

GOV.UK Design System — Four Years of Disabled-User Testing Behind the UK Government's Shared Components

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · United Kingdom

Quality score: 96/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Launched by GDS in 2018, the GOV.UK Design System requires WCAG 2.1 AA components tested with disabled users; three rounds of accessibility user research over four years now underpin components shared across hundreds of government services.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	4/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

[Government Digital Service \(GDS\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

[GOV.UK Design System accessibility strategy](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

[Accessibility in government blog](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

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