

### Statutory Codes and Regulations

- 40.1.00 Facility design shall comply with all statutory requirements including building codes, OHS legislation, referenced Australian 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 Regulations

- 40.2.00 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) .

The requirements of these Guidelines may be in addition to or in excess of the BCA 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 BCA is not required.

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

- 40.3.00 OTHER BUILDING REGULATIONS

Facilities covered by these Guidelines may also be covered by other building regulations covering areas such as:

- + Local Government planning instruments;
- + State Government policies and directives;
- + Food Services regulations;
- + Federal Anti-Discrimination Acts - such as the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA);
- + Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) or Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) regulations;
- + Import bans;
- + Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulation. (OHS);

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.

- 40.4.00 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT (DDA) - ADVISORY NOTE

This Federal Act has the potential to influence many aspects of the design and construction of Health Care Facilities covered by these Guidelines. This influence goes beyond the 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.

# Part A - Introduction and Instructions for Use

## Building Regulations

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### 40.5.00 OHS ACT AND REGULATION

Health Care Facility design shall comply with OHS legislation including referenced Australian Standards.

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

## Non-Statutory Guidelines and Regulations

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### 40.6.00 Compliance with non-statutory guidelines and regulations is required only when specifically nominated.

## Accreditation

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### 40.7.00 Compliance with these Guidelines does not imply that the Health Care Facility will automatically qualify for accreditation by the Australian Council on Health Care Standards.

Accreditation is primarily concerned with hospital management and patient care practices, although the standard of the Facility is taken into consideration.

For detailed information on accreditation requirements contact:

+ Australian Council on Health Care Standards