

4. How to Create Large Print Documents

Large
Print

Large Print Documents are frequently requested as an ADA Accommodation by persons with visual impairments. You can create your own Large Print documents using the guidelines below.

Overall Formatting:

Unless the client has a specific request the recommended standards for LARGE PRINT DOCUMENTS are:

- Font: Arial, Tahoma, Universal or Verdana (Verdana is preferred)
- Size: 18 per policy (20 pts if requested by consumer)
- Style: Bold
- Case: Use both upper and lower case letters (Sentence case)
- Line Spacing: Use single spacing between lines
- Character Spacing: Verdana font is preferred by users for wide spacing
- Justification: format text to the left of the page; never justify.
- To bold items use "Arial Black"
- Avoid underlining, italics and creating borders around text. Never use text boxes.
- As much as possible, use left flush (format text to the left - never "justify")

How to Create a Large Print Document:

1. Use the "Select ALL" command (CTRL + A) to select all of the text and apply the above formatting. Review the document line by line to be sure headings and fillable field labels begin on the left margin in an organized way. Insert "Enter" or remove "Tabs" and "Spaces" as needed. Be careful that tables and inserted items are formatted for large print users.
2. Standard color for large print is BLACK TEXT on WHITE PAPER
3. When providing material to a client in LARGE PRINT, it is not necessary to include a regular print copy as is done with provision of Braille or disk alternative formats
4. The best option for the consumer should be used so, ask the reader whenever possible! The best option takes into account the individual's vision, preferences, and whether the consumer will be reading with hand held low vision aids, desktop video magnifier, or other device.

This is an example of 18 point Arial font, bold

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This is an example of 18 point Verdana font, bold

This is an example of 18 point Arial Black font, bold