Queries regarding this communiqué may be addressed to CDSL – Audit, Inspection & Compliance Department on telephone nos. (022) 6234-3143/ 6234-3074 / 6234-3489 and 6234-3082.

**For and on behalf of
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Annexure A Manual for Submission

- I. Submission through: <https://auditweb.cdslindia.com> –
 1. Log in with **DP login** credentials.
 2. Select the Audit Type '**INITIAL DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT REPORT**'.
 3. Select appropriate '**Audit Month – April-2026**' and select **DP**.
 4. Click on **Confirm**.

5. Once the DP clicks the **Confirm** button, the “Initial Digital Accessibility Audit Report” screen will appear.

Action	DP_ID	URL of digital platform	Is minimum level of accessibility at AA level as per latest WCAG guidelines (Yes / No)	Remarks on Status of readiness and compliance to the accessibility requirements	Supporting document	Name of Certified Accessibility Professional / Firm	Date of Completion of Audit	Is the list of Digital Platforms covered in the Audit same as the list of Digital Platforms declared to CDSL against the deadline of 30th September 2025 (Reference: SEBI Circular dated 29th August 2025)	Deviation Reason	Key Findings / Signed Report	Action Plan / Timelines
Edit	12345	https://te...	Yes	Test	Testda			No			



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6. Click the **Edit** button to provide the requisite information.

The screenshot displays the 'AUDIT APPLICATION' interface for the 'INITIAL DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT REPORT'. The form includes a table with the following columns: Action, DP_ID, URL of digital platform, Is minimum level of accessibility at AA level as per latest WCAG guidelines (Yes / No), Remarks on Status of readiness and compliance to the accessibility requirements, Supporting document, Name of Certified Accessibility Professional / Firm, Date of Completion of Audit, Is the list of Digital Platforms covered in the Audit same as the list of Digital Platforms declared to CDSL against the deadline of 30th September 2025 (Reference: SEBI Circular dated "29th August 2025"), Deviation Reason, Key Findings / Signed Report, and Action Plan / Timelines. The 'Action' column contains buttons for 'Update', 'Cancel', and 'Add'. The 'Supporting document' column has a 'Choose Files' button and a 'Testda' link. The 'Date of Completion of Audit' column has a date picker set to 'dd-mm-yyyy'. The 'Is the list of Digital Platforms...' column has a 'No' selection and a 'Choose File' button. At the bottom of the form, there are buttons for 'Save', 'Submit', 'Refresh', and 'Back'. The footer of the page reads 'Copyright © 2019 - Audit Team, Central Depository Services (India) Ltd. All rights reserved.'

7. The DP is required to select and provide the following details against each URL:

- Name of Certified Accessibility Professional / Firm
- Date of Completion of Audit
- Is the list of Digital Platforms covered in the Audit same as the list of Digital Platforms declared to CDSL against the deadline of 30th September 2025 (Reference: SEBI Circular dated "29th August 2025")
- In case of "No", please mention the reason for deviation
- Key Findings / Signed Report
- Action Plan / Timelines for Remediation - Please mention the Timeline for Remediation of Open Observations, in alignment with the Audit Report. In case of no open observations, please mention "NA".



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Update		https://testaudit.cdsl.co.in/	Yes	Test	Choose Files Testda	m & v associates	04-08-2026	No	In alignment with the Audit Report. In	Choose Files No...sen Initial Digital Acces- Delete	Testing

8. After updating the details listed above, click the **Update** button and then click **Save**.

9. If the DP wants to add a new URL, click **Add New Row**. The following screen will be displayed.

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		--Select--	--Select--		Choose File		dd-mm-yyyy	--Select--		Choose Files No...en	

- o Please note that spacing is not allowed under - URL of Digital Platform tab. In case of Mobile Applications, DPs are advised to enter the name of the Mobile Application in the above-mentioned tab.



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If any modifications are required in the newly updated row, the DP may **edit or delete** the entire row, including the 'Key Findings/Signed Report' column for that respective row. Upon deletion, a new 'Key Findings/Signed Report' can be attached.

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Fail	[Redacted]	https://te...	Yes	Test	Testda	m & v asso...	04-08-2026	No	In alignme...	Initial Digital Acces...	Testing
Fail	[Redacted]	https://te...	Yes	Test	Initial Digital Acces...	M & v asso...	11-03-2026	Yes		Initial Digital Acces...	NA

Buttons: Save, Submit, Refresh, Back

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10. Once the required information is updated, click **Save** before submitting to CDSL.

11. The DP should click **Submit** to complete the submission process.

- Once submitted, DP will get a confirmation message "Data Submitted Successfully".
- Please note that once the DP clicks the **Submit** button, the DP will no longer be able to submit any information or details for that scheduled month.