

Rooms shall be designed with sound absorbing surfaces to reduce the transference of noise.

7.12. Hearing enhancement systems

A hearing enhancement system (such as an induction loop, FM or infrared) is required to communicate with hard of hearing persons and shall be provided in the following types of buildings: meeting rooms, auditoriums, service counters, theatres and concert halls.

A hearing enhancement system enables sound signals to be transmitted to persons using hearing aids without interference from background noise or excessive reverberation level.

In all meeting rooms of over 25 people, in all assembly areas and at service counters, a hearing enhancement system shall be provided.

Hearing enhancement systems that operate using induction loops, infrared and radio frequency are commonly used to provide enhanced level of sound.

Expert advice should be sought when selecting a hearing enhancement system appropriate for the situation and purpose.

Where hearing enhancement systems are provided for persons with hearing impairment, the international symbol of access for hearing loss shall be provided.

Hearing enhancement systems are compatible with language translation systems.

A sign should be posted indicating that the enhancement system is available.

7.13. Auditorium seating spaces

An auditorium seating space is considered accessible when it meets the following requirements:

1. It is connected to an accessible path.
2. Accessible seating can be provided with either permanent or removable seating.
3. Level wheelchair spaces with dimensions shall be of at least 865 mm x 1420 mm if approached frontally and 865 mm x 1500 mm if the approach is lateral shall be provided.