

4.6 FACILITIES

THIS SECTION DEALS WITH THE DESIGN AND PROVISION OF AUDIENCE AND SPECTATOR FACILITIES, SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION AND REFRESHMENT FACILITIES.

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

All users shall have equal access to all areas, and the use of, all facilities provided within buildings. Buildings and Facilities shall be designed so as to allow all users to participate equally as visitors, spectators, participants and / or staff. Accessible sleeping accommodation shall be provided in hotels, motels and student accommodation.

4.6.1 MANDATORY PROVISIONS

The design and provision of facilities will satisfy the performance objectives if:

AUDIENCE AND SPECTATOR FACILITIES

- 1. The minimum number of permanent and removable spaces provided for wheelchair users complies with Table 3 and the route to them is accessible by wheelchair users.
- 2. Stepped access routes to audience seating are provided with fixed handrails complying with Section 3.4 Handrails and guarding
- 3. A proportion of the wheelchair spaces (permanent or temporary) are provided in pairs, with standard seating on at least one side.
- 4. There are good sight lines from all seating positions enabling viewers to see a speaker, a person assisting with sign language, a projection screen performance or sports event, film or presentation.
- 5. Seating on a stepped terrace floor complies with the spacings and adjacencies shown in figure 36.
- 6. A proportion of seats are located so that there is space for an assistance dog to accompany its owner and rest in front of, or under the seat.
- 7. Standard seats at the end of rows and adjacent to wheelchair spaces have detachable or lift-up arm rests.
- 8. Where a podium or stage is provided it is accessible to wheelchair users by means of a ramp or lifting platform.
- 9. A hearing enhancement system is provided in accordance with Section 8.1.

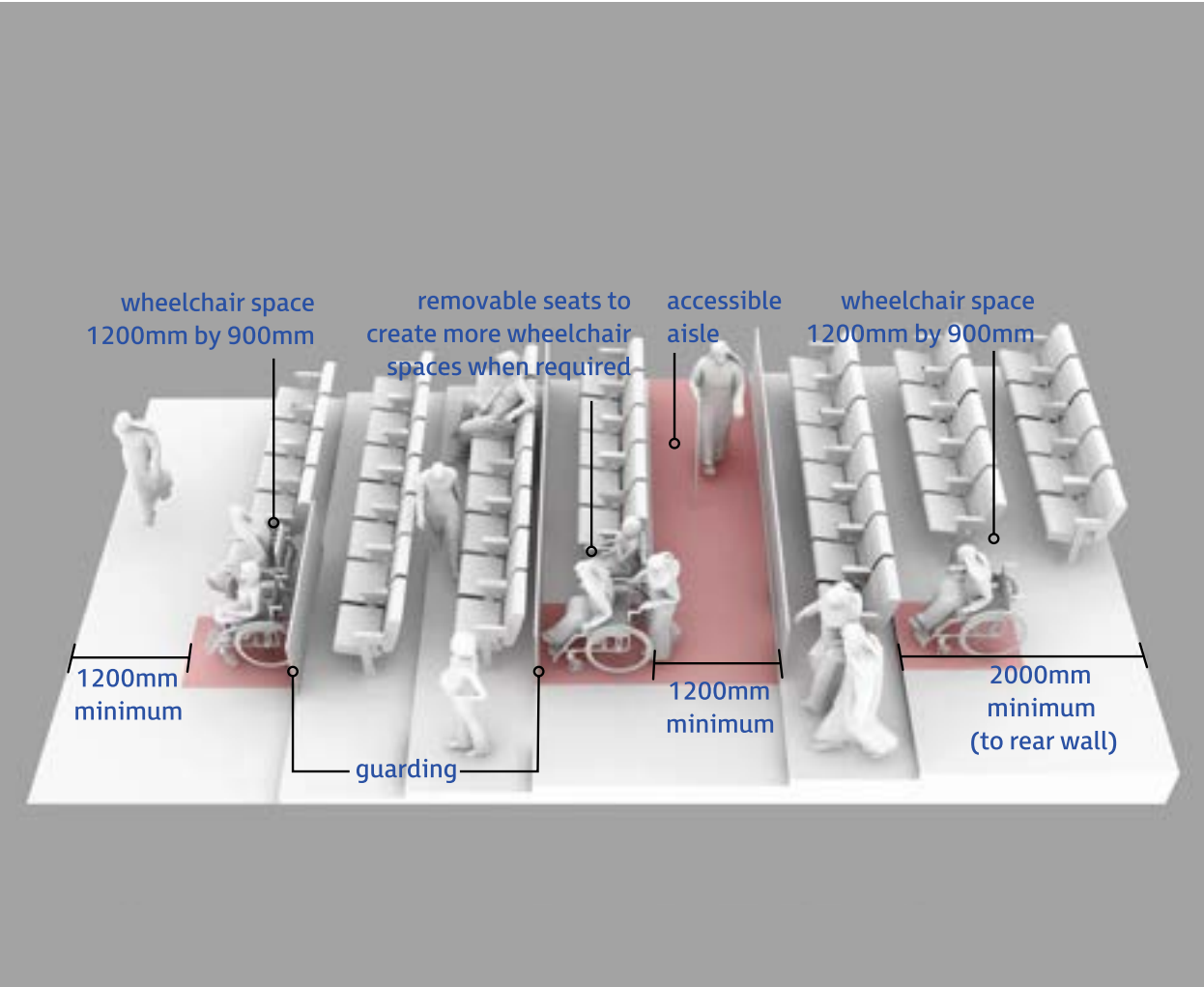


Figure 36 / wheelchair spaces at audience seating

SEATING CAPACITY	MINIMUM PROVISION OF SPACES FOR WHEELCHAIRS	
	TEXT HEIGHT	PERMANENT REMOVABLE
up to 600	1% of total seating capacity (rounded up)	Remainder to make a total of 6
Over 600 but less than 10,000	1% of total seating capacity (rounded up)	Additional provision if desired

Table 3 / Provision of wheelchair space in audience seating