

Statutory Codes and Regulations

- 600014 40 .1.05 Facility design shall comply with all statutory requirements including Australian and New Zealand Building Codes, referenced Australian and New Zealand Standards and local authority requirements. It is the responsibility of those referring to these documents or requirements to ensure that the latest version or edition is used.

Licensed Private Health Care Facilities must also meet the requirements of the relevant Acts and Regulations under which they are licensed.

Building Codes

- 600015 40 .2.05 Construction and design standards in new and refurbished projects shall comply with the requirements of the latest edition of the Building Code of Australia (BCA) or the New Zealand Building Code.

The requirements of these Guidelines may be in addition to or in excess of the building code requirements. In such situations, the higher standard or further requirements of these Guidelines will be required.

Nothing in these Guidelines implies that compliance with a provision of the Australian or New Zealand Building Code is not required.

Both the Building Codes and these Guidelines refer to other Codes and Standards. When such Standards are referenced by the Building Codes or these Guidelines, they also become a mandatory requirement.

Other Building Regulations

- 500686 40 .3.00 Facilities covered by these Guidelines may also be covered by other building regulations such as:

-Local Government planning instruments/agencies;

-Government policies and directives;

-Food Services regulations;

-Disability Discrimination legislation such as the Australian Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act (DDA);

-Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) or Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) regulations;

-Import bans.

Compliance with these Guidelines does not imply compliance with any other regulations.

Approval of a Health Care Facility by one or more authorities does not imply that the Facility has complied with all other relevant regulations.

The relevant licensing authority, through its approval and licensing processes may require verification or proof of compliance with other relevant regulations.

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Disability Discrimination Legislation

500687 40 .4.00 In Australia, the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) has the potential to influence many aspects of the design and construction of Health Care Facilities covered by these Guidelines. This influence goes beyond other disabled access standards such as AS1428 series.

Designers are strongly advised to review the DDA and proceed with caution. It may be helpful to employ a disability specialist to assist with compliance with DDA requirements and to avoid conflict with these and other Guidelines and Codes.

Also refer to Part C of these Guidelines for more details.

600016 40 .4.05 Designers in New Zealand should refer to the report - Human Rights in New Zealand Today
Ngā Tika Tangata O Te Motu. New Zealand Action Plan for Human Rights — Mana ki te Tangata.

OHS Acts and Regulations

600017 40 .5.05 Health Care Facility design shall comply with each jurisdiction's OHS legislation including referenced Australian and New Zealand Standards.

Refer to Part B and C of these Guidelines for further details on OHS requirements.

Non-Statutory Guidelines and Regulations

500043 40 .6.00 Compliance with non-statutory guidelines and regulations is required only when specifically nominated by each jurisdiction.

Accreditation

500044 40 .7.00 Accreditation is primarily concerned with hospital management and patient care practices, although provision of equipment and the standard of the built environment is taken into consideration.

In Australia, accreditation is conducted by the Australian Council on Health Care Standards (ACHS). Compliance with these Guidelines does not however imply that the Health Care Facility will automatically qualify for accreditation by ACHS.

For detailed information on accreditation requirements contact the ACHS - www.achs.org.au/default.htm

Quality Health New Zealand performs a similar service for accreditation of health care facilities.
<http://www.qualityhealth.org.nz/>