

### 3.1. Scoping requirements

All areas of newly designed and newly constructed buildings and facilities and altered portions of existing buildings and facilities shall comply with these requirements.

Where a site, building, facility, room, or space contains more than one use, each portion shall comply with the applicable requirements for that use.

Temporary buildings and facilities provided for public use should also comply with this Code.

Where public access is permitted during construction or maintenance of a facility, the requirements of this Code shall be respected to provide safe and equitable use for everyone.

### 3.2. Existing buildings and facilities

The accessibility conditions of the buildings shall be assessed and the owner shall present to the authorities a proposal for adapting the building to the requirements for existing buildings contained in the Dubai Universal Design Code within three years after its publication.

Additions and alterations to existing buildings or facilities shall comply with this Code. Each addition to an existing building or facility shall comply with the requirements for new construction. Where existing elements or spaces are altered, each altered element or space shall comply with the applicable requirements of this Code.

An alteration that decreases or has the effect of decreasing the accessibility of a building or facility below the requirements for new construction at the time of the alteration is prohibited.

Maintenance of all facilities, including public and private buildings, as well as transportation facilities, shall guarantee accessibility continuity.

Buildings listed for their cultural interest or catalogued for their particular historical and artistic value remain exempt from applying the accessibility requirements when they contradict the preservation regulations of Dubai. However, they still need to incorporate as many elements as possible to maximize accessibility conditions.

When a building is built in a flood zone the entrances of the building can have a change in level from the exterior ground level.