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# ADA Checklist

## MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES

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Facility Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Getting into the Facility

<b>Parking and Drop-Off Areas (ADAAG 4.1.2, 4.6)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<p>If the unit or facility is an outpatient facility, are 10 percent of the total number of parking spaces accessible (8 feet wide for car plus 5-foot access aisle)?</p> <p><b>Number of accessible spaces:</b> <b>Widths of existing accessible spaces:</b></p>		
<p>If the unit or facility is one that specializes in treatment or services for people with mobility impairments, are 20 percent of the total number of parking spaces accessible (8 feet wide for car plus 5-foot access aisle)?</p> <p><b>Number of accessible spaces:</b> <b>Widths of existing accessible spaces:</b></p>		
<p>Are 8-foot-wide spaces, with minimum 8-foot-wide access aisles, and 98 inches of vertical clearance, available for lift-equipped vans?</p> <p>At least one of every 8 accessible spaces must be van-accessible (with a minimum of one-van accessible space in all cases).</p> <p><b>Number of van-accessible spaces:</b> <b>Width:</b> <b>Vertical clearance:</b></p>		
Are the access aisles part of the accessible route to the accessible entrance?		
Are the accessible spaces closest to the accessible entrance?		
<b>Route of Travel (ADAAG 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Is there a route of travel that does not require the use of stairs?		
Is the route of travel stable, firm and slip-resistant?		
Is the route of travel at least 36 inches wide?		
<b>Width:</b>		

<p>Can all objects protruding into the circulation paths be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane?</p> <p>In order to be detected using a cane, an object must be within 27 inches of the ground. Objects hanging or mounted overhead must be higher than 80 inches to provide clear head room. It is not necessary to remove objects that protrude less than 4 inches from the wall.</p> <p><b>Distance from wall:</b> <b>Height:</b></p>		
Do curbs on the route have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs?		
<b>Ramps (ADAAG 4.8)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<p>Are the slopes of ramps no greater than 1:12?</p> <p>Slope is given as a ratio of the height to the length. 1:12 means for every 12 inches along the base of the ramp, the height increases one inch. For a 1:12 maximum slope, at least one foot of ramp length is needed for each inch of height.</p> <p><b>Slope:</b></p>		
Do all ramps longer than 6 feet have railings on both sides?		
<p>Are railings sturdy and between 34 and 38 inches high?</p> <p><b>Height:</b></p>		
<p>Is the width between railings or curbs at least 36 inches?</p> <p><b>Width:</b></p>		
Are ramps non-slip?		
<p>Is there a 5-foot-long level landing at every 30-foot horizontal length of ramp, at the top and bottom of ramps and at switchbacks?</p> <p><b>Length:</b></p>		
<b>Entrance (ADAAG 4.13, 4.14, 4.5)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Is there at least one accessible entrance covered by a canopy or overhang?		
<p>If there are stairs at the main entrance, is there also a ramp or lift, or is there an alternative accessible entrance?</p> <p>Do not use a service entrance as the accessible entrance unless there is no other option.</p>		
Do all inaccessible entrances have signs indicating the location of the nearest accessible entrance?		
<p>Does the entrance door have at least 32 inches clear opening (for a double door, at least one 32-inch leaf)?</p> <p><b>Clear opening:</b></p>		
<p>Is there at least 18 inches of clear wall space on the pull side of the door, next to the handle?</p> <p>A person using a wheelchair or crutches needs this space to get close enough to open the door.</p> <p><b>Clear space:</b></p>		

<p>Is the threshold edge ¼-inch high or less, or if beveled edge, no more than ¾-inch high?</p> <p><b>Height:</b></p>		
<p>Are carpeting or mats a maximum of ½-inch high?</p> <p><b>Height:</b></p>		
<p>Are edges securely installed to minimize tripping hazards?</p>		
<p>Is the door handle no higher than 48 inches and operable with a closed fist?</p> <p>The “closed fist” test for handles and controls: Try opening the door or operating the control using only one hand, held in a fist.</p> <p><b>Height:</b></p>		
<p>Can doors be opened without too much force (exterior doors excluded; maximum is 5 lbf for <i>interior</i> doors)?</p> <p>You can use an inexpensive force meter or a fish scale to measure the force required to open a door. Attach the hook end to the doorknob or handle. Pull on the ring end until the door opens, and read off the amount of force required. If you do not have a force meter or a fish scale, you will need to judge subjectively whether the door is easy enough to open.</p> <p><b>Force:</b></p>		
<p>If the door has a closer, does it take at least 3 seconds to close?</p> <p><b>Seconds:</b></p>		

**Access**

<b>Patient Bedrooms and Toilets (ADAAG 6.1)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<p>If the facility is a general purpose hospital, are at least 10 percent of patient bedrooms and toilets accessible?</p> <p>The distribution of accessible patient bedrooms may vary based on the anticipated need in different specialized units. For example, more than 10 percent may be needed in a general surgical unit and less than 10 percent in pediatrics).</p> <p><b>Number of accessible bedrooms and toilets:</b></p>		
<p>If the facility is a hospital or rehabilitation facility that specializes in treating conditions that affect mobility, are all patient bedrooms and toilets accessible?</p>		
<p>If the facility is a long-term care facility or nursing home, are at least 50 percent of patient bedrooms and toilets accessible?</p>		
<b>Accessible Patient Bedrooms (ADAAG 6.3)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<p>Does the door to each accessible bedroom have at least a 32-inch clear opening?</p> <p><b>Clear opening:</b></p>		
<p>Does each accessible bedroom have a 5-foot circle or a T-shaped space for a person using a wheelchair to reverse direction?</p> <p>If the room has two beds, it is preferable that this space be located between the beds.</p> <p><b>Width:</b></p>		
<p>Does each accessible bedroom have adequate space to provide floor space at least 36 inches wide on each side of the bed?</p> <p><b>Width:</b></p>		