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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee ME-64, Access for People with Disabilities, to supersede AS 1428.1—1998.

This Standard is part of a series which is comprised of the following:

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1428 Design for access and mobility

1428.1 Part 1: General requirements for access — New building work

1428.2 Part 2: Enhanced and additional requirements — Buildings and facilities

1428.3 Part 3: Requirements for children and adolescents with physical disabilities

1428.4 Part 4: Tactile ground surface indicators for orientation of people with vision impairment.

The objective of this Standard is to provide building designers and users (architects, property owners, regulators, and the like) with the minimum design requirements for new building work, to enable access for people with disabilities.

The BCA is being revised in the area of access in order to address the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) as applied to access to and within new buildings and new building work. As part of the revision, relevant Australian Standards must also be revised. However, the time required for a complete revision of the AS 1428 suite would unnecessarily delay the needed changes.

Because of the variety of situations that may need to be addressed when designing buildings and facilities, it was seen as necessary for the Standards to provide a range of data so that the requirements for access can be met and to also allow for flexibility in design where limitations are imposed by other building conditions. The intention was to make the Standard a practical reference document for designers, particularly with regard to problem areas such as doorways and sanitary facilities. To assist in the designing of combined sanitary facilities, a set of transparent overlays for each sanitary facility, i.e. WC, washbasin, two-walled shower recess and three-walled shower recess, together with the required circulation space, has been provided with the Standard. **(Available with hardcopy purchases only)**

Part 1 of the series (this Standard) deals with those aspects of access to and within a building which are regulated by the BCA, including references to sanitary facilities for children in accordance with AS 1428.3. AS 1428.2 covers those items not covered by building regulations such as furniture and fittings.

Statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to tables and figures are deemed to be requirements of this Standard.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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