

Facilities Covered

- 20.1.00 These Guidelines 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 Inpatient Facilities;
 - + Rehabilitation Centres;
 - + Dental Health Services;
 - + Palliative Care Centres;
 - + Aged Residential Care Facilities (where included in NSW Health Care Facilities);
 - + Community Health Centres.

Note: Licensed private health care facilities should have regard to these guidelines as a reference for facility standards and plan approvals under the relevant legislation.

- 20.2.00 These Guidelines do not apply to the following types of Health Care Facilities, although they may be voluntarily used in designing them:
- + Community Residential Facilities;
 - + Supported Residential Services;
 - + Medical Practitioners Consulting Rooms;
 - + Pharmacies (retail standalone).

New Facility Types

- 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.

New and Refurbished Buildings

- 20.4.00 All new and refurbished work must comply with these Guidelines.
- In the review of refurbishment work, if significant patient or staff benefits are determined and can be enhanced by new provisions without adverse impact on the budget, advice and direction should be sought from the Department.
- Refer to statutory requirements that may also apply in this situation.