

# SCOPE & USE

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### INTERPRETATION OF INSTRUCTIONS

Where “shall” is used in this Code, it refers to mandatory design requirements and where “should” is used, it refers to recommended design requirements.

Unless otherwise specified, all dimensions shown in the figures in this Code are in millimetres (mm).

Unless the content otherwise requires:

- a) Words imparting the singular shall include the plural and vice versa: and
- b) Words incorporating the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender and vice versa.

### CODE REQUIREMENTS

The requirements set out in the Code are divided into three sections:

#### MANDATORY SECTION – PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

The Performance Objectives are the guide for the design and construction of the public realm, buildings and the provision of facilities that are to be made accessible to all users in accordance with the Code. Compliance with the Mandatory Provisions will meet the requirements of the Mandatory Objectives. Where alternative designs solutions are proposed such alternative designs must be able to achieve the Mandatory Performance Objectives.

#### MANDATORY PROVISIONS

There are two types of provision. Mandatory Provision and Desirable Provisions. These are clearly identified in the code. Mandatory Provisions detail the ‘deemed to satisfy’ design solutions that will meet the minimum Scope & Use of Document requirements of the Performance Objectives.

#### MANDATORY DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

The Design Requirements provide an explanation of the Performance Objectives and details of recommended good practice. Where Alternative Solutions are proposed the applicant must demonstrate that such solutions comply with the Performance Objectives and where appropriate, provide supporting evidence in the form of research, reference to International Standards and / or the backing of vulnerable user support groups.

The design guidance provided in this Code with respect to wheelchair users is based on the dimensions of commonly used wheelchair sizes and users. Additional space allowances will be required for sports wheelchairs, wheelchairs for larger users and motorized scooters.

The design guidance with respect to means of escape must be read in conjunction with Article 29 of the Dubai Building Code and the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and (UAE) Government Safety Regulations (For the links to these documents refer to Appendix A). Compliance with the Code does not imply or confer compliance with

Laws or Regulations governing means of escape. Compliance with the Code does not imply or confer compliance with Federal Law No. 29 of 2006: In Respect of The Rights of People with Special Needs.

#### DESIRABLE PROVISIONS

Desirable Provisions detail the additional solutions that meet the higher level of performance.