

Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Building and Energy Division, Standards Branch

Comparison Table	
Proposed transfer to the 2019 Edition of the National Construction Code – BCA Volume One	Health (Public Building) Regulations 1992 – Building Standards
<b>Proposed - NCC Part A Appendix inclusions</b>	<b>Existing - Department of Health provisions</b>
<p><b>WA A1.1 Definitions</b></p> <p>Insert definition for <i>WA Public Assembly Building</i> as follows:  <b>WA Public Assembly Building</b> means —                      A Class 6 (<i>licenced premises</i> only) or 9b building or part of a building that is one of the following;                      A building or part of a building where persons may assemble for –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) civic, theatrical, social, political or religious purposes; or</li> <li>(ii) educational purposes; or</li> <li>(iii) entertainment, recreational or sporting purposes; or</li> <li>(iv) business purposes.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911</b></p> <p>Section 173  <b>Public building</b> means —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a building or place or part of a building or place where persons may assemble for —                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) civic, theatrical, social, political or religious purposes; and educational purposes; and</li> <li>(ii) entertainment, recreational or sporting purposes; and</li> <li>(iii) business purposes; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) any building, structure, tent, gallery, enclosure, platform or other place or any part of a building, structure, tent, gallery, enclosure, platform or other place in or on which numbers of persons are usually or occasionally assembled, but does not include a hospital.</li> </ul>
<p>Insert definition for <i>licenced premises</i> as follows:  <b>Licensed premises</b> means–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) premises in respect of which a cabaret licence as defined by the <i>Liquor Control Act 1988</i> has been granted under that Act; or</li> <li>(b) premises in respect of which a tavern licence, a hotel restricted licence or any other kind of hotel licence as defined by the <i>Liquor Control Act 1988</i> has been granted under that Act; or</li> <li>(c) cabaret, hotel or tavern-                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) in respect of which a special facility licence as defined by the <i>Liquor Control Act 1988</i> has been granted under that Act; and</li> <li>(ii) in respect of which paragraph (a) or (b) does not apply.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Liquor Control Act 1988</b></p> <p><b>Licensed premises</b> means–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) premises in respect of which a cabaret licence as defined by the <i>Liquor Control Act 1988</i> has been granted under that Act; or</li> <li>(b) premises in respect of which a tavern licence, a hotel restricted licence or any other kind of hotel licence as defined by the <i>Liquor Control Act 1988</i> has been granted under that Act; or</li> <li>(c) a cabaret, hotel or tavern-                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) in respect of which a special facility licence as defined by the <i>Liquor Control Act 1988</i> has been granted under that Act; and</li> <li>(ii) in respect of which paragraph (a) or (b) does not apply.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p><b><u>Proposed - NCC Part H Appendix inclusions</u></b></p> <p><b>Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions</b></p> <p><b>WA H101.2 Additional exits</b></p> <p>A <i>WA public assembly building</i> must have more than one <i>exit</i> from each <i>storey</i> that accommodates more than 50 persons.</p>	<p><b><u>Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992</u></b></p> <p><b>Prescriptive Basis</b></p> <p><b>r14. Exit doors</b></p> <p>(5) The occupier of a public building that has an occupancy exceeding 50 persons shall ensure that the building has more than one exit unless the local government otherwise approves.</p>
<p><b>WA H101.3 Public stairways</b></p> <p>All steps serving a <i>WA public assembly building</i> must have <i>risers</i> not exceeding 180 mm and <i>goings</i> not less than 280 mm.</p>	<p><b>r13. Steps and landings</b></p> <p>(3) Steps shall have treads not less than 280 mm wide and risers not exceeding 180 mm in height.</p>
<p><b>WA H101.4 Public stair and or ramp handrails</b></p> <p>Except for handrails referred to in D2.18, handrails must be provided on both sides of stairways, landings or ramps that serve a <i>WA public assembly building</i>.</p>	<p><b>r13. Steps and landings</b></p> <p>(2) Steps and landings shall be provided with hand rails on each side that is not stepped unless the local government otherwise approves.</p>
<p><b>WA H101.5 External egress lighting</b></p> <p>(a) The external path of travel to the road or open space associated with an <i>exit</i> for a <i>WA public assembly building</i> must be provided with a minimum illuminance of 1 lux at ground level; and</p> <p>(b) the system must be connected to circuits separate from those supplying lighting for foyers, entry porches, emergency escape passages or areas providing entry or egress to the <i>public building</i>; and</p> <p>(c) the system must be connected over two circuits where two or more lights are required to illuminate external steps, landings, ramps or exit paths; and</p> <p>(d) the switches controlling the external lighting system must not be accessible to the public.</p>	<p><b>r31. External lighting</b></p> <p>(e) Subject to these regulations, the external areas of a public building shall be illuminated with a minimum illuminance of 1 lux at ground level.</p> <p>(f) External lighting systems shall be connected to circuits separate from those supplying lighting for foyers, entry porches, emergency escape passages or areas providing entry or egress to the public building.</p> <p>(g) Where 2 or more lights are required to illuminate external stairs or exit paths, luminaires shall be connected over at least 2 circuits and so arranged that all sections remain illuminated if one circuit fails.</p> <p>(h) Switches controlling external lighting shall not be located so as to be accessible to the public unless the Chief Health Officer, approves.</p>
<p><b>WA H101.6 Seating</b></p> <p>(a) Where fixed seating in a Class 9b <i>WA public assembly building</i> is arranged in regular rows of 10 or more seats, aisles must be provided on both sides of each row; and</p> <p>(b) Number of seats in a row between aisles must not exceed 42.</p>	<p><b>r11. Seats, fixing requirements for</b></p> <p>(1) Except with the approval of the local government but subject to subregulation (2), all seats used for seating audiences in a public building shall be securely fixed to the floor unless fastened together in groups of not less than 4 seats.</p> <p>(2) Where seats are arranged in regular rows of 10 to 42 seats aisles shall be provided on both sides of each row.</p>