

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

For the use of the Federal Government's Central
Invoice Submission Portal (ZRE)

As at: 12 May 2021

1. Accessibility statement

The operator aims to make this website accessible to users of all abilities in line with national legislation, the Act on Equal Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (Behindertengleichstellungsgesetz, BGG) and the Ordinance on Accessible Information Technology (Barrierefreie-Informationstechnik-Verordnung, BITV) 2.0 and in order to implement Directive (EU) 2016/2102 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The applicable technical requirements are set out in the Ordinance on Accessible Information Technology 2.0 (BITV 2.0). This statement refers to the digital accessibility of the online service at <https://xrechnung.bund.de>.

1.1 When was the accessibility statement last updated?

The present statement was last updated on 12 May 2021.

Technical accessibility was tested for compliance with the Ordinance on Accessible Information Technology by means of a design support BITV test (www.bitvest.de) carried out by an independent testing centre in April 2021.

1.2 What is the level of accessibility of this online service?

The website is partially accessible. The requirements set out in BITV 2.0 are met only in part.

1.3 What regions of the website are not accessible?

1.3.1 HTML structure elements for lists

Area „Footer navigation“: When using indentions, the number of list elements is incorrect. This results in an incorrect number of counted elements in the output of the screen reader. This inconsistency also affects the areas „Forgotten password“ and „User management“.

1.3.2 Text is resizable to 200%

The window content on the right of the login page and on pages for user registration is being truncated. Due to inactive scroll function this content is not accessible.

1.3.3 Content is being wrapped

If window width is small or content is extremely zoomed in, then all the content in the window must be usable without scrolling horizontally. Responsive layout is not consistently available. Furthermore, buttons are being truncated if window width is small or content is extremely zoomed in.

1.3.4 Areas skippable

All pages: Navigation menus are not marked up with `nav`. Also, there is no labelling with `aria-label`.

1.3.5 Meaningful document titles

The login page and user registration pages have identical document titles and are not distinguishable from each other.

1.3.6 Current position of the focus clear

Focus highlight is worse in case of keyboard operation than in case of mouse operation for some buttons. Requirements for contrast are partially not fulfilled.

1.3.7 Visible labelling part of accessible name (alternative text)

The accessible name (alternative text) of the webpage logo „bund.de“ in the header area does not correspond to the visible labelling.

1.3.8 Form elements labelling available

There is no entry field label for additionally added preceded invoices („add preceding invoice reference“) on the page „Invoice data“.

2. Measures

The operator aims to make the website <https://xrechnung.bund.de/> accessible to the widest possible audience. Currently, the website is partially accessible. To ensure compliance with BITV 2.0, the shortcomings described under 1.3 above will be remedied step by step.

2.1 Time frame

The website is to be updated at least twice per year. During these updates, we will work progressively on implementing the requirements.

The operator of ZRE ensures step-by-step elimination of the flaws.

2.2 Accessible alternatives

For the time being, users are recommended to use the alternative invoice submission channel e-mail or Peppol. To send an electronic invoice by e-mail, activate the invoice submission channel in your ZRE account. Then attach the invoice in XML format to your e-mail and send the e-mail to xrechnung@portal.bund.de.

3. Contact

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

You can reach us by phone Monday – Friday (except public holidays) from 8.00 to 16.00 at the following telephone number: +49 (0) 30 2598 4436 or via e-mail at sendersupport-xrechnung@bdr.de

You can contact the publisher of the webpage (see imprint) alternatively.

4. Arbitration

If you do not succeed in reaching a contact person, you can also refer to the Arbitration Service set up in accordance with the Act on Equal Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. Schlichtungsstelle nach dem Behindertengleichstellungsgesetz bei

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