

Circular No.: NSDL/POLICY/2026/0149

October 05, 2026

Subject: Facility for submission of Digital Accessibility Audit Report for Digital Platforms through e-PASS

Attention of Depository Participants (DPs) is invited to NSDL circular no. NSDL/POLICY/2025/0129 dated September 29, 2025 (ref: SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/131 dated September 25, 2025) and NSDL circular no. NSDL/POLICY/2026/0137 dated September 21, 2026, 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. Further, NSDL circular no. NSDL/POLICY/2026/0109 dated August 03, 2026 (ref: SEBI Circular no. HO/(411)2026-ITD-5_DIV2/I/17922/2026 dated July 31, 2026), was issued regarding extension of timelines with respect to compliance of Digital Accessibility Circulars.

As prescribed in the above-mentioned circular dated August 03, 2026, DPs are required to submit the 'Final Accessibility Audit Report' for digital platforms to the Depository by **October 31, 2026**.

A facility for submitting the 'Final Accessibility Audit Report' for digital platforms through e-PASS portal has been developed and the steps for submitting the same through e-PASS portal are mentioned in **Annexure A**. Functionality has been released on October 01, 2026. The existing checker user of DP will be able to access the aforesaid feature on NSDL e-PASS portal through their existing log-in ids.

In case there is any change in details of Checker User i.e. Compliance Officer's / Alternative Compliance Officer's name, email id and mobile number, DPs are advised to update the details through e-PASS as per the procedure mentioned in Annexure Q under Chapter 11 (Internal Controls) of NSDL Master Circular to DPs.

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

Further, the DPs should include the auditor's certification details (IAAP ID / Certificate Number) as well as their contact information, in the signed audit report to be submitted on the e-PASS Portal.



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

For any information or clarifications in this matter, DPs may contact NSDL at nsdl-bp-inspection@nsdl.com.

**For and on behalf of
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FORTHCOMING COMPLIANCE			
Particulars	Deadline	Manner of sending	Reference
Investor Grievance Report (Monthly)	By 10 th of the following month	Through e-PASS	Para 22 of 'Grievance Redressal' chapter and Para 27 of 'Internal Controls/Reporting to NSDL/SEBI' chapter of NSDL Master Circular for Participants
Networth Certificate and Audited Financial Statements. (yearly)	October 31st	Through e-PASS	Para 20.7 of 'Internal Controls/Reporting to NSDL/SEBI' chapter of NSDL Master Circular for Participants
Compliance report w.r.t Same Mobile number and/ or email address captured for multiple accounts. (Monthly)	Before 27 th of following month	Through Email.	Para 26 of 'Miscellaneous' chapter of NSDL Master Circular for Participants.
Risk based Supervision of Participants (Half yearly)	April 30th and Oct 31st	Through e-PASS	Para 7 of 'Internal Controls/Reporting to NSDL/SEBI' chapter of NSDL Master Circular for Participants
Cyber Security & Cyber Resilience framework of Depository Participants (Quarterly)	By 15th of the following month.	Through e-PASS	Para 2.66 of 'Internal Controls/Reporting to NSDL/SEBI' chapter of NSDL Master Circular for Participants



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Annexure A

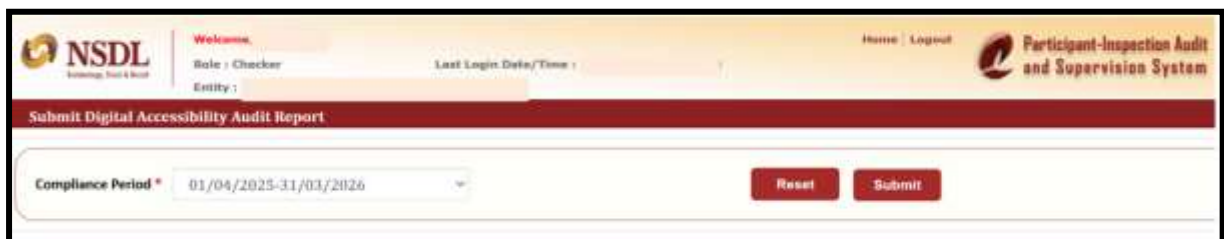
Steps for submission of Digital Accessibility Audit Report through e-PASS portal

Submission of Digital Accessibility Audit Report through Checker login

1. After login to the e-PASS, click on 'Submit Digital Accessibility Audit Report' under the 'DP Periodical Reports' section as exhibited below:

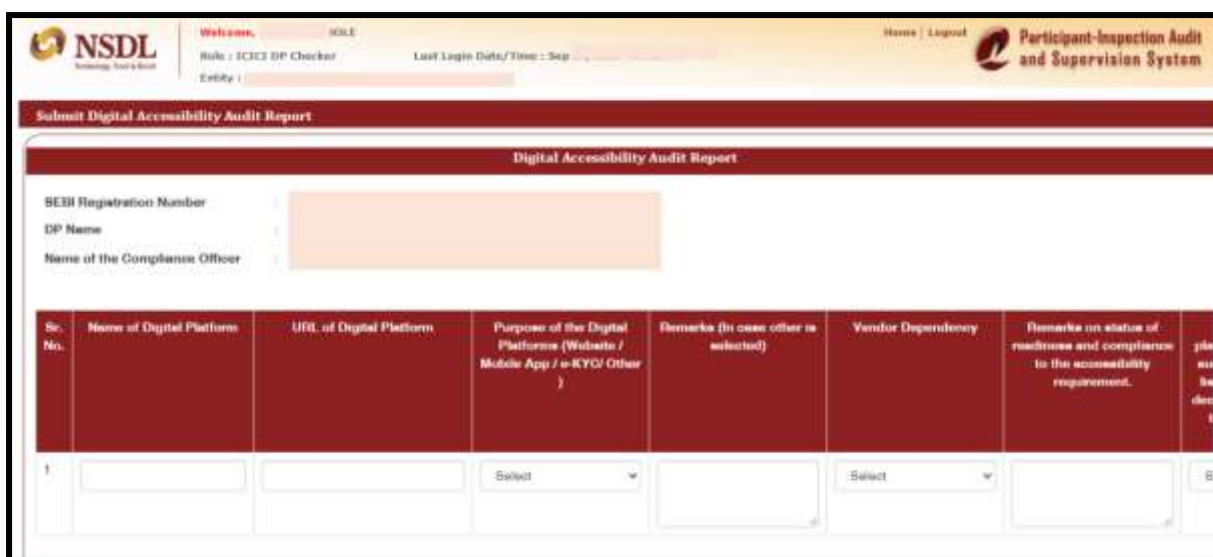


2. Upon clicking 'Submit Digital Accessibility Audit Report', user will have to select the period for submission and then click on the 'Submit' tab as exhibited below.



3. After clicking on 'Submit' button, the user will be required to duly input the required details for each application / URL / website as exhibited below.

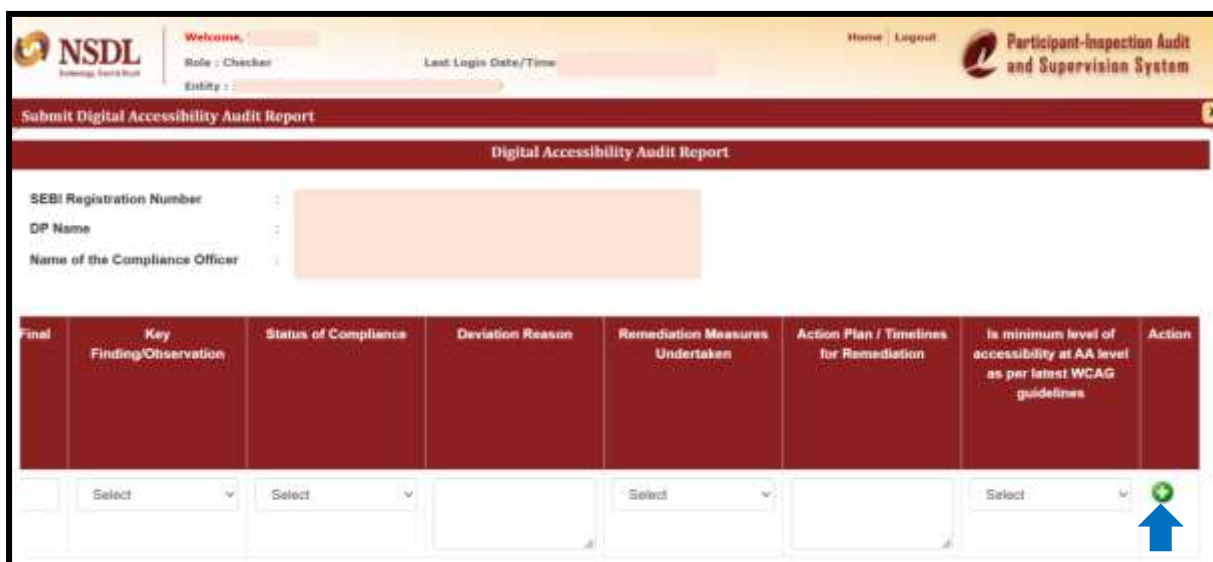




The screenshot shows the 'Submit Digital Accessibility Audit Report' page. It includes a header with the NSDL logo, user role (ROLE), last login date/time, and a 'Home | Logout' link. The main section is titled 'Digital Accessibility Audit Report' and contains input fields for 'SEBI Registration Number', 'DP Name', and 'Name of the Compliance Officer'. Below these is a table with the following columns: 'Sr. No.', 'Name of Digital Platform', 'URL of Digital Platform', 'Purpose of the Digital Platform (Website / Mobile App / e-KYC/ Other)', 'Remarks (in case other is selected)', 'Vendor Dependency', 'Remarks on status of readiness and compliance to the accessibility requirement.', and 'File Attachments'. The table has a dropdown menu for 'Purpose of the Digital Platform' and a 'Select' button for 'Vendor Dependency'. A plus (+) button is visible at the end of the first row to add more platforms.

Note: User will have to mandatorily input details in 'Remarks' field, in case of selecting 'Others' in the field 'Purpose of the Digital Platforms'.

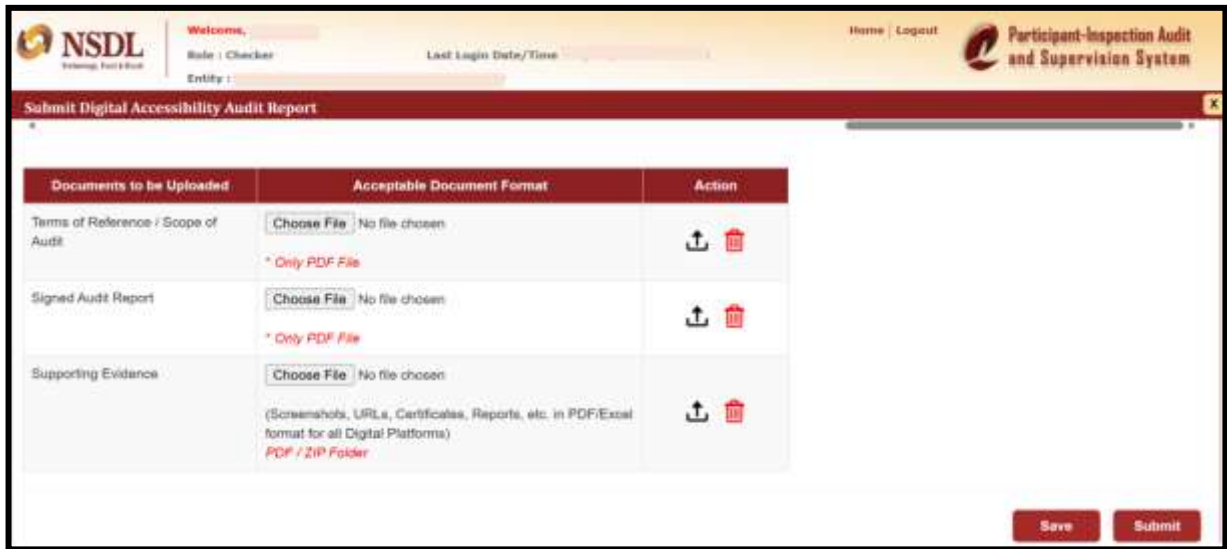
4. After inserting all the details for a digital platform, the user will be required to add row for inserting details for other digital platforms by clicking on the plus (+) button at the end of the row as exhibited below. The step to be repeated by the user for ensuring submission for all digital platforms.



This screenshot shows the table part of the 'Digital Accessibility Audit Report' form. The table has columns: 'Final', 'Key Finding/Observation', 'Status of Compliance', 'Deviation Reason', 'Remediation Measures Undertaken', 'Action Plan / Timelines for Remediation', 'Is minimum level of accessibility at AA level as per latest WCAG guidelines', and 'Action'. Below the table, there are dropdown menus for 'Status of Compliance' and 'Is minimum level of accessibility at AA level as per latest WCAG guidelines', and a 'Select' button for 'Remediation Measures Undertaken'. A green plus (+) button with a blue arrow pointing to it is located at the bottom right of the table area to add new rows.

5. The user will also need to upload the requisite documents in the section 'Acceptable Document Format'. The size for each document is restricted to –
 - Term of Reference / Scope of Audit – a PDF of maximum 30 MB.
 - Signed Audit Report – a PDF of maximum 30 MB.

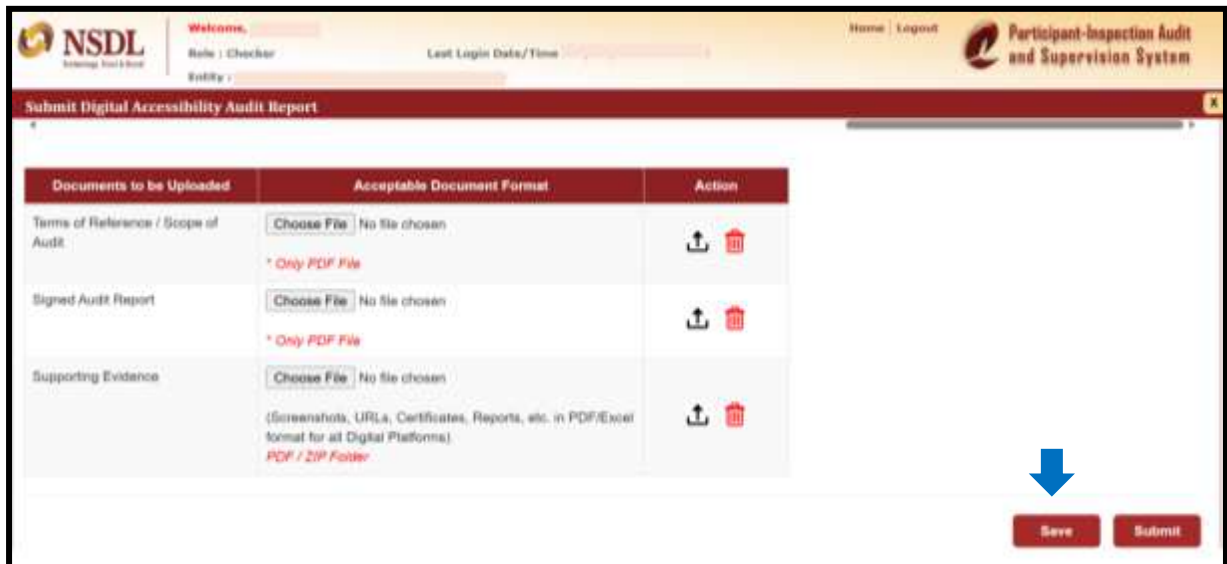
- Supporting Evidence – a PDF or a ZIP Folder of maximum 40 MB.



Documents to be Uploaded	Acceptable Document Format	Action
Terms of Reference / Scope of Audit	Choose File No file chosen * Only PDF File	
Signed Audit Report	Choose File No file chosen * Only PDF File	
Supporting Evidence	Choose File No file chosen (Screenshots, URLs, Certificates, Reports, etc. in PDF/Excel format for all Digital Platforms) PDF / ZIP Folder	

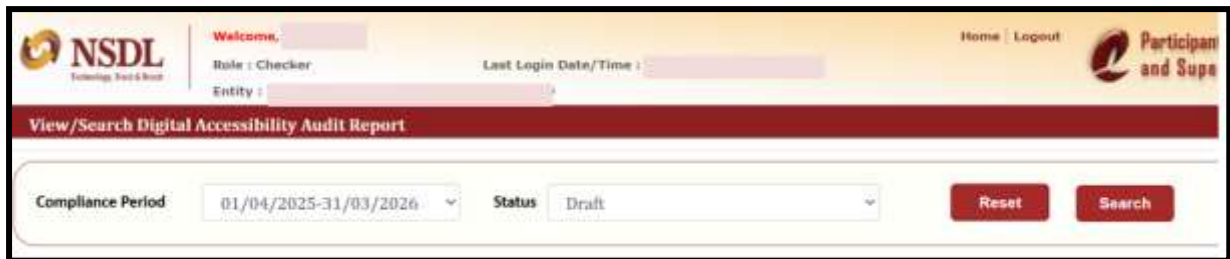
Save Submit

6. The user will be permitted to save the report at any point during the process by clicking on the 'Save' tab. After saving the report, the user may view the draft submission under the section 'View/Search Digital Accessibility Audit Report'. The user will have to select the relevant 'Compliance Period' and the 'Status' as 'Draft'. Relevant screenshots are exhibited below.



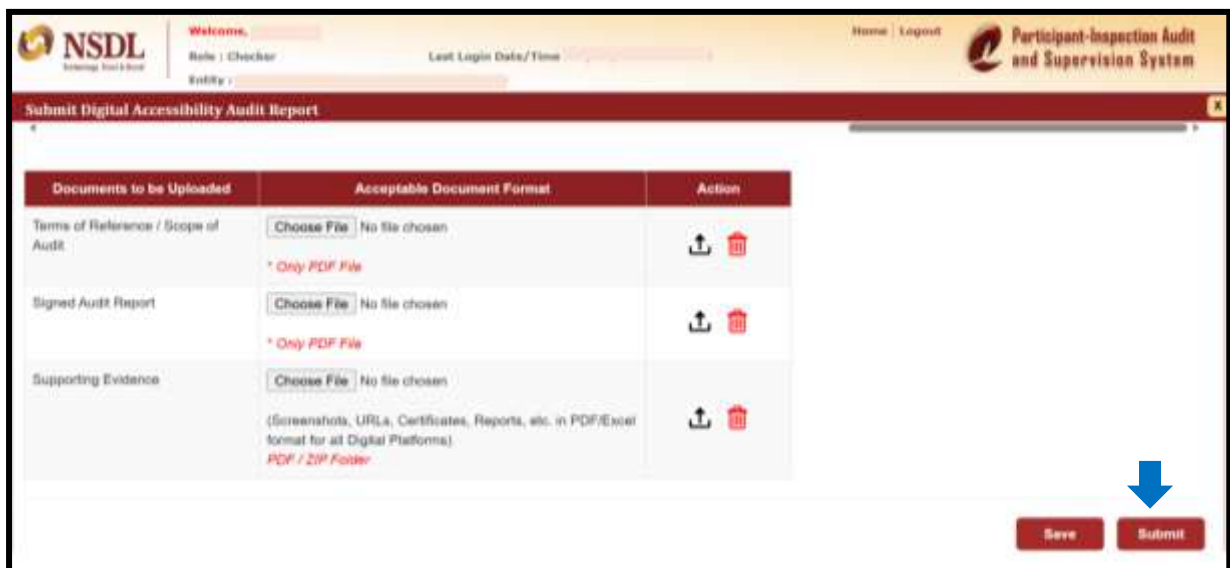
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Terms of Reference / Scope of Audit	Choose File No file chosen * Only PDF File	
Signed Audit Report	Choose File No file chosen * Only PDF File	
Supporting Evidence	Choose File No file chosen (Screenshots, URLs, Certificates, Reports, etc. in PDF/Excel format for all Digital Platforms) PDF / ZIP Folder	

Save Submit

7. After inserting all the required details and uploading documents, the user will be required to submit the report to NSDL by clicking on the 'Submit' tab as exhibited below.

Note: The user will not be able to edit / add details for the specific compliance period after submitting the report to NSDL.



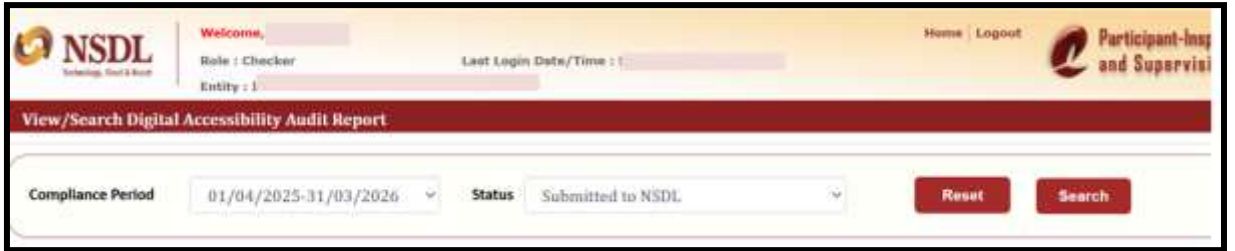
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8. After submitting the report to NSDL, the user may view the submission under the section 'View/Search Digital Accessibility Audit Report'. The user will have to select the relevant 'Compliance Period' and the 'Status' as 'Submitted to NSDL'.

Participant Services Circular



The screenshot shows the NSDL PIS Home Page. The header includes the NSDL logo, a welcome message, role (Checker), last login date/time, and a home/logout link. A navigation menu on the left lists various modules: ITF Periodic Returns, Tools, Audit, e-Info, Surveillance, Others, Compliance Letter Communication, DMS, Off site Inspection module, Masters, PIS Upload, and Investor Communication. The main content area displays a list of reports under the 'Audit' tab, including 'Submit Digital Accessibility Audit Report' and 'Download Digital Accessibility Audit Report'.



The screenshot shows the 'View/Search Digital Accessibility Audit Report' page. It features a search form with a 'Compliance Period' dropdown set to '01/04/2025-31/03/2026', a 'Status' dropdown set to 'Submitted to NSDL', and 'Reset' and 'Search' buttons.