

Amendments Booklet - AMD 8

Amendments to
Technical Booklet R

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Introduction

This Amendments Booklet has been prepared by the Department of Finance and contains clarifications and revisions to –

Technical Booklet R – Access to and use of buildings: October 2012.

The changes to Technical Booklet R take effect from 30th June 2022. The previous editions will continue to apply to work started before 30th June 2022, or to work subject to a building notice or full plans applications submitted before that date.

Amendments to Technical Booklet R – Access to and use of buildings

(1) Page 3

In the line commencing “Appendix A” delete “Informative – Facilities for people with profound and multiple learning disabilities” and substitute –
“Not used”

(2) Page 51

In paragraph 6.11 delete the second paragraph and substitute –

“The provision of an enlarged cubicle in a separate sex toilet washroom can benefit ambulant people who have a disability, people with assistance dogs, as well as people with children and people (e.g. those with luggage) who need an enlarged space. In large building developments (see paragraph 6.14A) an enlarged unisex toilet incorporating an adult changing table is desirable. Changing Places toilets, facilities designed for individuals with complex and multiple impairments who may require the help of up to two assistants, should be provided in addition to any wheelchair accessible unisex toilet facilities and baby changing provision (where provided). Further guidance on layout and equipment is available from the Changing Places Consortium campaign website (www.changing-places.org) and by reference to guidance in Clause 18.6, Figure 48 and Annexes F and G of BS 8300-2: 2018.”

(3) Page 52

After paragraph 6.14, insert –

- “6.14A At least one Changing Places toilet should be provided in the following types of building (under paragraph 1.2 principles - for a new building see paragraph 1.3 and, - for a whole building formed by material change of use see paragraph 1.6) –
- (a) assembly, entertainment and recreation buildings with a capacity of 350 people or more (see Note); or a collection of smaller buildings associated with a site used for assembly, entertainment and recreation, such as theme parks, zoos and venues for sport and exhibitions, with a capacity of 2000 people or more (see Note);
 - (b) shopping centres/malls, or retail parks with a gross floor area of 30,000 m² or more;
 - (c) retail premises with a gross floor area of 2500 m² or more;
 - (d) leisure and sport buildings with a gross floor area of 5000 m² or more;
 - (e) hospitals and primary care centres; and
 - (f) cemetery and crematorium buildings.

Note: Assembly, entertainment and recreation buildings can be defined as buildings such as;

- (i) amusement arcades;
- (ii) art galleries;
- (iii) cinemas;
- (iv) concert halls;
- (v) conference centres;
- (vi) further education colleges;
- (vii) hotels that provide function, leisure and sport facilities;
- (viii) libraries open to the public;
- (ix) motorway service areas;
- (x) museums;
- (xi) places of worship;
- (xii) theatres;
- (xiii) university buildings open to the public,

or any other buildings or sites as defined by these thresholds, which are open to the public and used for the purposes of assembly, entertainment or recreation. Capacities should be derived from the combined total of a building's publicly accessible facilities.

Alternatively, the capacity number may be derived from the number of fixed seats provided, if the occupants of the building will normally be seated. Technical Booklet E (Fire safety) provides a method of estimating the capacity of a building where this is not known."

(4) Page 76

In the section heading delete "Informative – Facilities for people with profound and multiple learning disabilities" and substitute –

"Not used"

Delete the contents of this appendix.

(5) Page 77

After publication "**BS 8300: 2009+A1: 2010** Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people - Code of practice", insert –

"**BS 8300-2: 2018** Design of an accessible and inclusive built environment
Part 2: Buildings - Code of practice"