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Refresh on the 2010 ADA Accessibility Standards

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2010 ADA Standards

1. Application & Administration
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5. General Site & Building Elements
6. Plumbing Elements & Facilities
7. Communication Elements & Features
8. Special Rooms, Spaces & Elements
9. Built-In Elements
10. Recreation Facilities
2010 ADA Standards

• Better access and compliance
• Improved format and usability
• Consistency with ABA guidelines
• Harmonization: model building codes and industry standards

Format

• Numbering System
• New figures (informational only)
• All dimensions stated in text
• New advisory notes (non-mandatory)
Harmonization

ICC/ANSI A117.1-2003

IBC 2003

Using the New ADA Standards
Content of the new ADA standards

Based on the Board’s updated *ADA Accessibility Guidelines* – “ADAAG” (2004)

DOJ’s ADA Standards (2010)

Excluding ABA Chapters 1 & 2 (pp. 72 – 140)
Additional Design Requirements (DOJ’s regulations)

- Social Service Center Establishments
- Housing at Places of Education
- Assembly Areas
- Medical Care Facilities
- Residential Dwelling Units
- Detention and Correctional Facilities
- Places of Lodging

DOJ’s ADA Standards (2010)

Apply to construction/ alteration of:
- state & local government facilities (title II)
- places of public accommodation (title III)
- commercial facilities (title III)

Except: transportation facilities (covered by similar standards issued by DOT in 2006)
Referenced Standards

• powered doors (ANSI/BHMA A156.10 & A156.19)
• elevators and lifts (ASME A17.1 & A18.1)
• egress (IBC)
• alarms (NFPA 72)
• play surfacing & equipment (ASTM standards)

Earlier ADAAG Supplements

• State & Local Gov’t Facilities (1998)
• Children’s Environments (1998)
• Play Areas (2000)
• Recreation Facilities (2002)

Included in the 2010 Standards without substantive changes
New Construction

*All* areas must comply except:

- Exempted structures/ spaces
- Work areas (ADA facilities)
- Partially scoped spaces
Accessible Parking Scoping

Van Accessible Spaces
• 1 van space for every 6 accessible spaces required *
• There will always be at least one van space required

Access Aisle Markings

Guidelines Require
“marked so as to discourage parking in them” *

Specific requirements may be a function of local code for regulating parking
Parking Space Signs

• International Symbol of Access required to designate and reserve accessible spaces
• 60 inches minimum to bottom of sign *
• “Van Accessible” added for van spaces
• Exception: sign not required where 4 or fewer spaces are provided *

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Passenger Loading Zones

At least 1 for every 100 linear ft. of loading zone space provided
Passenger Loading at Entrance

- Canopy not required (2010 ADA Standard)

Opening Force

Exterior Doors: Automation Recommended

Required at GSA buildings (Public Building Service Standards)
Entrances (206.4)

At least 60% of public entrances must comply

Public entrance = any entrance that is not a service or restricted entrance

Secured Entrances (404.1)

Doors operated only by security personnel exempt from provisions for:

- Hardware (404.2.7)
- Closing speed (404.2.8)
- Opening force (404.2.9)

(automated doors subject to clear width & threshold requirements only)
Maneuvering Clearance

Compliance with 404.2.4 required for:

- Power-assisted doors
- Automatic doors on accessible MOE (except those with standby power or that stay open in power-off mode)

Maneuvering Clearances

Hospital Patient Rooms:
latch side clearance not required at entry doors
(404.2.4, exception)
Door Surface (404.2.10)
Bottom 10” must be smooth (full width of door)

Kick plates can be used to protect door

Vision Lights (404.2.11)
If provided, vision lights: 43” max. AFF (not required if bottom edge is above 66”)

43” max.
Break Out Opening

Doors on MOE:
32” min. clear break out opening (emergency mode)

Unless:
• Door has standby power
  or
• Compliant manual door serves the same MOE

Controls

Wheelchair space at controls must be outside the door swing
Accessible Routes

Elevator Exceptions

Public (Government) sector:
2 story – access not required to non-public floor with max. occupancy of 5 (e.g., boat traffic tower)

Accessible Routes

New exception for press boxes
• 500 sq ft or less (aggregate)
• on bleachers entered on 1 level
• or elevated 12’ or more (free standing)
Accessible Routes

Clarifications

• access not req’d if no pedestrian route provided
• if circulation path interior, accessible route must be interior
• mezzanines – vertical access not req’d where elevator not req’d

Accessible Means of Egress

• Reference to the International Building Code (IBC)
• Standby power for platform lifts on egress routes
Detectable warnings

Detectable Warnings
Required on boarding platform edges only (and curb ramps covered by DOT standards)

No longer required at:
• curb ramps (except at transportation facilities covered by DOT standards)
• hazardous vehicular areas

Rulemaking on public rights-of-way to revisit issue

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Work Areas
(203.9)

- “approach, entry, & exit”
- circulation paths (in areas ≥ 1000 sq ft)
- means of egress
- visual alarm connection

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Work Areas
Access for “approach, entry, & exit”

- Door man. clearance (exterior)
- Compliant door (clear width, hardware, opening force, etc.)
- Clear floor space

Recommended:
- Interior door man. clearance
- Turning space
Work Areas
Accessible circulation paths

Exceptions:
• areas < 1000 sq. ft.
• paths = integral part of equipment
• exterior areas fully exposed to weather

Toilet Rooms
Private Toilet Rooms

“Adaptable” access permitted

- private (not common) use
- single occupant
- accessed only through private office

(clarified in the new ADA-ABA standards)

Private Toilet Rooms

Adaptability allows:

- later provision of grab bars (reinforcement/ blocking)
- alternative toilet seat & lavatory heights
- removable base cabinetry at lavs
- door swing into fixture clearances (where swing can be reversed)
Clustered Toilet Rooms

New exception:

Access to at least 50% of single user toilet rooms clustered at one location that serve same users (instead of 100%)

Clustered Toilet Rooms

Example: medical office suite
Water Closets

Original ADAAG (fig. 28) permitted overlap

Water Closet Clearance

No longer permitted under new standards
Toilet Rooms

Allows space for side transfers

• fixtures can be recessed
• shorter (24” min.) rear grab bar allowed in this case
Toilet Rooms

Doors can swing into fixture clearances if clear floor space (30” x 48” min.) provided outside swing

Toilet Rooms

- Range for toilet centerline
- Lavatory cannot overlap toilet clearance (except in dwelling units)
Grab Bars

Clearances
1 ½” min. below, behind

New standards:
12” min. clearance above

Grab Bars

Diameter: 1 ¼” - 1 ½”

New standards:
• 1 ¼” - 2”
• specifications for non-circular cross sections
Urinals

17” max. height, elongated rim

New standards: “elongated” = 13 ½” min.

Children’s Toilets

Alternate Specifications:
• WC centerline: 12” – 18”
• WC seat height: 11” – 17”
• Grab bar height: 18” – 27”
• Dispenser height: 14” – 19”
Children’s Toilets
Advisory information provides guidance according to age group

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Toilet Stalls
Lavs in toilet stalls

New standards:
Stalls with more >1 plumbing fixture treated as toilet room

Second accessible lav required outside stall
Ambulatory Stall

- parallel grab bars
- width: 36” (absolute)
- doors: out-swinging, self-closing

New standards:
- width 35” – 37”
- depth: 60” min.

Bathing Facilities
Transfer Stall

Stall dimensions: **absolute**, not minimum

*New standards:* 36” measured at center point

Grab bars can be continuous or split

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Roll-in Shower (no seat)

Stall dimensions and clear floor space
(lav can overlap space)

*New standards:* CFS 30” min. deep (instead of 36”)

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Shower Spray Unit

Hand-held shower spray unit required for showers and tubs (exception for “unmonitored” facilities)

New standards:
• on/off control
• water temperature (120 degrees max.)

Seats

New standards: specifications for L-shaped and rectangular seats

Diagram showing dimensions for L-shaped and rectangular seats.
Bath Tub (Permanent Seat)
Clear floor space at tub with permanent seat

New standards: additional space beyond seat wall

Residential Dwelling Units
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Guidelines apply primarily to State or local government housing and public accommodations housing

(Fair Housing Act covers multi-family housing in public and private sectors)

Residential Dwelling Units

Scoping:

• 5% wheelchair accessible
• 2% communication access features
• Recognize coverage by HUD 504 regulations
• Exception for facilities with 15 or fewer units
• Units for sale (DOJ or HUD regs)
Residential Dwelling Units

Residential Facilities vs. Transient Lodging (definitions)

*Residential:* long-term in nature, used as residence

*Transient:* short-term in nature, not used as residence

Assembly areas
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Wheelchair Spaces

lower scoping for assembly areas with more than 500 seats:

• 501 – 5,000 seats: 1 space/every 150 seats (instead of 1%)
• > 5,000: 0.5% scoping

Assembly Areas

Horizontal Dispersion

Exception (300 seats max.) if:
spaces & companion seats located in the 2nd or 3rd quartile of row

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Assembly Areas

Vertical Dispersion
Exception (300 seats max.) if:
viewing angles = or better than the
average viewing angles in the
assembly area

Wheelchair spaces must provide
comparable lines of sight
lines of sight over standing spectators

Fire Alarms

NFPA 72
(1999 or 2002)

guidelines require
110 dB max.
Fire Alarms

NFPA 72 covers:
• flash rate & pulse duration
• location - wall & ceiling
• minimum intensity
• larger coverage thru fewer appliances
• many spaces (other than corridors) can be covered by 1 appliance
• synchronization of multiple appliances

Signs

• Raised characters
• Braille
• Visual characters
• Pictograms
Signs

- Tactile/visual – labels for permanent rooms & spaces, exit doors
- Visual only – directional or informational signs
- Exempt: temporary signs, building menus, directories, addresses, company names and logos

Signs

Location (tactile signs)
- Latch side of doors, 60” high (to centerline)

*New standards:*
- More detail, 48” – 60” height, allowed on push side of doors (without hold-open devices)
Telephones

• Volume controls on all public phones
• 20 dB (12 dB intermediate step)
• Automatic reset

TTYs:
• 34” min. height keyboard (unless seats provided)
• Revised scoping

Assistive Listening Systems

Required where:
• audible communication = integral to use of the space and
• audio amplification
• courtrooms

Not triggered by fixed seating or occupant load
New technical criteria (sound pressure level, signal-to-noise ratio, peak clipping level)
ATMs and Fare Machines

Access to 1 of each type at each location

- speech output
- privacy
- input controls
- display screen
- Braille instructions (for speech mode)

Two-Way Communication Systems

Audible and visual signals required
Where to direct questions

U.S. Department of Justice

- Implementing regulation and additional requirements
- Requirements for existing facilities – title II & III

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