CHAPTER 1 - ACCESS AND MOBILITY

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301.01 ENABLED ACCESS

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INTENT

Provide accessibility that increases usability, safety, health and social participation for People of Determination.

REQUIREMENT

All new buildings, other than villas, must comply with Dubai Municipality Building Regulations, with regards to the People of Determination. They must be enabled for their access, internal movement and ability to engage with the building functions.

SIGNIFICANCE

As of 2017, about 3,376 people of determination are estimated to live in the Emirate of Dubai. People of determination may have disabilities that restrict mobility and create obstacles to them being able to access buildings.

The importance of this issue has been recognised within UAE. Article 2 of Dubai Local Law No. 2, 2014 requires "*Accessible environment must be provided to ensure that People of Determination enjoy all their rights under legislation in force*".

The ability for all users to enter a building and engage in building functions without obstacles is an integral part of sustainable design that must be applied in Dubai. The provision of enabled access to buildings for people of determination allows them to have easy access to the building's facilities or services, such as in offices, retail, or other purposes. This ensures people of determination enjoy all their rights, integrate them into the society as effective members and fosters a respect for them.

APPLICABILITY

This regulation is applicable to all building types except villas. Refer to Table 101.07(1) in Section One - Administration for detailed applicability levels.

IMPLEMENTATION

In order to comply with this regulation, it is recommended that at least one accessible route be provided from the exterior of a building, through the building or facility entrance and within all accessible spaces and elements within the building. A range of measures like ramps, railings, signages, etc. can be used to help accommodate people of determination (fig. 301.01(1) and fig. 301.01(2)).

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