

OVERVIEW OF EXISTING LEGISLATION & GUIDANCE JAPAN

ACT FOR ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES JAPAN (ACT 65 OF 2013)

This Act, in accordance with the basic principles of the Basic Act for Persons with Disabilities (Act No. 84 of 1970) and in taking into consideration that all persons with disabilities are equal to persons without disabilities and are entitled to dignity as individuals to enjoy fundamental human rights, and to possess the right to be guaranteed a life befitting of the dignity, aims to promote the elimination of discrimination on the basis of disability, thereby ensuring that no citizens are discriminated according to whether or not they have a disability, and contributing to the realisation of a society of coexistence with mutual respect for one another's personality and individuality by providing the basic matters relating to the elimination of discrimination on the basis of disability and for measures for the elimination of discrimination on the basis of disability by administrative organs, etc. and companies.

THE ACT ON BUILDINGS ACCESSIBLE AND USABLE BY THE ELDERLY AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED (HEARTFUL BUILDING LAW) WAS ENACTED IN 1994.

These Guidelines provide for common standards of, and approaches to, the on-site facility implementation to ensure that public buildings facilitate all visitors, regardless of their background such as nationality, culture, race, gender, generation, disability, etc., to be able to circulate along the same routes, enjoy themselves without having anxieties or inconveniences and, in an emergency event such as a fire, safely evacuate from the venue with a help of accurate and timely information.

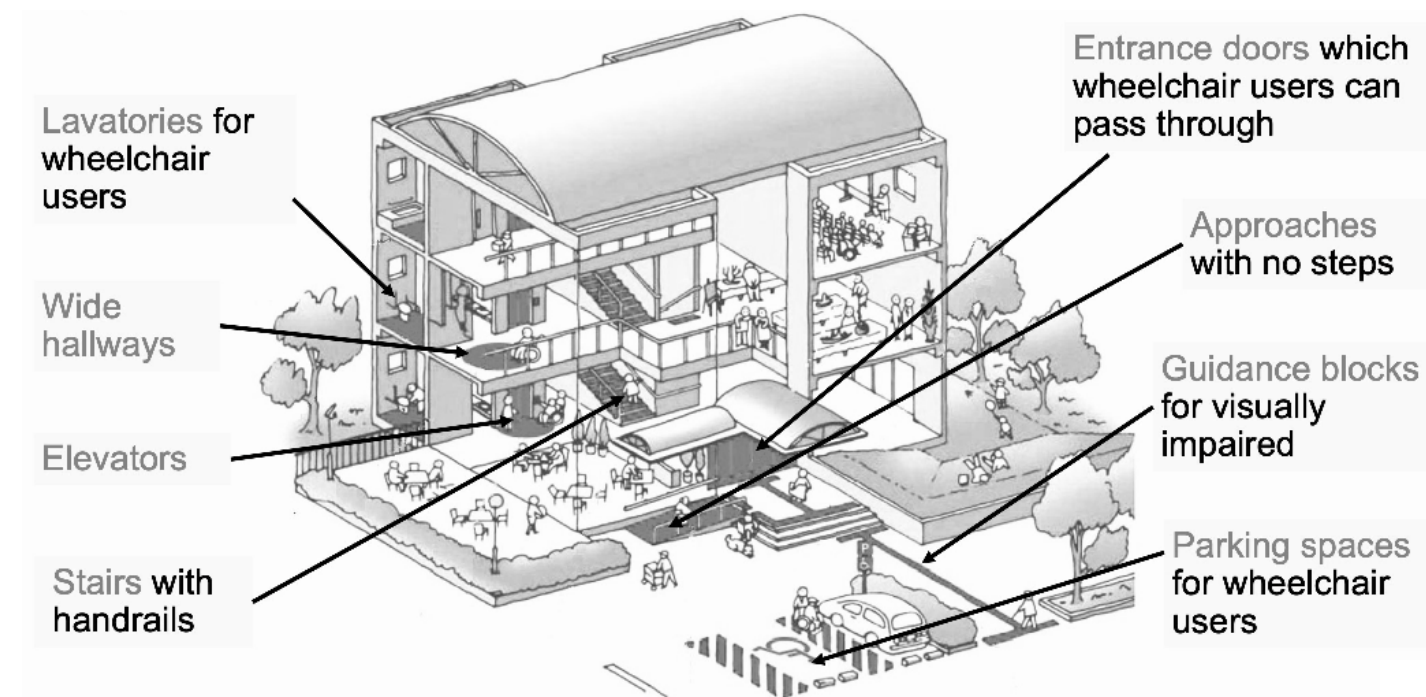
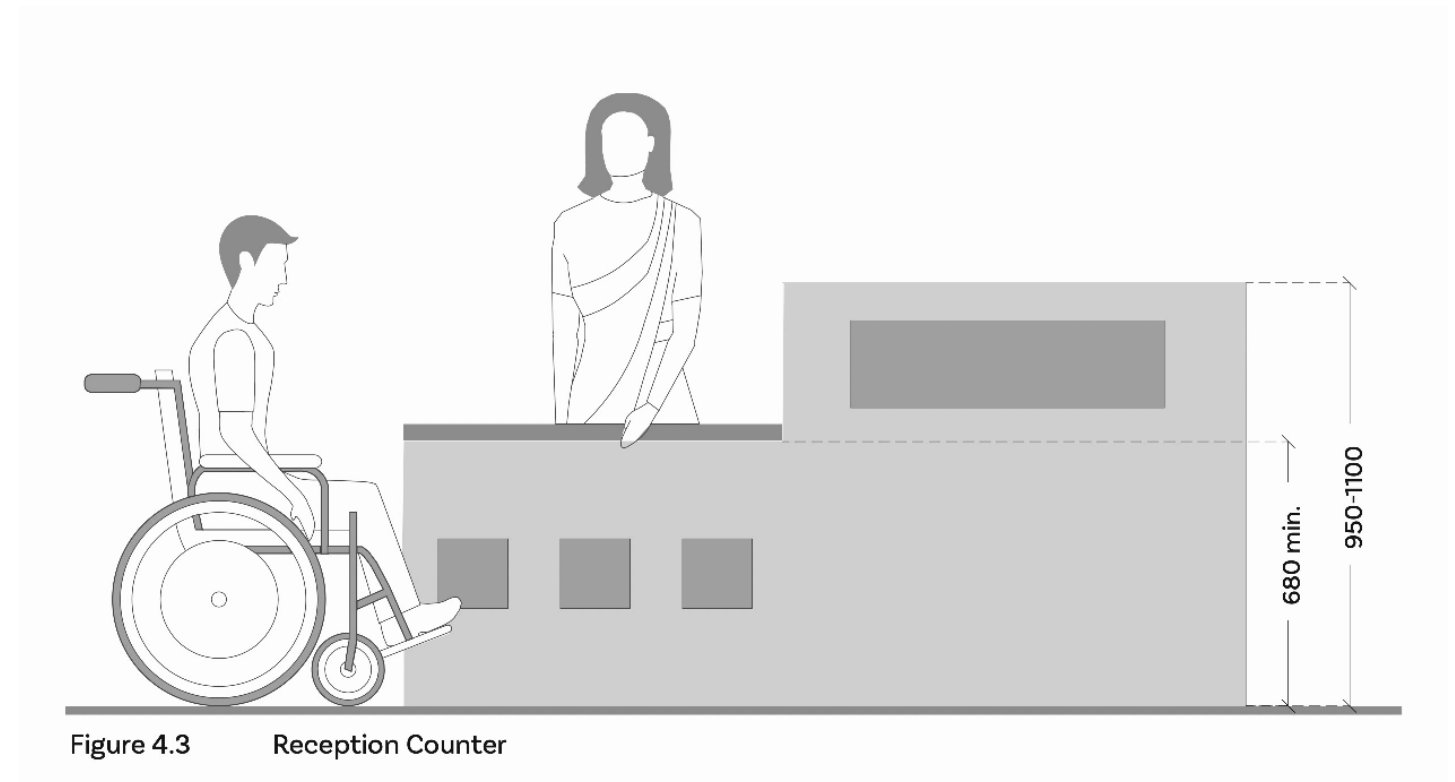


IMAGE OF HEARTFUL BUILDING



RECEPTION

HEARTFUL BUILDING LAW (1994) - BUILDING REGULATIONS

RECEPTION/LOBBY

2.1.5.1 Reception and Service Areas

2.1.5.1.1 Reception and Information Desks

Since Reception desks, registration counters, and other common counters where people use services must be accessible, those for wheelchair users shall not be set up in segregated areas.

-Counters for services must provide a counter height of about 680 - 800mm, knee clearance under the counter at a height of about 650 - 750mm, a width of 750mm and a depth of about 500mm.

-Ensure ample space for wheelchair users to turn around (1,500mm x 1,500mm or more) in front of the counters so that wheelchair users are accessible.

-When installing a counter for standing users, its stand shall be fixed to support the user's body, and handrails for support shall be installed as needed.

-Where possible reception and service counters should be one height that is universally accessible to all people.