

Citizen Engagement (CE) Enhancements

CE7.11.1 to CE8.1.1 (December 2025 – June 2026)

Enablement Material



Agenda

1. CE Accessibility Fixes (from December 2025 – June 2026)
2. Non-Accessibility Improvements (from December 2025 – June 2026)
3. New design system features (from December 2025 – June 2026)

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CE Accessibility Fixes

CE Accessibility Defect Fixes

50 accessibility fixes have been rolled out across **21** WCAG 2.1 Criteria* since December 2025

1.1.1 Adaptable – Non-text Content (1)	2.4.7 Navigable – Focus Visible (1)
1.3.1 Adaptable – Info and Relationships (11)	2.5.3 Input Modalities – Label in Name (1)
1.4.1 Distinguishable – Use of Color (2)	3.1.2 Understandable – Language of Parts (1)
1.4.3 Distinguishable – Contrast (Minimum) (1)	3.2.1 Predictable - on Focus (1)
1.4.4 Distinguishable – Resize Text (1)	3.2.4 Predictable – Consistent Identification (2)
1.4.10 Distinguishable – Reflow (2)	3.3.1 Input Assistance – Error Identification (3)
1.4.11 Distinguishable – Non-Text Contrast (2)	3.3.2 Input Assistance – Label or Instructions (1)
1.4.12 Distinguishable – Text Spacing (1)	3.3.4 Input Assistance – Error Prevention (1)
2.1.1 Operable – Keyboard (2)	4.1.2 Compatible – Name, Role, Value (6)
2.4.3 Navigable – Focus Order (2)	4.1.3 Compatible – Status Messages (4)
2.4.6 Navigable – Headings and Labels (4)	

Details of the fixes are provided in the release notes contained within the CE guides

**** Some fixes cross multiple criteria so the numbers in brackets doesn't reflect number of defects addressed. The total number of accessibility defects addressed in the period is 37***

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CE Improvements (non-accessibility)

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6 other improvements have been rolled out since December 2025

	<i>Problem</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Known Issue</i>	<i>Fix Version</i>
1.	Re-selecting the already-active language from the language dropdown incorrectly called <code>resetStore()</code> instead of <code>resetStoreOnLanguageChange()</code> , which wiped the entire Redux store and cleared all user data from the screen	The function reference was corrected so the store only resets when a genuinely different language is chosen	-	CE v7.11.2
2.	After logging into Citizen Engagement, the home page failed to load (showing a blank screen) caused by a dependency on now deprecated packages (<code>@babel/runtime-corejs2</code> and <code>@babel/runtime-corejs3</code>)	The deprecated packages were replaced with <code>@babel/runtime</code> , restoring stable home page loading	DT037462	CE v8.0.0
3.	The out-of-the-box Vite configuration's <code>build.onLoad</code> regex filter used only Unix-style forward slashes (<code>/</code>) for path separators, causing JSX syntax errors on Windows where backslashes (<code>\</code>) are used	The regex in <code>vite.config.js</code> was updated to support both Unix (<code>/</code>) and Windows (<code>\</code>) path separators	-	CEv8.0.0
4.	When users edited a person and returned to the summary page, the radio button layout control was replaced with a non-editable text field that did not show the previously saved response, making it appear as though their choice had been lost	The summary view now correctly displays the saved radio selection in a read-only text input so users can see the answer they previously provided	DT037496	CE v8.1.1

CE Improvements (non-accessibility)

	<i>Problem</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Known Issue</i>	<i>Fix Version</i>
5.	When a linked user navigated to My Profile via the "Review your profile" card on the Your Account page, the Profile tab was not highlighted, making it unclear which tab was active	The profile page was updated so that it opens with focus correctly placed on the Profile tab and the active tab state displayed as expected	DT037491	CE v8.1.1
6.	Incorrect validation errors occurred for checkboxes within Container elements	A function in ContainerField.js wrongly treated the false value from unchecked checkboxes as "empty" or "false-like", converting it to an empty string and corrupting the checkbox state after users changed selections and returned. The function in ContainerField.js now converts only undefined or null values to an empty string, preserving the false value from unchecked checkboxes	DT037495	CE v8.1.1

Details of the improvements are provided in the release notes contained within the CE guides

Software Upgrades

A number of software upgrades are included in the CE v8.0.0 release

	<i>Upgrade</i>	<i>Details</i>
1.	Jest v27 to v29	The responsive web application is developed using React and uses Jest, a JavaScript testing framework to ensure code quality by testing functions, components, and applications, for React. The version of Jest has been updated from 27 to 29.
2.	ESLint v7 to v9	The responsive web application uses ESLint, a static code analysis tool for JavaScript that detects problematic patterns and enforces code standards. The ESLint version has been updated from 7 to 9.
3.	React 18.2.0 to 18.3.1	The version of React and React-dom used has been updated from React 18.2.0 to React 18.3.1 in package.json. These updates eliminate React deprecation warnings and ensure forward compatibility with upcoming React versions.
4.	WDS Core sunset	<p>As part of the ongoing evolution of the Design System, the WDS Core package was sunset following its decoupling from WDS React earlier in 2025. Starting with WDS 2.0.0 and CE v8.0.0, WDS Core will no longer be shipped or imported by default.</p> <p>This change streamlines the package structure by consolidating design system assets within the React package, reducing dependency complexity.</p>

To upgrade an existing application to CE v8.0.0, several breaking changes must be resolved. The v8.0.0 migration section included in the CE guide enumerates the steps required to upgrade.

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Design System Features

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The following enhancement to the design system was rolled out in CE v8.2.0

	<i>Enhancement</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>CE version</i>
1.	Tooltip support for read-only icons	<p>The TextInput component now supports a new readOnlyTooltipText property that displays a tooltip when users hover over the read-only icon.</p> <p>This gives developers a simple way to communicate why a field is read-only, improving the user experience by providing contextual guidance directly at the point of interaction rather than leaving users guessing.</p>	CE v8.2.0

Details of this new feature is provided in the ‘What’s New’ contained within the CE guides