CRITERION 6 – INTERNAL DOORWAYS AND HALLWAYS

HALLWAY WIDTHS

SUBJECT TO PROVISION OF ADEQUATE DOOR OPENING WIDTHS (AS DETAILED IN THE TABLE BELOW), THE MINIMUM WIDTH OF ANY HALLWAY/LANDING IN A DWELLING IS 900MM. THIS MAY REDUCE TO 750MM AT 'PINCH POINTS' (E.G. BESIDE A RADIATOR) AS LONG AS THE REDUCED WIDTH IS NOT OPPOSITE, OR ADJACENT TO, A DOORWAY.

DOORWAY WIDTHS WITHIN DWELLINGS

THE MINIMUM CLEAR OPENING WIDTH OF ANY DOORWAY WITHIN A DWELLING, WHEN THE APPROACH TO THE DOOR IS 'HEAD ON', IS 750MM.

TURNING TO PASS THROUGH A DOOR WITHIN DWELLING

WHEN THE APPROACH TO A DOORWAY IS NOT HEAD ON, AND A TURN IS REQUIRED TO PASS THROUGH THE DOORWAY, THE MINIMUM CLEAR OPENING FOR THAT DOORWAY WILL RELATE TO THE WIDTH OF THE APPROACH (TYPICALLY A HALLWAY OR LANDING).

STRAIGHT-ON (WITHOUT A TURN OR OBLIQUE APPROACH) – 750mm MIN CLEAR OPENING AT RIGHT ANGLES TO A HALLWAY / LANDING AT LEAST 1200MM WIDE - 750mm MIN CLEAR OPENING AT RIGHT ANGLES TO A CORRIDOR / LANDING AT LEAST 1050MM WIDE - 775mm MIN CLEAR OPENING

PROVISION OF NIBS

ALL COMMUNAL DOORWAYS SHOULD HAVE A 300MM NIB (OR CLEAR SPACE IN THE SAME PLANE AS THE WALL IN WHICH THE DOOR IS SITUATED) TO THE LEADING EDGE OF THE DOOR, ON THE PULL SIDE.

AT RIGHT ANGLES TO A CORRIDOR / LANDING LESS THAN 1050MM WIDE (MINIMUM WIDTH 900MM) - 750mm MIN CLEAR OPENING

SIMILARLY, ALL DOORS TO ROOMS ON THE ENTRANCE LEVEL OF EACH DWELLING, SHOULD HAVE A 300MM NIB (OR CLEAR SPACE IN THE SAME PLANE AS THE WALL IN WHICH THE DOOR IS SITUATED) TO THE LEADING EDGE OF THE DOOR, ON THE PULL SIDE.

CRITERION 7 – CIRCULATION SPACE

LIVING ROOMS/AREAS AND DINING ROOMS/AREAS

- LIVING ROOMS/AREAS AND DINING ROOMS/AREAS ARE CAPABLE OF HAVING A CLEAR TURNING CIRCLE OF 1500MM DIAMETER.
- WHERE MOVEMENT BETWEEN FURNITURE IS NECESSARY FOR ESSENTIAL CIRCULATION (E.G. TO APPROACH OTHER ROOMS, OR THE WINDOW) A CLEAR WIDTH OF 750MM BETWEEN ITEMS IS POSSIBLE.

KITCHENS

• KITCHENS HAVE A CLEAR WIDTH OF 1200MM BETWEEN KITCHEN UNIT FRONTS / APPLIANCE FRONTS AND ANY FIXED OBSTRUCTION OPPOSITE (SUCH AS OTHER KITCHEN FITTINGS OR WALLS). THIS CLEAR 1200MM IS MAINTAINED FOR THE ENTIRE RUN OF THE UNIT, WORKTOP AND/OR APPLIANCE.

BEDROOMS

- THE MASTER BEDROOM IS CAPABLE OF HAVING A CLEAR SPACE, 750MM WIDE TO BOTH SIDES AND THE FOOT OF A STANDARD SIZED DOUBLE BED.
- OTHER BEDROOMS ARE CAPABLE OF HAVING A CLEAR SPACE, 750MM WIDE, TO ONE SIDE OF THE BED. IN ADDITION, IN THESE BEDROOMS, WHERE IT IS NECESSARY TO PASS THE FOOT OF THE BED, A CLEAR WIDTH OF 750MM IS PROVIDED AT THE FOOT OF THE BED.

BATHROOMS

- 400MM MINIMUM FROM THE CENTRE LINE OF WC TO AN ADJACENT WALL.
- FLUSH CONTROL IS LOCATED BETWEEN THE CENTRE-LINE OF THE WC AND THE SIDE OF CISTERN FURTHEST AWAY FROM THE ADJACENT WALL.
- AN APPROACH ZONE EXTENDING AT LEAST 350MM FROM THE WC'S CENTRE-LINE TOWARDS THE ADJACENT WALL, AND AT LEAST 1000MM FROM THE WC'S CENTRE-LINE ON THE OTHER SIDE IS PROVIDED. THIS ZONE EXTENDS FORWARD FROM THE FRONT RIM OF THE WC BY AT LEAST 1100MM. THE ZONE ALSO EXTENDS BACK ON ONE SIDE OF THE WC FOR AT LEAST 500MM FROM THE FRONT RIM OF THE WC, FOR A WIDTH OF 1000MM, FROM THE WC'S CENTRE-LINE.
- THE BOWL OF A BASIN IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE CISTERN, IT DOES NOT PROJECT INTO WC APPROACH ZONE BY MORE THAN 200MM.
- WHERE A BATH IS PROVIDED, A CLEAR ZONE ALONGSIDE THE BATH, AT LEAST 1100MM LONG AND 700MM WIDE IS ALSO PROVIDED. THIS ZONE WILL NORMALLY OVERLAP WITH THE APPROACH ZONE TO THE WC AND/OR THE APPROACH ZONE TO THE BASIN.
- CAPPED FLOOR DRAINAGE IS PROVIDED BENEATH BATHS AND SHOWERS FOR FUTURE INSTALLTIONS OF ACCESSIBLE LEVEL SHOWERS. BATHROOMS ACCOMODATE A CLEAR ZONE ALONG THE BATH AT LEAST 1100mm LONG AND 700mm WIDE AND SHOWER ROOMS ACCOMODATE 1500 DIA TURNING CIRCLE
- PROVISION FOR POTENTIAL HOIST ROUTES BETWEEN BEDROOM AND BATHROOM

