

**ACCOMMODATION STANDARDS (NO. 3)
HOSTEL**

**LIQUOR AND ACCOMMODATION ACT 1990
PART 3, SECTION 109
PROVISION OF TOURIST ACCOMMODATION**

1. PROVISION OF TOURIST ACCOMMODATION DEFINED

A person is to be taken to be providing tourist accommodation if that person provides overnight lodging facilities for tourists or travellers for a consideration (s 104).

2. ACCOMMODATION STANDARDS

The Board shall from time to time and in consultation with the Director of Tourism formulate and publish accommodation standards, which prescribe -

- (a) various classifications of tourist accommodation; and
- (b) the minimum standards of amenities and facilities which must be met by tourist accommodation in each classification (s 109)

3. CLASSIFICATIONS

In accordance with 2. (a) above the following classification of tourist accommodation is hereby defined:-

A HOSTEL shall have:-

- (a) Communal dormitory/bunkhouse accommodation, suitable communal bathing and toilet facilities and may contain family or single occupancy bedrooms.
- (b) A self catering kitchen, and a communal common room/dining room.

4. BEDROOM STYLE

The following minimum style of bedroom is to be offered;

COMMUNAL DORMITORY/BUNKHOUSE

Containing beds/bunks and may include adjoining bedroom(s)

5. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR BEDROOM STYLE

5.1 Dormitory/bunkhouse (Either bunks or beds may be provided)

- (a) As a general rule the following percentages of clear floor space (i.e. excluding beds and furniture) must be provided.
 - (i) where beds only are provided clear floor space should be at least 50% of total floor area: or
 - (ii) where bunks or a mix of beds and bunks are provided clear floor space should be at least 60% of total floor area.
- (b) Where bunks are provided they are to comply with the current Australian Standard.

- (c) Each dormitory/bunkhouse must be provided with the following:-
 - (i) suitable pillows and mattresses sufficient for the number of persons to be accommodated;
 - (ii) a mirror; (recommended size 600mm x 450mm);
 - (iii) a waste container;
 - (iv) an adequate form of safe heating;
 - (v) appropriate window covering/s;
 - (vi) an approved latching device on the door;
 - (vii) a night light or other approved illumination;
 - (viii) sufficient coat hooks, hanging space and secure storage for each persons possessions;
 - (ix) a flyscreen to at least one openable window; and
 - (x) all mattresses and pillows provided with washable coverings.

6. BATHING AND TOILET REQUIREMENTS

6.1 COMMUNAL BATHING AND TOILET FACILITIES (BOTH MALE AND FEMALE)

- (a) Where communal bathing and toilet facilities are provided, the toilet facilities are to be in a separate area from the bathing facilities.
- (b) These facilities shall be provided with:-
 - (i) impervious non slip floor surfaces or coverings;
 - (ii) bench tops and wall surfaces constructed of an impervious easily cleaned material;
 - (iii) all other surfaces constructed of a material which is easily cleaned and maintained;
 - (iv) entrance screens, doors and windows to provide adequate privacy for users.
 - (v) cubicle doors that must be capable of being easily opened from the outside in an emergency; and
 - (vi) a hot and cold potable water supply, able to run uninterrupted;
 - (vii) an adequate number of mirrors of sufficient size (recommended size 600mm x 450mm) and fixed at a convenient height above each hand basin;
 - (viii) adequate shelving or bench space;
 - (ix) sufficient power points, conveniently located;
 - (x) adequate coat hooks or towel rails;
 - (xi) adequate lighting;
 - (xii) sufficient paper towel dispensers (kept supplied with paper towels) or hand drying devices;
 - (xiii) a washable waste container;
 - (xiv) adequate safe heating; and
 - (xv) an extractor fan or other approved form of ventilation.

6.1.1. BATHING FACILITIES

There shall be provided in an suitable position in each shower cubicle or bath area;-

- (a) a soap holder;

- (b) a dry area with a seat or shelf, double coat hooks and an area large enough for a person to dress/undress;and
- (c) a door to give privacy, fitted with an approved latching device.
- (d) where coin operated devices are provided the apparatus to operate the device is to be situated within the cubicle.

6.1.2 TOILETS

Communal toilets shall be provided (in each cubicle) with:-

- (a) sufficient coat hooks;
- (b) sufficient toilet paper dispensers, kept supplied with toilet paper; and
- (c) a door to give privacy, fitted with an approved latching device.

7. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTELS

7.1 COMMUNAL COMMON ROOM

A Communal Common Room of an adequate size is to be provided equipped with the following:-

- (a) a notice board;
- (b) adequate safe heating;
- (c) sufficient seating having regard to the number of persons that can be accommodated;
- (d) a table or tables of sufficient size to cater for the number of persons that can be accommodated if those table/tables are not provided elsewhere; and
- (e) a flyscreen to at least one openable window.

7.2 PREPARATION OF MEALS

The following facilities for the preparation, cooking, storage and eating of food are to be provided:-

- (a) a stove or stoves or other acceptable alternative;
- (b) adequate food storage space, including refrigeration or cold storage of sufficient size;
- (c) cutlery, crockery, cooking utensils sufficient for the number of persons that may be accommodated;
- (d) a stainless steel sink to which there is supplied an adequate supply of both hot and cold potable water;
- (e) a refuse receptacle;
- (f) all surfaces including floors are to be finished with materials which are impervious and easily cleaned;
- (g) sufficient seating at tables or benches for the number of guests that can be accommodated.; and
- (h) sufficient cleaning equipment, detergents, tea towels etc.

7.3 SUPERVISION

The licensee or his representative shall reside on site, adjacent to the hostel or be available at short notice if required, to ensure proper supervision of the hostel.

7.4 LAUNDRY FACILITIES

Where communal laundry facilities are provided they must:-

- (a) be of an adequate size;
- (b) have impervious floors;
- (c) have adequate washing machines, dryers, sufficient tubs with hot and cold water, bench space and outdoor drying facilities; and
- (d) sufficient irons and ironing boards.

7.5 SECURE AREA

A secure area is to be provided for the storage of patrons' possessions.

8. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1 Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in these Standards and subject to the Liquor and Accommodation Act, 1990 if, in relation to any particular accommodation premises the Commissioner is satisfied that having regard to the relevant circumstances, compliance with any of the provisions of these Accommodation Standards would impose undue hardship on the applicant or licensee or that for any reason considered by the Commissioner to be sufficient the Commissioner may vary, modify or exempt the applicant or licensee from any requirement(s) of these Accommodation Standards.
- 8.2 The number of persons capable of being accommodated shall be as approved by the Commissioner.
- 8.3 All premises licensed under the authority of an Accommodation Licence must comply with the requirements of any relevant statutory authority.
- 8.4 All interior and exterior surfaces are to be properly maintained.
- 8.5 Any landscaping and paving that is provided is to be maintained in good condition.
- 8.6 Any car parks that are provided are to be surfaced and maintained in good condition.
- 8.7 All exterior doors to sleeping accommodation are to be numbered or named.
- 8.8 All public and accommodation areas are to be provided with wall to wall carpet or other approved coverings, construction or floor finish.
- 8.9 The licensee shall not in any way represent the premises as being classified as other than the classification specified in the Accommodation Licence.
- 8.10 Where facilities for the disabled are provided they shall conform with the relevant Australian Standard.
- 8.11 Where a reception facility is provided such facility may require one or more of the following:
 - (a) luggage storage
 - (b) a bell or other device to enable a person to attract attention to his or her presence in the reception area;
 - (c) a pay telephone; and
 - (d) information or brochures on local activities and points of interest to visitors.
- 8.12 Where children are catered for cots are to be available on request.
- 8.13 External doors and windows to kitchen and common room/dining room are to be fitted with flyscreens.

DESIRABLE FACILITIES

Facilities considered desirable to enhance the attraction of a hostel to guests include:-

- (a) an outdoor recreation and barbeque area; and
- (b) a horizontal hand rail at a height of approximately one (1) metre above the base of each shower bay.

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