



NVDA Keyboard Commands Quick Reference Guide

Getting Started

Command (Forward)	Command (Backward)	Description
Control		Stop reading
Insert + Down Arrow		Read continuously from the current position
Tab	Shift + Tab	Go to next (or previous) focusable element
Enter		Activate a Button or Link
H	Shift + H	Go to next (or previous) heading

Command (Forward)	Command (Backward)	Description
Tab	Shift + Tab	Go to next (or previous) focusable element
H	Shift + H	Go to next (or previous) heading
1 - 6	Shift + 1 - 6	Go to next (or previous) heading of a specific level (1 - 6)
L	Shift + L	Go to next (or previous) list
I	Shift + I	Go to next (or previous) list item
F	Shift + F	Go to next (or previous) form element
M	Shift + M	Go to next (or previous) frame
T	Shift + T	Go to next (or previous) table
D	Shift + D	Go to next (or previous) region (ARIA or HTML5 landmark)

Reading Text

Command	Description
Up Arrow or Numpad 7	Say Prior Line
Down Arrow or Numpad 9	Say Next Line
Left Arrow or Numpad 1	Say Prior Character
Right Arrow or Numpad 3	Say Next Character
Numpad 2	Say Current Character
Numpad 5	Say Word
Numpad 5 twice quickly	Spell Word
Ctrl + Left Arrow or Numpad 4	Say Prior Word
Ctrl + Right Arrow or Numpad 6	Say Next Word
NVDA + Up Arrow or Numpad 8	Say Current Line
NVDA + Up Arrow twice quickly	Spell Current Line
NVDA + Down Arrow or Numpad +	Read all starting at current position
Shift + Numpad 7	Top line
Shift + Numpad 9	Bottom Line
Shift + Numpad 1	Start of Line
Shift + Numpad 3	End of Line

Links

Command (forward)	Command (backward)	Description
Insert F7	n/a	Elements List - lists page links, headings, and landmarks
K	Shift + K	Go to next (or previous) link
U	Shift + U	Go to next (or previous) unvisited link
V	Shift V	Go to next (or previous) visited link

Forms

Command	Description
F or Shift + F or Shift + B	Go to next (or previous) form element
Enter or Insert + Space (when in a form element)	Enter forms mode
Insert + Space	Exit forms mode
Tab or Shift + Tab	Go to next (or previous) form element
Spacebar	Select and deselect checkboxes
Alt + Down Arrow	Open Combo Box/Jump Menu/Auto-complete Menu
Up Arrow or Down Arrow	Select Radio Button
Up Arrow or Down Arrow or the First letter or Shift + X	Select Element in Combo Box
C or Shift + C	Go to next (or previous) checkbox
R or Shift + R	Go to next (or previous) radio button
Enter (when in forms mode) or Spacebar (on some submit buttons)	Submit form

Tables

Command (forward)	Command (backward)	Description
T	Shift + T	Go to next (or previous) table
Ctrl + Alt + Left Arrow	Ctrl + Alt + Right Arrow	Go to next (or previous) cell in the row, and read the header(s)
Ctrl + Alt + Down Arrow	Ctrl + Alt + Up Arrow	Go to next (or previous) cell in the column, and read the header(s)

Voice Rate

Command	Description
Ctrl + Insert + Down Arrow	Decrease Voice Rate
Ctrl + Insert + Up Arrow	Increase Voice Rate
Ctrl + Insert + Left Arrow or Right Arrow	Change Voice Settings (Inflection, Pitch, etc.)

Other Commands

Command	Description
Insert + F7	List the landmarks (ARIA/HTML 5 banner/header, nav/navigation, main, footer/contentinfo, etc.)
Ctrl + F	Search for a word or a phrase
Insert + 1	Keyboard help
G or Shift + G	Go to next (or previous) graphic
Ctrl + Up Arrow or Q	Previous/Next Paragraph
Q or Shift + X	Go to next (or previous) blockquote
Insert + F2	Next key you hit ignores NVDA & is a normal keystroke
Insert + 2	Speaks characters typed
Insert + 3	Speaks words typed
Insert + B	Reads the entire foreground window (e.g. for dialogs)
Insert + T	Announces the title of the current foreground window
Insert + Q	Quit NVDA