

## 20 TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Objectives

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- 20 .1.00 The Department's prime concern is in the area of patient care. These Guidelines are intended to enhance the quality of patient care by ensuring that hospital facilities are designed to provide appropriate living conditions and standards of care for patients, staff and visitors.

### Facilities Covered

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- 20 .2.00 The following health facilities are included in these Guidelines:
- Public Hospitals
  - Privately Operated Public Hospitals
  - Private Hospitals
  - Day Procedure Units (within hospitals or separate)
  - Integrated Care Centres (ICC)
  - Mental Health Inpatient Facilities
  - Rehabilitation Centres
  - Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM) Centres
  - Palliative Care Centres
- 20 .3.00 The following health facilities are excluded from these Guidelines:
- Community Residential Facilities
  - Aged Residential Care Facilities
  - Supported Residential Services
  - Medical Practitioners and Consulting Rooms
  - Pharmacies (Retail Stand-alone)
  - Stand-alone Dental Health Services
- 20 .4.00 The facilities listed above may be public or private or any combination of the two. These guidelines apply equally to all such facilities.

### New and Refurbished Buildings

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- 20 .5.00 These Guidelines apply to all new facilities or existing facilities being refurbished as one of the health facility type covered.

Requirements for full compliance for a whole unit when a partial redevelopment is proposed will be determined in consultation with the Department of Human Services.

For existing planning units within health buildings that are being cosmetically redecorated without replanning, compliance with these Guidelines is confined to those applying to surfaces and finishes being altered.

### New and Refurbished Engineering Services

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- 20 .6.00 These Guidelines apply to the engineering services of all new health facility types covered.

Refurbishment or upgrading of existing Health Facility Engineering Services such as HVAC services, hydraulic services, medical gas services, electrical and communication services, will require compliance with these Guidelines in the same manner but independently of the building works.

Engineering services within existing planning units that are being refurbished by more than 50% (of area coverage), with or without re-planning, will require

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full compliance with these Guidelines for the entire planning unit. All refurbishment work within the previous three years will be counted as part of the 50% calculation of areas.

For engineering services within existing planning units that are being refurbished by no more than 50% (of area coverage) compliance with these Guidelines is highly recommended.

If compliance with these Guidelines is required due to any building work, change of use or services upgrade, then compliance with all engineering requirements also is required.

For example, if the air-conditioning system for 70% of an existing Operating Unit is being refurbished, then the entire air-conditioning system for the Unit should comply with these guidelines.

### New Facility Types

- 20.7.00 New facility types are proposed from time to time due to the changes in health practice. These new facility types do not necessarily invalidate the requirements of these Guidelines. In situations where the names of facilities and their processes are changed, the fundamental requirements of similar facilities or processes should be followed. In other words, changing the names of facilities (or sub-components) will not alter their minimum requirements.