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To understand the philosophy behind the development of these guidelines, refer to the "Health Facility Guidelines Framework for Development" – the last section in the overall database and available from the web site www.healthdesign.com.au/aus.hfg

What is New?

This release consists of 19 Hospital Planning Units (HPUs) and 125 Standard Components. Part A – Introduction and Instructions for Use - and the General Requirements in Part B of the Guidelines have been updated to include reference to all jurisdictions where such information is available. Formatting maintains consistency with the Victorian and NSW versions

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