

2021 Virginia Construction Code

CHAPTER 11 ACCESSIBILITY

SECTION 1105 ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCES

1105.1 Public entrances.

In addition to accessible entrances required by Sections 1105.1.2 through 1105.1.8, at least 60 percent of all *public entrances* shall be *accessible*.

Exceptions:

1. An accessible entrance is not required to areas not required to be *accessible*.
2. Loading and *service entrances* that are not the only entrance to a tenant space.

1105.1.1 Automatic doors.

In facilities with the occupancies and building occupant loads indicated in Table 1105.1.1, *public entrances that are required to be accessible shall have one door be either a full power-operated door or a low-energy power-operated door. Where the public entrance includes a vestibule, at least one door into and one door out of the vestibule shall meet the requirements of this section.*

TABLE 1105.1.1
PUBLIC ENTRANCE WITH POWER-OPERATED DOOR^a

OCCUPANCY	BUILDING OCCUPANT LOAD GREATER THAN
A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4	300
B, M, R-1	500

- a. In mixed-use facilities where the total sum of the building occupant load is greater than those listed, the most restrictive building occupant load shall apply.

1105.1.2 Parking garage entrances.

Where provided, direct access for pedestrians from parking structures to buildings or facility entrances shall be *accessible*.

1105.1.3 Entrances from tunnels or elevated walkways.

Where direct access is provided for pedestrians from a pedestrian tunnel or elevated walkway to a building or facility, at least one entrance to the building or facility from each tunnel or walkway shall be *accessible*.

1105.1.4 Restricted entrances.

Where *restricted entrances* are provided to a building or facility, at least one *restricted entrance* to the building or facility shall be *accessible*.

1105.1.5 Entrances for inmates or detainees.

Where entrances used only by inmates or detainees and security personnel are provided at judicial facilities, detention facilities or correctional facilities, at least one such entrance shall be *accessible*.

1105.1.6 Service entrances.

If a *service entrance* is the only entrance to a building or a tenant space in a facility, that entrance shall be *accessible*.

1105.1.7 Tenant spaces.

At least one accessible entrance shall be provided to each tenant in a facility.

Exception: An accessible entrance is not required to *self-service storage facilities* that are not required to be *accessible*.

1105.1.8 Dwelling units and sleeping units.

At least one accessible entrance shall be provided to each *dwelling unit* and *sleeping unit* in a facility.

Exception: An accessible entrance is not required to *dwelling units* and *sleeping units* that are not required to be *Accessible units, Type A units or Type B units*.

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