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- * Rail platforms items such as detectable warnings, signs at entrances, directories for routes and destinations, station names, clocks, escalators and gaps at track crossings are located here.
- * Some general rules for storage areas are also included in this section.

• **Division 9:** Built-in Elements.

This division covers dining surfaces and work surfaces, benches, check out isles, sales and service counters and food service lines.

- **Division 10:** Recreation Facilities. This is the section where all outdoor recreation uses such as amusement parks, golf courses, boating facilities, boarding piers at boat launch ramps, playgrounds, and swimming pools and spas are clearly explained.

Some specific changes from the previous code are:

11B-108 Maintenance of accessible features

This requires a building owner to maintain the required accessible features.

11B-208.2.4 Van parking spaces

The ratio for van accessible parking has changed and now a van accessible space is required for every six or fraction of six required parking spaces. The previous code required one for every eight.

11B-216.8 Toilet rooms and bathing facilities

Geometric signs are the only signs referred to in this section. It may be a mistake but the pictogram sign no longer appears to be required.

11B-242.2 Swimming Pools

Two access points are required there is an exception if the pool as a perimeter of less than 300 lineal feet only one access is required.

11B-403.6 Handrails

If a handrail is provided on a walkway with a slope less than 1:20 it must comply with the requirements for a handrail on a ramp.

11B-404.2.8.1 Door closers and gate closers

Doors shall close from a position of 90 degrees to 12 degrees in a minimum time of five seconds.

11B-404.2.8.2 Spring hinges

Doors with spring hinges shall close from 90 degrees open in a minimum of 1.5 seconds.

11B-407.4.1 Car Dimensions (elevators)

There is a new exception that allows an existing building where existing shaft or technical infeasibility does not allow for the required dimensions to be met. This allows a car to be 48 inches by 54 inches with a minimum of 18 square feet.

11B-502.2 Vehicle spaces

A van accessible space is 144 inches wide and an access aisle is 60 inches wide. There is an exception that allows a 108 inch wide space and a 96 inch access aisle.

11B-604.2 Location (for water closets)

The centerline of a toilet shall be between 17 and 18 inches of the adjacent wall.

11B-606.2 Clear floor space (lavatories)

Item 6 the dip of the overflow shall not be considered for determining knee or toe clearance.

11B-703.4.1 Height above finish floor or ground

(signs) Tactile characters on signs shall be installed a minimum of 48 inches from the lowest braille baseline and a maximum of 60 inches from the highest baseline of the raised characters.

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SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

TO THE 2013

CALIFORNIA BUILDING

CODE CHAPTER 11B

ACCESSIBILITY

STANDARDS



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In March 2012, The Division of State Architect's (DSA) made the decision to use the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design (2010 ADA Standards) as the model accessibility code for California. This decision was made in large part to maintain consistency with the new Federal 2010 ADA Standards which became effective on March 15, 2012.

This means that the California Standards will have the format and organization of the 2010 ADA Standards but with the addition of California amendments to maintain the enhanced levels of accessibility provided by the existing California accessibility regulations. These California amendments are underlined in the text to identify those accessibility requirements which are specific to the State.

The entire Chapter 11B format and organization has been changed to resemble the 2010 ADA Standards. There are no longer specific requirements based on occupancy use. The Chapter has ten divisions, they are as follows:

- **Division 1: Application and Administration.**
This chapter contains scoping and technical requirements for accessibility to sites, facilities, buildings, and elements by individuals with disabilities.
- **Division 2: 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.

- **Division 3: Building Blocks.**

These are general rules as required by Division 2. They cover such basics as floor surfaces, minimum space requirements, standards reach ranges and clearances from obstructions.

- **Division 4: Accessible Routes.**

This covers all the components of an accessible route when it is required by Division 2. Accessible routes shall consist of one or more of the following components: walking surfaces not steeper than 1:20, doors, doorways, ramps, curb ramps, elevators and platform lifts.

- **Division 5: General Site and Building Elements.**

This covers parking spaces, passenger loading and unloading zones, stairway and handrails.

- **Division 6: Plumbing Elements and Facilities.**

This covers drinking fountains, clear floor space, operable parts toilet and bathing rooms, showers, bathtubs, washing machines and clothes dyers, and saunas and stem rooms.

- **Division 7: Communication Elements and**

Features. In this division fire alarms are addressed and referred to NFPA 72 for installation standards. General information regarding the construction, visual as well as tactile elements of signs are defined. Location and use of signage is described for all required signage. Telephone placement and specifics for providing for all user's needs are addressed. Specific requirements for detectable warnings are listed. Assistive listening systems, ATM and point-of-sale devices, and two-way communication systems are addressed by this section.

- **Division 8: Special rooms, spaces and elements.**

This division addresses a large array of items.

- * Wheelchair spaces, companion seats aisle seats, line of site and seat placement of seating in theaters.
- * Locker Rooms turning space, door swing, benches and coat hooks in dressing, fitting rooms and locker rooms.
- * Kitchens and kitchenettes, there is specific information for accessibility including work surfaces, clear space, counter height, storage and appliances.
- * Medical and long term care facilities turning space, clear floor space and toilet and bathrooms items.
- * Transient lodging guestrooms spaces, sleeping areas, toilet and bathing facilities, kitchen and kitchenette, communication features for guest rooms may be found here.
- * Holding and housing cell mobility requirements are addressed such as turning space, benches, beds, toilet and bathing facilities, communication feature such as alarms and telephones are included.
- * Residential dwelling accessible route, turning space kitchen and toilet and bathing facility requirements are found in this division.
- * Communication elements of residential housing units that must be accessible these include alarm systems and door bells.
- * Transportation facilities including bus boarding areas, shelters and signage have references to the appropriate sections described.