

Description

- 600011 10 .1.05 This document represents the recommended design guidelines for Health Facilities in Australia and New Zealand. They are referred to as 'the HFG' or 'these Guidelines' throughout the text.

This issue of the Australasian HFG in an electronic database format sets the directions for HCAMC to update further HFG in this format

- 500040 10 .2.00 Generally designs that depart from these Guidelines will not be approved by the responsible Health Authority unless clear patient/service benefits can be demonstrated and justified.

- 600023 10 .2.05 Individual jurisdictions will provide instructions regarding the application of the Guidelines in capital projects.

Background

- 600012 10 .3.05 The development of these Guidelines in electronic format was made possible by NSW Health's contribution to the database derived from the Victorian Department of Human Services' Guidelines database as developed by Health Projects International in 2000. This contribution has allowed HCAMC to further develop and refine the database and guideline process in the production of an initial suite of priority Health Facility Guidelines to meet Australasian requirements.

Objectives

- 500033 10 .4.00 These Guidelines have been developed on the basis that provision of appropriate physical environments that support and enhance the delivery of high standards of patient care.

- 600013 10 .5.05 The main aims of these Guidelines are to:

- Establish acceptable standards for the design of Health Care Facilities;
- Achieve affordable solutions for the planning and design of Health Care Facilities;
- Maintain public confidence in the standard of Health Care Facilities;
- Provide general guidance to designers seeking information on the special needs of typical Health Care Facilities;
- Promote the design of Health Care Facilities with due regard for the safety, privacy and dignity of patients, staff and visitors;
- Eliminate design features that result in unacceptable practices;
- Update Guidelines to meet current clinical practice and standards on a regular basis;
- Eliminate duplication between various existing Guidelines.
- Minimise recurrent costs and encourage operational efficiencies.

Part A - Introduction and Instructions for Use

- 500038 10 .6.00 In most jurisdictions and depending on individual planning processes, the following should be defined and approved for the Facility prior to commencement of design:
- Service plan;
 - Model of care for service delivery;
 - Operational policies;
 - Health Planning Units/Functional Units;
 - Schedules of accommodation;
 - Functional relationships, external and internal;
 - Key planning principles.
- These will generally be set out in the planning brief for the project. Refer to Part B and Part C for further details.
- 600024 10 .6.05 In WA, refer to the Infrastructure Development – Process, Role and Responsibilities, Government of WA, Department of Health, 12 April 2005 document.