

Part B - Health Facility Briefing and Planning

430 MAIN ENTRANCE UNIT

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INTRODUCTION

Description

- 430 .2.00 The Main Entrance Unit provides for the following functions:
- Entry to the hospital
 - Drop off and collection area
 - Patient reception
 - Patient and visitor enquiries

PLANNING

Functional Areas

- 430 .3.00 The Main Entrance shall include the following features:
- Reception desk, which may be shared with Admissions Unit
 - Waiting Area, which may be shared with Admissions and other adjacent hospital units
 - Holding area for wheelchairs.
- 430 .4.00 The provision of the following features is optional:
- Airlock to the entrance lobby
 - Undercover drop-off and collection point.

Functional Relationships

- 430 .5.00 The Main Entrance may be co-located with the Admissions Unit to share Reception and Waiting Areas. Ready access to Public Amenities is required.

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DESIGN

Environmental Considerations

430 .6.00 ENTRY AREA

The entrance shall be at grade level, sheltered from inclement weather, and accessible to the disabled.

430 .7.00 SIGNPOSTING

Particular attention must be given to signposting the Main Entrance and the hospital for the disabled under the requirements of the DDA (Disability Discrimination Act).

COMPONENTS OF THE UNIT

Introduction

430 .8.00 The Main Entrance Unit will consist of a combination of Standard Components and Non-Standard Components.

Standard Components must comply with details in Standard Components in these Guidelines. Refer also to Standard Components Room Data Sheets.

Standard Components

430 .9.00 Provide the Standard Component as identified in the Generic Schedule of Accommodation.

Non-Standard Components

430 .10.00 Provide the Non-Standard Components as identified in the Generic Schedule of Accommodation, according to the Operational Policy and Functional Brief.

APPENDICES

Main Entrance Generic Schedule of Accommodation

430 .11.00 A Schedule of Accommodation for a Main Entrance suitable for a Level 4 Hospital of 120 Beds:

ROOM / SPACE	standard Component			Level 4 Qty x m2			Remarks
AIRLOCK				1 x 12 optional			
BAY - MOBILE EQUIPMENT	yes			1 x 4			For wheelchairs
LOBBY				1 x 30 optional			
RECEPTION	yes			1 x 10			May be shared with Admissions
WAITING	yes			1 x 20			May be shared with Admissions
CIRCULATION %				20			

References and Further Reading

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430.12.00 - American Institute of Architects, Guidelines for Design & Construction of Hospital & Healthcare Facilities, 1997.