

Facilities Covered

500664 20 .1.00 Depending on the individual jurisdiction, these Guidelines may apply to the following types of Health Care Facility:

- Public Hospitals;
- Licensed facilities contracted to provide services to public patients;
- Day Procedure Units - integrated or stand alone;
- Ambulatory Care Facilities - integrated or stand alone
- Mental Health Facilities;
- Rehabilitation Centres;
- Oral Health Units – integrated, stand-alone or mobile units;
- Palliative Care Centres;
- Multipurpose Centres (remote & rural areas including aged care facilities)
- Birthing Centres – stand-alone
- Community Health Centres.

Note: Licensed private health care facilities may have regard to these guidelines as a reference for facility standards and plan approvals under the relevant legislation. In Victoria and Western Australia the Guidelines are specifically mandated for Private Hospitals

500781 20 .2.00 These Guidelines do not apply to the following types of Health Care Facility although they may be voluntarily used in designing them:

- Aged Care Facilities – residential, hostel, nursing home (Commonwealth funded); (refer to Queensland Health Aged Care Facilities Guidelines available on www.health.qld.gov.au/cwamb)
- Medical Practitioner Consulting Suites;
- Pharmacies (retail stand-alone).

New Facility Types

500676 20 .3.00 Changes in health practice may result in new facility types, descriptions or names. The fundamental principles and processes set out in these Guidelines apply equally to all types of Health Care Facilities, whether new, traditional or combinations of these.

Changing the names of Health Care Facilities (or sub-components) will not alter the requirement to justify departure from the Guidelines that would apply to the traditional settings delivering similar services.

Part A - Introduction and Instructions for Use

New and Refurbished Buildings

500045 20 .4.00 All new work shall comply with these Guidelines. Each jurisdiction will determine to what extent refurbishment work will need to comply.