



Australian Government

**Department of Industry,
Innovation and Science**

Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010

What the Government thinks about the review

**Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation
and Science**

Easy Read version



How to use this document



This information is written in an easy to read way.
We use pictures to explain some ideas.



This document explains what the Government
thinks about another document.

That document was written by the Premises
Standards Review Team (PSRT). When you see
the word 'we', it means PSRT.



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Attorney-General's Department

The PSRT was made up of people from:

- the Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
- the Attorney-General's Department.



Some words are written in **bold**. We explain what
these words mean. There is a list of these words
on page 19.



This Easy Read document is a summary of another document.



You can find the other document on our website at <http://www.industry.gov.au/industry/IndustrySectors/buildingmetalsandconstruction/Pages/PremisesStandardsReview.aspx>



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About the Premises Standards



Access means that you can enter a place, such as a building, or use a facility, such as a swimming pool.



There is a set of rules about access.

The rules are called the *Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010*.



We usually call them the Premises Standards.



These rules make sure that buildings have the right levels of access, according to the law.



The Premises Standards started on 1 May 2011.



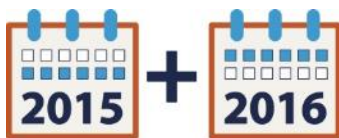
They only apply to new buildings or new parts of buildings that were built after this date.



Every 5 years, we must **review** the Premises Standards to make sure they are working well.



When we review the Premises Standards we look at how well they have been going.



We did this in the second half of 2015 and first half of 2016.



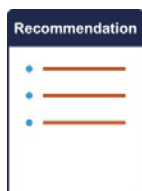
The review looked at how much of a difference the Premises Standards have made since they started in 2011.

Improving the Premises Standards



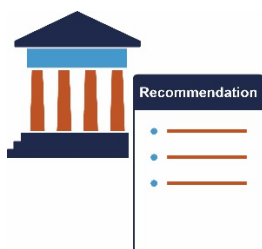
We need to make the Premises Standards:

- more effective
- easier to understand.



We came up with some ways we think this could be done.

We call them **recommendations**.



We showed our recommendations to the Government.



They told us what they think about the recommendations.

We call these **responses**.



They gave us 4 different responses:

- supported



- supported in principle



- noted



- not supported.



Supported means:

- the Government agrees with our recommendation
- we should do what we have said.



Supported in principle means the Government:

- agrees with our recommendation
- thinks there might be a better way to do it.



Noted means the Government:

- might agree with our recommendation
- doesn't think we need to do what we've said
- believes there are other things we should be doing that are more important



Not supported means the Government doesn't agree with our recommendation.

Recommendation 1



Make changes to the Premises Standards so they:



- are clearer and easier to understand



- keep up to date with the National Construction Code (NCC)



- work well with the Transport Standards.



The Government's response was: **supported in principle.**



The Government will make some of the changes to the Premises Standards we suggested.

Recommendation 2



Help people who will be affected the most to:



- understand the Premises Standards



- understand why we need the Premises Standards.

These people include:



- people with disability



- families and carers



- building owners



- architects and designers



- building and construction workers.



The Government's response was: **noted.**



The Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) have written information about how the Premises Standards should be used.



This information can be found on their website.

The Government wants:



- state and territory governments to use this information



- people who work in building and construction to use free training about disability access from the Australia Building Codes Board (ABCB).

Recommendation 3



Improve education and training about the Premises Standards so people:



- know more about the Premises Standards



- understand the Premises Standards better.



The Government's response was: **noted**.

The Government wants:



- state and territory governments to use the information on the AHRC website



- people who work in building and construction to use free training about disability access from the ABCB.

Recommendation 4



Develop a good system so we can do a better job when we review the Premises Standards in the future.



The Government's response was: **supported in principle.**



The Government wants to set up a Data Framework.



The Data Framework will collect information that will help us when we do the next review.

We need to do 2 projects to set up the Data Framework:



- set up a group of experts who can tell us what information we need for reviews we do in the future



- talk to an expert who can tell us the best way for the Data Framework to work.

Recommendation 5



Set up a way of managing things that will guide what we do next.



The Government's response was: **supported in principle.**



The Government thinks the Data Framework will be a good way to manage things.

Recommendation 6



Set up groups of experts who can give us advice when we need it.



The people in the groups would need to be experts on things in the Premises Standards.



The Government's response was: **supported in principle.**



The Government thinks we should set up 1 group of experts who can give us advice when we need it.



We don't need to get advice from experts about everything we need to do.

Other changes



There were 30 small changes we wanted to make to the Premises Standards.

We wanted to improve what we had written by:



- changing some of the words we used



- adding extra information.



The Government's response was: **supported in principle.**

21/30

The Government said we should make 21 out of the 30 changes.



We need to do some extra work before we can make any of the other changes.

Next steps



We need to do a new review every 5 years.



We will do our next review in 2021.

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Word list



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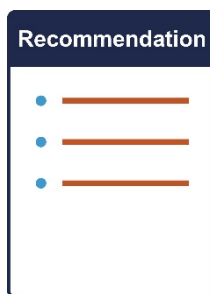
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Recommendations

Ways to make the Premises Standards:

- more effective
- easier to understand.



Response

What the Government think about the recommendations.



Review

To look something over and see how well it has been going.



Supported

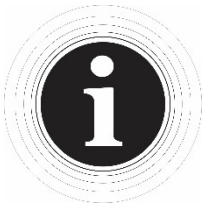
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