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590 PUBLIC AMENITIES UNIT

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INTRODUCTION

Description

590 .2.00	<p>Larger hospitals may provide optional public amenities for the visitors' convenience and comfort. Some of the amenities may optionally be used by patients who are allowed to walk through the hospital. These amenities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Florist- Kiosk / Coffee Shop- Gift Shop / Newsagent- Retail Pharmacy- Banks or agencies- Hairdresser- Others as considered viable <p>The above public amenities are not mandatory, however, when provided, they should comply with all relevant statutory and authority codes.</p> <p>Note: Most of the above public amenities occupy small areas compared with the size of an average hospital. Under the BCA, these small additional areas can be designed as if they were under class 9a.</p> <p>These guidelines require that the above public amenities, if provided, must be designed as part of a class 9a classification, unless prohibited by the BCA due to the area. All other requirements of these Guidelines also apply.</p>
590 .3.00	<p>The provision of a cool palatable water supply such as a cold water drinking unit is a mandatory requirement and should be situated in a convenient public location. Multiple units will be necessary to service large facilities. A minimum of one per floor shall be provided.</p> <p>Note: Each required cold water drinking unit on each floor may be replaced with a drinks vending machine, a Kiosk or a Coffee Shop.</p>

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PLANNING

Functional Areas

- 590 .4.00 The Public Amenities Unit will consist of the following mandatory Functional Areas:
- Public Toilets
 - Disabled Toilets
 - Area and facilities for drinking water.

Functional Relationships

- 590 .5.00 The Public Amenities Unit should be located close to the Main Entrance with ready access to waiting areas and lifts.

COMPONENTS OF THE UNIT

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- 590 .6.00 The Public Amenities Unit will consist of a combination of Standard Components and Non-Standard Components.

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

Standard Components

- 590 .7.00 Provide the Standard Components as identified in this section and in the Schedule of Accommodation.

590 .8.00 TOILETS - PUBLIC

As a mandatory minimum requirement, every Hospital or Day Procedure Centre shall have at least one Disabled Unisex Toilet with a toilet pan and basin for the exclusive use of visitors.

Non-Standard Components

- 590 .9.00 Provide the Non-Standard Components as identified in this section and in the Schedule of Accommodation, according to the Operational Policy and Service demand.

590 .10.00 VENDING MACHINE BAY

DESCRIPTION AND FUNCTION

Vending machines are a popular way of providing 24 hour per day consumer services to the public, patients and staff. The Vending Machine Bay will be a recessed area for the location of vending machines according to service demand and the Operational Policy.

Vending machines are not mandatory, however if provided, they will replace the requirement for a cold water drinking unit.

590 .11.00 LOCATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

It is advisable to locate vending machines in fully recessed alcoves off public corridors to eliminate the possibility of such machines blocking major corridor systems in breach of these Guidelines.

590 .12.00 CONSIDERATIONS

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Some vending machines supplying drinks may require a floor waste or water connection. In addition to a standard GPO, some vending machines may also require a telephone line.

APPENDICES

Public Amenities Generic Schedule of Accommodation

590.13.00 A Generic Schedule of Accommodation for Public Amenities Unit for a Level 4 Hospital of 120 Beds:

ROOM / SPACE	Standard Component			Level 4 Qty x m2			Remarks
TOILET - DISABLED	yes			1 x 5			
TOILET - PUBLIC	yes			3 x 3			Male
TOILET - PUBLIC	yes			4 x 3			Female
BAY - VENDING MACHINE				1 x 3 optional			
CIRCULATION %				10			

590.14.00 RETAIL AREAS

ROOM / SPACE	Standard Component			Level 4 Qty x m2			Remarks
COFFEE SHOP PREPARATION				1 x 12 optional			
COFFEE SHOP SEATING				1 x 50 optional			
COFFEE SHOP SERVERY				1 x 15 optional			
MIXED RETAIL SHOP				1 x 15 optional			

References and Further Reading

- 590.15.00
- American Institute of Architects, Guidelines for Design & Construction of Hospital & Healthcare Facilities, 1997.
 - Health Department Western Australia, Private Hospital Guidelines, 1998.

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FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS DIAGRAM - PUBLIC AMENITIES UNIT

