

Tasmanian Government Icons style guide



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Introduction

Nearly one in two Tasmanians have difficulty with everyday literacy and numeracy tasks like filling in forms and adding up bills.

Icons are used to communicate important information clearly and quickly. Icons are designed to be read separately from text and can be a powerful tool in aiding understanding.

Clarity

Icons can help users navigate complex forms and websites to access important and relevant information efficiently.

Icons can also be integrated into signage to help people find their way around large buildings, or get to a destination quickly.

Accessibility

Icons make things easier for the general community but may also be of particular assistance to those from non-English speaking backgrounds, those with a visual impairment or other disability, or others with low levels of literacy.













About the icons

The Tasmanian Government provides a set of 108 icons for use in communication materials.

Legibility

The icons have been designed for maximum legibility and accessibility. The icons' simple shapes and heavy strokes help them read well at a range of sizes and lighting conditions. They are based on symbols seen in wayfinding; at airports and other large complexes and buildings.

Where possible, international standard icons have been used as these are widely understood. Additionally, new forms have been developed where an icon for a particular message doesn't exist, or where there is no agreed upon standard symbol.

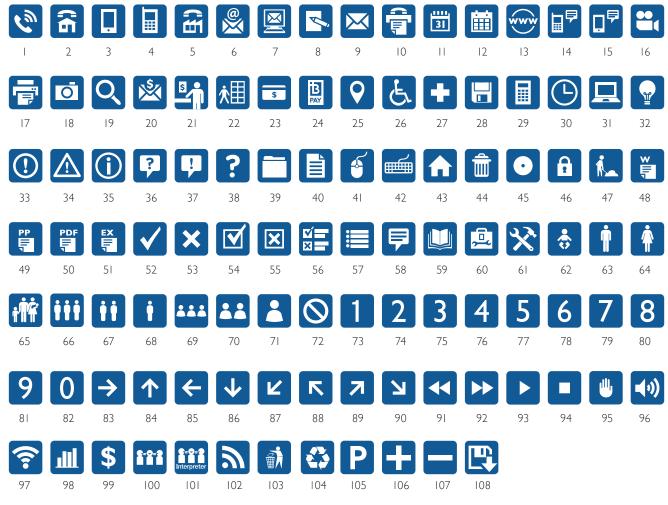
Contained and uncontained

The 108 icons are presented in two formats: contained (with a square border) and uncontained (with no border). The uncontained icons are more economical in their use of space and may integrate better with existing design. The contained set carry more visual weight and may perform better in situations where impact is the primary consideration.



Entire icon set

Contained



Phone 2. Home phone Smart phone / mobile device 4. Mobile phone Office phone 6. Email A Email B Completing a form 9. Mail post or email 10. Fax number 11. Calendar / appointment 12. Events 13. Website / internet 14. SMS A 15. SMS B 16. Video 17. Print 18. Image 19. Search 20. Pay via mail 21. Pay in person 22. In person 23. Credit card 24. BPAY 25. Venue / location 26. Disabled facilities / access 27. First aid 28. Save 29. Calculator 30. Time 31. Laptop 32. Lightbulb 33. Attention / important A 34. Attention / important B 35. Information

available

help?

36. Do you have a

- 73. I 74. 2 75. 3 question or need
- 37. Form Important 78. 6 info 79. 7 38. Question mark 80. 8 / help 81. 9 39. Folder / file 82. 0 40. Document 83. Arrow right 41. Mouse 84. Arrow up 42. Keyboard 85. Arrow left 43. Home 86. Arrow down 44. Trash 87. Arrow 45. CD down-left 46. Padlock 88. Arrow up-left 47. Under 89. Arrow up-right construction 90. Arrow 48. Word down-right 49. Powerpoint 91. Back 50. PDF 92. Forward 51. Excel 93. Play 52. Tick 94. Stop A 53. Cross 95. Stop B 54. Tick in check box 96. Audio 55. Cross in check 97. Wi-fi / internet box access 56. Checklist A 98. Graphs / charts 57. Checklist B 99. Dollar sign 58. Speech bubble 100. Interpreter 59. Book / translator required Tool box A 61. Tool box B 101. Interpreter / translator 62. Baby required 63. Male (text) 64. Female 102. RSS 65. Family 103. Do the right 66. 3 persons A thing 67. 2 persons A 104. Recycle 68. I person A 105. Parking 69. 3 persons B 106. Plus 70. 2 persons B 107. Minus 71. I person B 108. File save 72. No / do not 76. 4 77. 5

Entire icon set

Uncontained



I. Phone Home phone Smart phone / mobile device Mobile phone Office phone Email A 7. Email B Completing a form 9. Mail post or email 10. Fax number 11. Calendar / appointment 12. Events 13. Website / internet 14. SMS A 15. SMS B 16. Video 17. Print 18. Image 19. Search 20. Pay via mail 21. Pay in person 22. In person 23. Credit card 24. BPAY 25. Venue / location 26. Disabled facilities / access 27. First aid 28. Save 29. Calculator 30. Time 31. Laptop 32. Lightbulb 33. Attention

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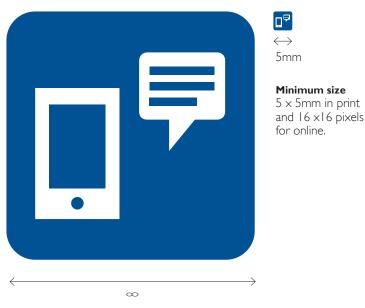
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- 78. 6 79. 7 80. 8 81. 9 82. 0 83. Arrow right 84. Arrow up 85. Arrow left 86. Arrow down 87. Arrow down-left 88. Arrow up-left 89. Arrow up-right 90. Arrow down-right 91. Back 92. Forward 93. Play 94. Stop A 95. Stop B 96. Audio 97. Wi-fi / internet. access 98. Graphs / charts 99. Dollar sign 100. Interpreter / translator required 101. Interpreter / translator required (text) 102. RSS 103. Do the right thing 104. Recycle 105. Parking 106. Plus 107. Minus 108. File save

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Sizing

Appropriate size for the application

Icons have been designed for maximum legibility at a range of sizes and can be scaled up to an infinite size. Care should be taken when scaling down to ensure the icon is not under the minimum size.



Maximum size

The .eps file format is infinitely scalable so there is no fixed maximum size for icons.

Colour

High contrast

Icons should generally be used in Blue PMS 653. A range of Tasmanian Government Style Guide and logo policy colours have also been selected for high contrast to meet WCAG 2.0 Level AA requirements when used on websites. Where alternative colours are used, consideration should be made to sizing to ensure their legibility.



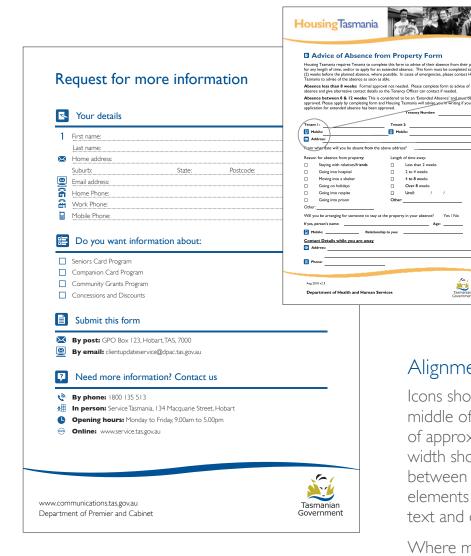
Application

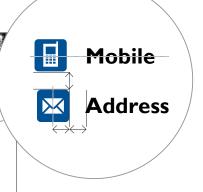
Forms and publications

Applying icons to forms

Using icons on forms will allow users to quickly navigate to important information. Icons should generally be used in Blue PMS 653 and applied on the left of their text with a margin. Using icons in the uncontained format will allow the icons to be used at a bigger size.







Icons should be aligned with the middle of accompanying text

A margin of approximately half the icon's width should be reserved between the icon and other elements

Alignment

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2 to 4 weeks 4 to 8 weeks

Over 8 week

Until:

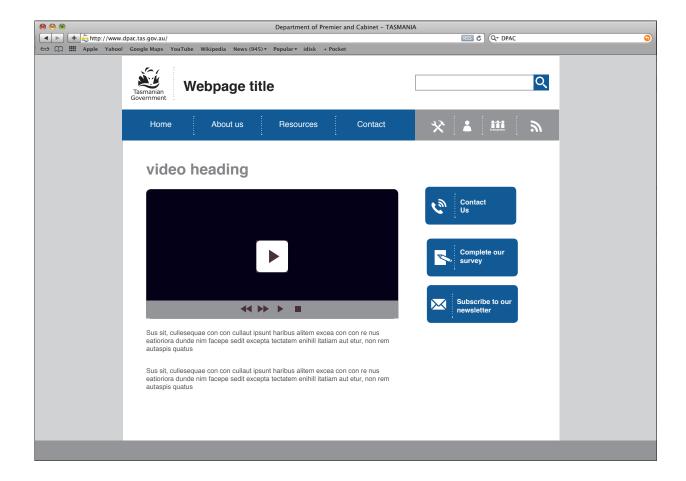
Icons should be aligned to the middle of lines of text. A margin of approximately half the icon's width should be maintained between the icon and other elements such as accompanying text and other icons.

Where multiple icons are used all margins should be uniform; set margin at a size which copes with the largest icon.

Application Web

Interactivity

The icons have also been designed for online application. They can be used within the main structure of a webpage as well as being incorporated into web page content to complement and help communicate the text.



Application

Ads and promotional collateral

Engagement

Icons can be integrated into marketing and promotional material to add visual interest and to invite users to engage in the content or respond to a message.

Icons can also highlight the existence of additional resources.

Think big

Three to four icons (at the most) used in large sizes are most visually effective for these kinds of applications. It may also be appropriate to use some of the alternative style guide colours.

Ideas for reducing energy

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Oversized icons accompanied by large heading

Multiple style guide colours

File formats



.eps

Encapsulated Postscript

An .eps file is commonly used by graphic designers / production people as an output file. It is high quality as it retains the 'vector' information that created the original artwork. Therefore an .eps file can be infinitely enlarged without degradation or pixilation.

Uses: An .eps is best used for any professional output requirement. It is the file type that should be used for professional signage.



.png

Portable Network Graphics

A .png file is a lossless compression file format that uses improved image compression technology to create smaller image files that download more quickly. .png files are suited to storing line drawings, text, and graphics. .png files also enable variable transparency, where users can control the layers of the image that are transparent. This makes moving images from one background to another easier.

Uses: png files are a common choice for use on websites and most desktop programs e.g. Word and PowerPoint. .png files are not suitable for offset printing or other professional production outputs.

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