



INFORMATION SHEET

NO. DA-08

DATE : October 29, 2014

CATEGORY : Disabled Access

SUBJECT : **Accessible Route to Accessible Toilet Compartments**

SECTIONS INVOLVED

: **California Building Code (CBC) Sections;**
2010 CBC Section 1115B.3.1 #4.5 Multi-Accommodation Toilet Facilities
2013 CBC Section 11B-403.5.1 (Exception 5) Clear Width
DSA-AC Final Expressed Terms Dated June 27, 2014
DSA-AC Initial Statement of Reasons Dated December 23, 2013

INTENT : To Clarify the requirement for a 44" wide accessible route within a multi accommodation toilet or bathing facility to an accessible stall.

DISCUSSION :

In Chapter 11B of the 2010 CBC and within previous editions of the code, there has been a stated requirement for a 44" wide accessible route to all accessible toilet compartments. After adoption and issuance of the 2013 edition of the code it was discovered that this section was inadvertently omitted from the final printing. The requirement was found under multi-accommodation toilet facilities in the previous code and, with the adoption of the 2010 ADA Guidelines as a model code, should have migrated to Section 11B-403.5.1 Clear width of accessible routes. It was left out.

The July 22, 2014 meeting of the California Building Standards Commission (BSC) voted to correct this omission and reinstate this provision into the CBC as follows:

ITEM 11B.25

DIVISION 4: ACCESSIBLE ROUTES

11B-403 Walking surfaces

11B-403.5 Clearances. ...

11B-403.5.1 Clear width. Except as provided in *Sections 11B-403.5.2 and 11B-403.5.3*, the clear width of walking surfaces shall be 36 inches (914 mm) minimum.

Exceptions:

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5. The clear width for accessible routes to accessible toilet compartments shall be 44 inches (1118 mm) except for door-opening widths and door swings.



on of the State Architect submitted the proposed amendment to the BSC with the following

Clear width, Exception 5

OSA-AC is proposing an amendment to carry forward and incorporate an accessibility provision of the 2010 Building Code which was inadvertently omitted in the development of the 2013 California Building Code. SB.3.1, Item 4.4, of the 2010 California Building Code required clear, unobstructed access of not less than 44 inches for wheelchair access in all rooms and compartments designed for use by persons with disabilities. The 2010 California Building Code language is being amended for consistency with model code format and terminology.

The amendment was approved at the July 22, 2014 meeting and will be published in the July 1, 2015 cycle amendments.

Under the current status, it is clear that this minimum clearance should be included in all plans under the current provision as it is clearly the intent of the code and may lead to unnecessary corrective expenditures in future tenant improvement.

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