

The Structure of these Guidelines

- 30.1.00 These Guidelines are structured as follows:
- 30.2.00 The Guidelines are divided into parts. Each subject is covered once only in order to avoid duplication of the same information under different Planning Units. The Parts are as follows:
- + Part A: Introduction and Instructions for Use;
 - + Part B: Health Facility Briefing and Planning - including Briefing and Planning, Standard Components and specific unit sections;
 - + Part C: Access, Mobility, OHS and Security;
 - + Part D: Infection Control;
 - + Part E: Building Services and Environmental Design Briefing (not yet modified for NSW use);
 - + Part F: Project Implementation - including FF&E and Operational Commissioning;
 - + Enclosures:
 - Generic Room Data Sheets;
 - Generic Room Layout Sheets.

Within the parts, numbered headings are used to designate key sections or subjects, such as requirements for particular Health Planning Units* (HPU) eg Emergency, Intensive Care, or to cover issues such as 'Safety', 'Security', 'Access' requirements, etc.

*refer to Glossary for definition.

Part B contains generic sections of the Guidelines that apply to all or most Health Care Facilities, and specific sections that apply to individual HPUs.

Part B also contains a selection of Standard Components ie rooms and spaces that apply to many Health Care Facilities. These cross reference to Room Data and Room Layout Sheets in the Enclosures.

30.3.00 REVIEW AND REVISION

A process of review and revision will be developed for the Guidelines. Industry comment will be sought and responded to in future issues of the Guidelines.

30.4.00 APPLICATION

These Guidelines are expressed as a combination of performance-based standards and prescriptive requirements.

30.5.00 Mandatory requirements are identified by the words 'shall', 'must', 'mandatory', 'required', etc.

Other non-mandatory or advisory information has also been provided. This is identified by words such as 'should', 'optional', 'non-mandatory', 'desirable', 'highly desirable', 'preferable', 'ideal', etc.

30.6.00 The primary objective of the Guidelines is to achieve a desired performance result or

Part A - Introduction and Instructions for Use

30.6.00 service. Prescriptive limitations, when given, such as exact recommended dimensions or quantities, describe a condition commonly recognised as a practical standard for normal operation.

Where specific measurements, capacities or other standards are described, equivalent alternative solutions may be deemed acceptable if it is demonstrated that the intent of the standards has been met.

It is important to note that these Guidelines do not intend to restrict innovation that might improve performance and/or outcomes.