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INTRODUCTION

This appendix contains additions to the Building Code of Australia (BCA) provisions that are considered necessary for application in Western Australia.

The additions apply to the construction of *Western Australia (WA) Public Assembly Buildings* as defined in this appendix under A1.1 Definitions.

These additional provisions are a consolidation of existing construction provisions in the “Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992” into the Western Australia Appendix of the NCC.

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SECTION A GENERAL PROVISIONS

PART A1 INTERPRETATION

WA A1.1 Definitions

Insert definition for *WA Public Assembly Building* as follows:

WA Public Assembly Building means –

A Class 6 (*licensed premises* 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 –

- (i) civic, theatrical, social, political or religious purposes; or
- (ii) educational purposes; or
- (iii) entertainment, recreational or sporting purposes; or
- (iv) business purposes.

Insert definition for *licensed premises* as follows:

Licensed premises means –

- (a) premises in respect of which a cabaret licence as defined by the *Liquor Control Act 1988* has been granted under that Act; or
- (b) premises in respect of which a tavern licence, a hotel restricted licence or any other kind of hotel licence as defined by the *Liquor Control Act 1988* has been granted under that Act; or
- (c) a cabaret, hotel or tavern –
 - (i) in respect of which a special facility licence as defined by the *Liquor Control Act 1988* has been granted under that Act; and
 - (ii) in respect of which paragraph (a) or (b) does not apply.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA**SECTION H SPECIAL USE BUILDINGS****WA Part H101 PUBLIC ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS****DEEMED-TO-SATISFY****Note.**

Part H101 contains *Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions* additional to those contained in Sections **D**, **E**, **F** and **H** for *WA public assembly buildings*.

The Objective of this Part is to provide additional requirements to safeguard occupants in *WA public assembly buildings* from illness or injury while evacuating in an emergency.

WA H101.1 Application of Part

The *Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions* of this Part apply to every *WA public assembly building* part of a building.

WA H101.2 Additional exits

A *WA public assembly building* must have more than one *exit* from each *storey* that accommodates more than 50 persons.

WA H101.3 Public stairways

All steps serving a *WA public assembly building* must have *risers* not exceeding 180 mm and *goings* not less than 280 mm.

WA H101.4 Public stair and or ramp handrails

Except for handrails referred to in D2.18, handrails must be provided on both sides of stairways, landings or ramps that serve a *WA public assembly building*.

WA H101.5 External egress lighting

- (a) The external path of travel to the road or open space associated with an *exit* for a *WA public assembly building* must be provided with a minimum illuminance of 1 lux at ground level; and
- (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 *public building*; and
- (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

- (d) the switches controlling the external lighting system must not be accessible to the public.

WA H101.6 Seating

- (a) Where fixed seating in a Class 9b *WA public assembly building* is arranged in regular rows of 10 or more seats, aisles must be provided on both sides of each row; and
- (b) Number of seats in a row between aisles must not exceed 42.

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Footnote: OTHER LEGISLATION AFFECTING BUILDINGS

In addition to any applicable provisions of the Building Act 2011, Building Regulations 2012 and this Code, there are a number of other legislative technical requirements affecting the design, construction and/or performance of buildings that practitioners may need to be aware of, including, but not necessarily limited to, the following list. Additional legislative instruments such as regulations, codes and standards may exist under the legislation listed.

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