

Australasian Health Facility Guidelines (AusHFG)



The Australasian Health Facility Guidelines (AusHFG) are a significant body of freely available resources for health services and project teams across Australia and New Zealand to support better planning, design, procurement and management of health facilities.

The AusHFG are updated on a regular basis to ensure the information aligns with contemporary models of care, efficient operational models, sustainable and affordable design solutions and relevant standards, and policies.

What is in the AusHFG?

PART A	PART B	PART C	PART D	PART E	PART F
Introduction and Instructions for use	Health Facility Briefing and Planning	Design for Access, Mobility, OHS and Security	Infection Prevention and Control	Building Services and Environmental Design	Project Implementation
	Health Planning Units				
	Schedules of Accommodation				
	Standard Components				
	Room Layouts				
	Room Data				

Part A Introduction and Instructions for Use: provides an overview of the AusHFG, its purpose, structure and review processes.

Part B Health Facility Briefing and Planning: outlines overarching service and facility planning requirements along with detailed planning and design resources. These include the Health Planning Units (HPU) that provide information on common clinical and non-clinical departments in hospitals and healthcare settings. Each HPU contains information relating to models of care, operational practices, related standards, policies and guidelines, functional requirements, design considerations and schedules of accommodation. Part B also includes the Standard Components that provide detailed design guidance on commonly used rooms and spaces across healthcare projects.

Part C Design for Access, Mobility Safety and Security: provides information relating to physical planning models and principles, key considerations for amenity, safety and design, requirements to facilitate access and inclusion, and wayfinding strategies, systems and tools.

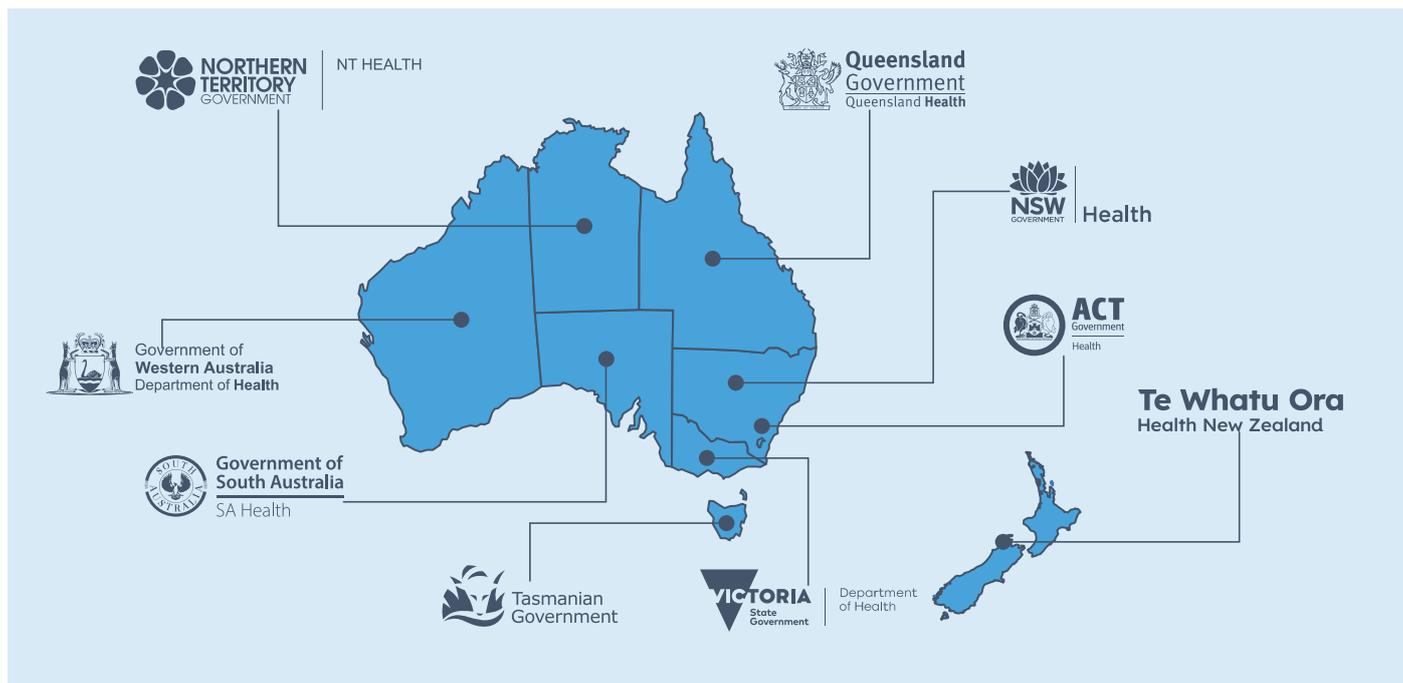
Part D Infection Prevention and Control: provides recommendations relating to infection prevention and control as part of the planning and design of healthcare facilities.

Part E Building Services and Environmental Design: as delivery of engineering services across jurisdictions vary, this section provides relevant local references for engineering services relating to healthcare facilities.

Part F Project Implementation: provides information on furniture, fittings and equipment and operational commissioning.

Note: The application of the AusHFG varies across Australia and New Zealand and project teams should consult with local jurisdictions to confirm the extent of the application of the AusHFG on their project.

Who is responsible for the AusHFG?



The Australasian Health Infrastructure Alliance (AHIA) is the custodian of the AusHFG. It is a unique Australian and New Zealand public sector collaboration that was established in 2004 and comprises senior asset managers from public health authorities across both countries.

The AusHFG are developed and updated via collaboration with clinicians, technical experts and specialist consultants from public health authorities and relevant health agencies and colleges.

AHIA reports to the Health Chief Executives Forum (HCEF) and receives secretariat and coordination support from Health Infrastructure NSW.

There are five AHIA sub-groups that act as knowledge sharing platforms and collaborate to develop shared resources. Each sub-group focuses on a key area: Asset Management, AusHFG, Arts in Health, Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) and Building Information Modelling (BIM).

How are the AusHFG updated?

Depending on evolving models of care and developments in technology, the AusHFG resources are updated every three to five years.

Reviews typically take 12 months to complete and involve:

- Literature review, review of post occupancy evaluations, review of relevant feedback received, site visits and benchmarking of recently delivered facilities
- Consultation process with an Expert Reference Group (ERG) to review and develop the resources. The ERG is comprised of clinical, operational and technical experts and consumer representatives.
- Review by subject matter experts, major medical equipment vendors, infection control experts, engineering and technical experts, and relevant state and national organisations.
- Analysis of proposed changes including capital and recurrent cost impacts.
- Endorsement by AHIA and publication of new or revised resources on the AusHFG website.

