

Criteria for Accessible Units in Short Term Accommodations (STAs)

Accessible STA Criteria

- Minimum one floor (main) accessible that includes accessible bath, bedroom, common area
- Bath requires accessible toilet, walk or wheel-in shower with a seat
- Barrier-free path of travel on main floor incl doors, halls, thresholds and 5' turning radius in halls, rooms
- Doors, entrances minimum 32" width with no obstacles at thresholds
- Adaptable seating in common areas
- Thermostat, light switches at a height allowing access from wheelchair
- CO2, fire, and smoke detectors equipped with strobe light and/or alternate
- Safe access to outdoor spaces
- Accessible parking area, exterior walks and/or ramps leading to entrance
- Accessible kitchen appliances, workspaces

Reservation Systems Requirements for Places of Lodging

- Places of lodging must identify and describe the accessible features in enough detail to enable an individual to decide if the facility will meet his or her needs.

Info to be provided

- Accessible routes to and through the facility
- Details about the configuration of accessible guest rooms and bathrooms
- Availability of accessibility equipment or features such as bath benches, or visual alarm and alert devices for guests who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Accessibility of common spaces such as meeting rooms, lounges, restaurants, swimming pools, or fitness centers
- Information, including photos or other images, should be posted on websites or included in brochures
- People with disabilities must be able to make reservations for accessible guest rooms during the same hours and in the same ways that other people are able to make reservations such as by telephone, in person, email, via websites, or through third parties (travel agents or online reservations services).

Accessibility places of lodging must:

- Ensure beds are of an accessible height (20 to 23 inches from the floor to top of the mattress).
- Ensure that portable shower seats are safe and accessible
- Include multiple outlets and cords
- Install communication devices for Hearing and Sight-Impaired
- Ensure Width of Doors, Turn Radius & Accessible Pathways are correct width
- Kitchens design features: Counters lowered, cupboards, appliances, electrical outlets
- Glare free lighting and good task lighting to increase visibility
- Switches, thermostats, lighting controls installed no higher than 48" off the floor
- Install a Wheelchair Accessible Entrance
- Minimum 5-Foot Turning Radius
- Knee Space Under Sinks and Countertops
- Low Storage Spaces
- Shower Chair or Shower Bench Option
- Safety Grab Bars
- Side-By-Side Refrigerator and Freezer

Helpful web sites

Australian Accessible Accommodation web site: <https://www.accessibleaccommodation.com>

U.S. Accessible Vacation Rentals: <https://www.vacasa.com/accessible-vacation-rentals>

<https://www.disabledholidays.com/search/north-america-l2/canada-l432/>

Hansen Foundation: <https://www.rickhansen.com/>