

# Access to Safe and Sustainable Commercial Washrooms



## AACA Competency: Design/Documentation

**Module Outline:** The intent of this module is to create a resource for architects to refer to when designing commercial washrooms with the emphasis on hygiene, accessibility, optimal washroom accessories and sustainability. The module highlights technical and aesthetic design considerations for commercial washrooms. The importance in providing access to public washrooms for the one in five Australian's living with some type of disability is reflected by current Australian Standards AS1428.1: 2021, for disabled access and mobility. We review design aspects, sustainability concerns, safety issues and access provisions. We also assess washroom accessories and selected material options accounting for compliance, hygiene and maintenance concerns. Changing urban demographics and the blurring of traditional living and working boundaries have changed people's needs and attitudes towards greater wellbeing and comfort outside of the home, with commercial washrooms playing a more important part than ever in our daily lives. As a society, we are increasingly aware of our personal hygiene and appearance, and have greater expectations when it comes to facilities that support our personal and business social patterns and environmental awareness. Washrooms are no longer an afterthought; they say a lot about a brand.

## Learning Objectives:

1. Discuss the key considerations for washroom hygiene, 3.1
2. Outline optimal material considerations for washroom accessories and changes to the revised AS1428.1: 2021, 5.5
3. Describe key sustainability considerations for washrooms, 4.7

**Module Presenter:** Allison Copping has been an Account Manager at ASI JD MacDonald for over eight years. During this period, she has become exceptionally adept at advising the best products to suit the extremely varied washroom applications encountered. Like all ASI JD MacDonald Account Managers, Allison is also proficient in the requirements of the design and specification of accessible compliant commercial washrooms to comply with Australian Standard AS1428.1: 2021.

**Duration:** 1 hour

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