

GENERAL ACCESSIBILITY NOTES

- Commercial facilities shall be designed and constructed to meet the minimum requirements of the following: Chapter 11B, Chapter 30, and Chapter 35 of the California Building Code. Also see The California Electrical and Plumbing Code.
- All entrances and all exterior ground-level exits shall be accessible in compliance with Section 1001.9.
- All building entrances shall be identified by a standard sign with the international symbol of accessibility with additional directional signs, as required. The symbol shall be a white figure on blue background. Braille, raised characters, and pictorial symbol signs shall be used wherever specifically required, and shall conform to the standards set forth in the code. Section 1117B.5.7
- In buildings and facilities, floors of a given story shall be a common level throughout, or shall be connected by pedestrian ramps, passenger elevators, or special access lifts. Section 1120B
- Specific work stations need only comply with aisle width (Section 1014.1 and 1014.2) and floors and levels (Section 1120B), and entry ways shall be 32" in clear width.
- Aisles shall not be less than 36" wide if serving only one side, and not less than 42" wide if serving both sides. Such minimum width shall be measured at the point farthest from an exit, cross aisle, or foyer and shall be increased by 1-1/2" for each 5'-0" in length towards the exit, cross aisle, or foyer.
- If carpet is used on a ground or floor surface, then it shall be securely attached; have a firm cushion, pad, or backing or no cushion or pad; and have a level loop, textured loop; level-cut pile, or level-cut/uncut pile texture. The maximum pile height shall be 1/2". Exposed edges of carpet shall be fastened to floor surfaces, and have trim along the entire length of the exposed edge. Carpet edge trim shall comply with Section 1124B.2.
- Where fixed or built-in seating, tables, or counters are provided for the public, and in general employee areas, 5 percent (%) but never less than one, must be accessible as provided in Section 1122B.1.
- Storage and closet areas shall have complying doorways, providing access to all such areas shall not be less than 32" in clear width. Storage areas shall be made accessible in the number and dimensions provided in Section 1125B.
- The tops of tables and counters shall be 28" to 34" from the floor. Where a single counter contains more than one transaction station, such as a bank teller, at least 5 percent (%), but never less than one, of each type of each station shall be located at sections of counter that is at least 36" long and no more than 28" to 34" high. Section 1122B.4

- Drinking fountains, if provided, shall be made accessible to individuals who use wheelchairs in accordance with the California Plumbing Code (CPC) Section 1507.0 and one accessible to those who have difficulty bending or stooping. Drinking fountains shall be within alcoves. The alcove shall be not less than 32" wide by 18" deep. See Figure 11B-3 and 1507.0 CPC. The drinking fountain shall conform to the requirements of UBC Section 117B.1 and CPC Section 1507.0.
- Public telephones shall conform to requirements of Section 1117B.2.2., and provide space 30"x48" for forward or parallel approach to telephones. Figure 11B-4 and Section 1117B.2
- Automated teller machines and Point-of-Sale machines. All Point-of-Sale machines used by customers for the primary purpose of executing transactions between the business entity and the customer, shall comply with Section 1117B.7.

EXISTING BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY

- The area of specific addition, alteration and/or repair, shall comply with the provisions of Title 24 Div. 1, New Buildings. Section 1134B.
- The primary entrance to the building and path of travel to the specific area, shall be accessible to the handicapped persons.
- Compliance must be shown, beginning from the existing parking area and leading to the area of alteration.
- Sanitary facilities, water fountains, and public telephones serving the area must be shown to be accessible to and functional for handicapped persons.

ACCESSIBLE ROUTE OF TRAVEL

- When a building or portion of a building is required to be accessible or adaptable, an accessible route of travel shall be provided to all portions of the building, to accessible building entrances, and between the building and the public way.
- Except within an individual dwelling unit, an accessible route of travel shall not pass through kitchens, storage rooms, restrooms, closets, or other spaces used for similar purposes.
- At least one accessible route within the boundary of the site shall be provided from public transportation stops, accessible parking and accessible passenger loading zones, and public streets or sidewalks, to the accessible building entrances they serve.
- At least one accessible route shall connect accessible buildings, facilities, elements, and spaces that are on the same site.

Status of Compliance to State Accessibility Standards

The following information has been verified in the field and can be verified by the inspector. Items shown in compliance, comply or will be made to fully comply as part of of this project.

ACCESSIBILITY ELEMENTS

Path of travel from public way to entrance		
Path of travel from parking to entrance		
Entry and route to area of alteration		
At least one restroom for each sex		
Accessible telephones		
Accessible drinking fountains		
Parking		
Storage		
Other		

Complies to State Accessibility Stds.
Will partially comply as part of hardship

HARDSHIP EXEMPTION INFORMATION

COST

Cost of project w/o accessibility elements outside the area of alteration.	
Cost to make the facility fully comply to accessibility standards.	

COST OF ELEMENTS FOR HARDSHIP EXEMPTION

List the work that will be completed as part of the Hardship Exemption

TOTAL _____

Therefore, _____ \$ is _____ % of the cost of the project.

I certify the above information has been verified in the field as complying or will be made to comply, and the amounts shown for the hardship exemption is correct.

Name (printed) _____ Position _____

Signature _____ Date _____



Project Title: _____
 Project Address: _____
 Project Owner and Address: _____

General Accessibility Notes and Hardship Exemption Information

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
 The information provided on this sheet is a summary of specific code requirements and is provided to assist in understanding and complying with the code. Completeness of the plans and code compliance remains the responsibility of the applicant.
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