

Australasian Health Facility Guidelines

Part C - Design for Access, Mobility, OHS and
Security

C.0001 - Introduction

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01 INTRODUCTION

01.01 Background

This clause is currently under review / not applicable, but has been included for consistent HPU clause numbering.

01.02 Purpose

Part B covers the briefing and planning issues that result from the translation of health service delivery requirements into a brief for a physical facility. The framework of authority requirements is recognised and includes industry standards, codes and manuals that commonly apply to every project.

This section of the guidelines draws together a range of issues that guide the detailed planning of healthcare facilities, and looks in more detail at specific issues guiding the development of the detailed physical design for a facility. It begins by setting out a range of planning issues that are applicable to the physical design of any healthcare facility.

The information is presented so that it may be used as a benchmark for the designer, as information for the users involved in a project, and as a checklist for assessment of design and functionality. It is intended to support the professional skill, knowledge and judgement of an experienced designer in the development of a healthcare facility and educate those who aspire to be proficient in this complex field of endeavour.

01.03 Content

This part contains information regarding physical planning models and policies that are believed to contribute to the procurement of well-designed healthcare facilities.

It includes space standards and dimensions for commonly occurring building elements where these are not covered in the room layout sheets as standard components. Guidelines for designing facilities for people with a disability and an outline of wayfinding recommendations for healthcare facilities are provided.

Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare issues are addressed in terms of avoiding or minimising design practices that often contribute to hazardous or harmful features in the built environment.

Finally, design practices that enhance the security of people, premises and property are outlined in Section 790.

To avoid undue complexity, building regulation references are restricted to the Building Code of Australia (BCA). This approach has been adopted due to the similarity in approach and format between the BCA and the NZ Building Regulations in space standards and dimensions. Many of the cited Standards in the BCA are AS/NZS thus common to both jurisdictions or have a corresponding ISO or NZ Standard.

The requirement to comply with the relevant legislation, regulations, codes and policies for each jurisdiction is usually stated at the beginning of each section of this guideline to avoid undue repetition. This applies to any matter relating to the construction, use, operation and management of healthcare facilities where such compliance may be required.

For convenience Part C is available for download in separate Sections. These Sections are not stand alone and frequently each will cover a different aspect of one topic. Therefore Part C should be regarded as a complete document and not used without access to all Sections whether these are or are not referenced.

In many cases a concise generic term or title has been used in the text e.g. OHS. The correct terminologies and sources are acknowledged under references with abbreviations listed in Appendix A - Glossary and Abbreviations.