# MP 4.1 - SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS

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#### **Purpose**

To ensure:

- (a) class 1 and class 2 buildings are energy and water efficient;
- (b) air-conditioners installed in class 1–10 buildings are energy efficient;
- (c) the *electricity* supplied to each *meterable premises* is able to be measured appropriately; and
- (d) end of trip facilities are provided in major developments located in designated local government areas.

#### Commencement

This version of Mandatory Part (MP) 4.1:

- (a) commences on 8 July 2011; and
- (b) replaces the version of MP 4.1 published on 12 November 2010.

#### **Application**

- (1) This part applies to the lawful carrying out of building work as indicated by ticks (✓) in the relevant columns in Table 1 below, subject to (2).
- (2) This part and the *relevant BCA provisions* do not apply to the lawful carrying out of building work<sup>1</sup> to a class 1 building where:
  - (a) any of the following applies:
    - a building certifier has, by written notice given to the owner, certified that the building has been affected by a flood or storm surge; or
    - (ii) the building is located in a *natural hazard management area* (*flood*); or
    - (iii) a local government has, by written notice given to the owner or notice published on the local government's website, declared that the building is likely to be affected by a future flood or storm surge; and
  - (b) a building certifier certifies the work is, or directly relates to, raising the building.

Note: Reference should also be made to sections 36, 37, 61 and 81 of the *Building Act 1975*, which may affect the application of MP 4.1.

Table 1 – Application of MP 4.1

Applications		Performance Requirements											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Construction of <i>new</i> class 1 buildings.	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		<b>✓</b>		✓	✓	<b>√</b>				
Renovation of a class 1 building.	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>								
Other renovation of a class 1 building.	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b> *				
Construction of new class 2 buildings.		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Any plumbing work included in the work in (2) is notifiable minor work; see schedule 2 part 1 of the *Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003*.

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Renovation of a sole- occupancy unit in a class 2 building.	✓	✓								
Other renovation of a sole-occupancy unit in a class 2 building.	✓	✓		<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>√</b> *				
Installation of an air- conditioner in a class 1–10 building.			✓							
Construction of a <i>new</i> class 5 building.							✓	✓	✓	
Construction of a new major development or a major addition to a major development located in a designated local government area.										<b>√</b>

<sup>\*</sup> **Note:** This applies to only the new work included in the *plumbing approval*. This is an applied provision under the *Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003* 

#### **Referral Agency**

Local government is the referral (concurrence) agency as per item 28 in Schedule 7 Table 1 of the *Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009* for building development applications to which *Performance Criteria* P13 applies.

#### **Associated Requirements**

- Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997
- Building Act 1975
- Building Code of Australia (BCA)
- Building Regulation 2006
- Electricity Act 1994
- Electricity Regulation 2006
- Electrical Safety Act 2002
- Electrical Safety Regulation 2002
- Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002
- Plumbing Code of Australia
- Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code
- Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003
- Sustainable Planning Act 2009
- Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009
- Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005
- Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008

#### Referenced Standards

AS/NZS 3823.2	Performance of electrical appliances – air- conditioners and heat pumps – Energy labelling and minimum energy performance standard (MEPS) requirements					
AS 62053.21: 2005	Electricity metering equipment (AC)-					
	Particular requirements Part 21: Static					

	meters for active energy (classes 1 and 2)
AS 1284.1:2004	Electricity metering – General purpose
	induction watthour meters
AS 2890.3: 1993	Parking facilities Part 3: Bicycle parking
	facilities (including modifications as specified
	in Schedule 2)

#### **Definitions**

Note: Italicised words in the text of the part are as defined below.

Acceptable solution means a relevant building solution which is deemed to satisfy the relevant performance criterion for the purposes of section 14 (4) (a) (ii) of the Building Act 1975.

**Air-conditioner**, for the purposes of P6 and A6, means a single-phase or 3-phase air-conditioner of the vapour compression type for which a Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) applies under AS/NZS 3823.2.

**Alteration** has the meaning given in the *Building Act 1975*.

**BCA** has the meaning given in the *Building Act 1975* unless a particular edition of the Building Code of Australia published by the Australian Building Codes Board, including any amendments published by the board for that year, is specified (for example *BCA* 2009).

**Bicycle** means a two-wheeled vehicle designed to be propelled by human power and with overall dimensions within those specified by AS 2890.3:1993.

**Bicycle parking and storage facility** means an area or structure used for parking, storage or securing of *bicycles*, which provides a level of security for the *bicycle* in accordance with the security classifications provided in AS 2890.3:1993 (including modifications as specified in Schedule 2).

**Change room** means a room where an *occupant* is able to change clothes in privacy, either individually or on a gender basis and that contains washbasins, mirrors, showers and sanitary compartments.

**Classes 1 to 10** has the meaning given in the BCA.

**Climate zone** has the meaning given in the BCA.

**Commercial office building** means a *class 5* building as classified under the *BCA*.

**Common area** means an area of common property.

**Common property** means the lot allocated to the body corporate for the *community titles scheme.* 

**Community titles scheme** has the meaning given in section 10 of the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997.* 

**Customer** has the meaning given in the *Electricity Act 1994*.

#### Designated local government area means—

- a) the area of the local governments identified in Schedule 1; or
- b) for local governments not identified in Schedule 1:
  - (i) the area identified in a local government planning scheme as a *designated local government area* for the purpose of this code; or
  - (ii) the area identified by a local government resolution as a *designated local* government area for the purpose of this code where notice of the resolution is published:
    - (A) in a newspaper that is circulating generally in the local government area; and
    - (B) on the local government's website.

**Domestic services** has the meaning given in the BCA.

*Electricity* includes electric current, electrical energy and the like, and any related physical qualities.

**Electricity meter** means a device that measures and records the production or consumption of *electricity*.

**Electricity sub-meter** means a device that measures and records the production or consumption of *electricity* that either:

- a) is a minimum accuracy class 1 under AS62053.21:2005; or
- b) complies with AS1284.1:2004.

**Employee** has the meaning given in the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*.

**End of trip facility** means a facility within a building or on-site that is required to be constructed in compliance with P13(1) of this part.

**Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER)**, for an air conditioner, means the air conditioner's average *energy efficiency ratio* for cooling determined as a result of testing under a standard for testing and rating for performance stated in AS/NZS 3823.2.

**Energy efficient lighting** is lighting with a minimum output of 27 lumens per Watt and excludes a heat lamp used in a bathroom for the purposes of radiating heat.

**Entrance** means a main path into a building that is not for emergency use.

**Floor area** has the same meaning as given in the BCA.

**Full time equivalents** for workforce numbers includes full time aggregates of part-time and casual *employee* hours.

Hospital means a class 9a building as classified under the BCA.

**Installation** means, for an *air-conditioner*, placing in position for use in the building and includes connecting to the building's electrical wiring either directly by a permanently fixed connection or by using a plug to access a general purpose outlet.

**Locker** means a compartment for storage that can be securely locked.

**Major addition** means any addition to an existing *major development* that results in additional *floor area* of at least 1000m<sup>2</sup>.

#### Major development means a:

- a) commercial office building with a floor area greater than 2000m2; or
- b) shopping centre with a floor area greater than 2000m2; or
- c) tertiary educational facility with a floor area greater than 2000m2; or
- d) hospital with a floor area greater than 2000m2; or
- e) development specified in a local government planning scheme as a major development for the purposes of QDC MP 4.1

Note: Local governments may specify additional development to be major development.

**Meter label** means a label of white heat-resistant material with black lettering fixed by means of screws, rivets or glue that clearly identifies each *meterable premise*.

#### *Meterable premises* means:

- a) the sole occupancy unit of a class 2 or class 5 building that is or will be connected to a supply of electricity, except where a sole occupancy unit of a class 2 or class 5 building has or will have an electricity meter as a customer of a retail entity or special approval holder; or
- b) each *storey* of a *class 5* building that is or will be connected to a supply of *electricity* where more than one *sole occupancy unit* for that *storey* has not been identified at the time of the building's development approval for building work, except where a *storey* of a *class 5* building has or will have an *electricity meter* as a *customer* of a *retail entity* or *special approval holder*.

**Natural hazard management area (flood)** means an area designated as a natural hazard management area (flood) by a local government under the *Building Regulation* 2006, section 13.

**New** means *new* building work and does not include *renovations* to existing buildings.

**Occupants** means the number of persons accommodated in the building, as calculated in accordance with *BCA* Volume One Table D1.13 (Area per person) and for the purposes of calculating *occupants* in Schedule 3, 'hospital' means 'patient care areas', 'shopping centre' means 'shop', 'tertiary education facility' means 'school' and 'commercial office building' means 'office'.

**Other renovation** means any alteration or addition to an existing class 1 building or the sole occupancy unit of a class 2 building which requires a building development approval and a plumbing approval.

#### **Outdoor living area** means a space that:

- a) is directly accessible from, and attached to, a living area of the building such as a lounge, kitchen, dining and family rooms; and
- b) has a minimum *floor area* of 12.0 square metres and a minimum dimension in all directions of 2.5 metres; and

- c) is fully covered by an impervious roof; and
- d) has:
  - (i) for class 1 buildings two or more sides open or capable of being readily opened, not including the connection between the internal living area and the outdoor living area; or
  - (ii) for *class 2* buildings at least one side open or capable of being readily opened, not including the connection between the internal living area and the *outdoor living area*.

Performance requirement has the meaning given in the Building Act 1975.

**Plumbing approval** means the compliance assessment processes, compliance permit or compliance certificate, under sections 78 and 79 of the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002* for ensuring that plumbing, drainage and on-site sewerage systems complies with the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002* and *Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003*.

Relevant BCA provisions means section 3.12 in Volume Two of the BCA.

**Renovation** means any *alteration* or addition to an existing *class 1* building or the sole occupancy unit of a class 2 building requiring building development approval.

Retail entity has the meaning given in the Electricity Act 1994.

**Sanitary compartment** has the meaning given in the BCA.

**Shopping centre** means premises comprising two or more individual tenancies that is comprised primarily of shops and which function as an integrated complex.

**Shower** means a separate and lockable compartment equipped with a showerhead.

Special approval holder has the meaning given in the Electricity Act 1994.

**Software rating** means an energy rating under the Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme using a calculation method that complies with the Australian Building Codes Board Protocol for Houses Energy Rating Software.

**Sole occupancy unit** has the meaning given in the *BCA*.

**Standard** means the edition of Australian Standard AS/NZS 3823.2, AS 62053.21, AS 1284.1 and AS 2890.3 referenced by this part.

**Storey** has the meaning given in the *BCA*.

**Tertiary educational facility** means a *class 9b* building that is in a university, college or similar establishment and does not include a primary or secondary school.

**Total R-Value** has the meaning given in the BCA.

*Unisex design* is suitable for any gender.

Water service is defined by the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008.

**Water service provider** for premises, means the person registered under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*, chapter 2, part 3, as the *water service provider* for retail *water services* for the premises.

**Workforce numbers** means the number of day time *employees* that are *full time equivalents*.

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# Energy Efficiency – class 1 buildings

The thermal performance of a class 1 building and an enclosed class 10a building attached to a class 1 building must comply with performance requirement P2.6.1 of the BCA 2010 (Volume 2).

- (1) A class 1 building, including an enclosed class 10a building attached to a class 1 building, complies with:
  - (a) parts 3.12.1, 3.12.2, 3.12.3, and 3.12.4 of the BCA 2010 (Volume 2) except, buildings in climate zones 1 and 2, disregard 3.12.1.5(a)(i) and (iii); or
  - (b) verification using a reference building in accordance with V2.6.2.2 of the BCA 2010 (Volume 2); or
  - (c) a software rating of not less than 6 stars; or
  - (d) in climate zones 1, 2 and 5, a combination of a software rating of not less than 4.5 stars and a nominal credit obtained under (2) to reach a total of 6 stars; or
  - climate (e) in zone 3, combination of a software rating of not less than 5 stars and a nominal credit obtained under (2) to reach a total of 6 stars; or
  - part 3.12 of the BCA 2009 (Volume 2), where a nominal credit of not less than 1 star is obtained under (2).
  - (2) For the purposes of (1)(d)-(f) the following nominal credits apply:
    - (a) 0.5 star where a building includes an outdoor living area, the roof covering of which achieves a Total R-Value of at least 1.5 for downward heat flow;
    - (b) 1 star where a building includes an outdoor living area the roof covering of which achieves a Total R-Value of at least 1.5 for

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downward heat flow and the outdoor living area includes a permanently installed ceiling fan with a speed controller and a blade rotation diameter of not less than 900 mm;

(c) 1 star where a building has a solar photovoltaic system of at least 1kW in capacity (maximum power output) is installed.

# Energy Efficiency – class 2 buildings

P2 The thermal performance of sole occupancy units in class 2 buildings complies with performance requirement JP1 of the BCA 2009 (Volume 1).

- (1) The thermal performance of sole occupancy units in class 2 buildings complies with JV1 of the BCA 2009 (Volume 1) except that:
  - (a) for JV1(a)(i) each sole occupancy unit has a software rating of not less than 4 stars; and
  - (b) for JV1(a)(ii) the average software rating of all sole occupancy units is not less than 5 star; and
  - (c) the deemed to satisfy provisions of Section J of the BCA 2009 (Volume 1) have no effect for sole occupancy units.
- (2) For the purposes of calculating the average software rating under A2(1)(b) of all sole occupancy units of a class 2 building in climate zones 1 or 2 the following credits apply towards the software rating for each sole occupancy unit:
  - (a) 0.5 star where a sole occupancy unit includes an outdoor living area, the roof covering of which achieves a Total R-Value of 1.5 for downward heat flow; or
  - (b) 1 star where a sole occupancy unit includes an outdoor living area that has at least one permanently fixed ceiling fan with a speed controller and a blade rotation diameter of not less than 900mm and the roof

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covering achieves a *Total R-Value* of 1.5 for downward heat flow.

(3) To achieve a credit under A2 (2)(b) an air-conditioner that services any room directly adjacent to an outdoor living area must automatically shut down when an external door that provides access to the outdoor living area is open for more than 1 minute.

# Energy Efficient Domestic Services and air-conditioners

- P3 For class 1 buildings and an enclosed class 10a building attached to a class 1 building, artificial lighting complies with performance requirement P2.6.2(a) of BCA 2010 (Volume 2)
- A3 Class 1 buildings, including a verandah, balcony or an enclosed class 10a building attached to a class 1 building, have:
  - (a) artificial lighting that complies with Part 3.12.5.5 of *BCA* 2010 (Volume 2); or
  - (b) energy efficient lighting for a minimum of 80 per cent of total fixed artificial lighting.
- P4 In sole occupancy units of class 2 buildings fixed artificial lighting must be energy efficient.
- A4 Sole occupancy units of class 2 buildings, including a verandah, balcony or an enclosed class 10a building attached to a class 2 building, have energy efficient lighting for a minimum of 80 per cent of total fixed artificial lighting.
- P5 For class 1 buildings hot water systems comply with the Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code.
- A5 For hot water systems for a *class 1* building:
  - (c) disregard *BCA* 2010 (Volume 2) 3.12.5.6; and instead
  - (d) comply with the Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code.
- P6 Replacement and new airconditioners installed in class 1-10 buildings must be energy efficient.
- In *class 1-10* buildings, new and replacement *air-conditioners* with an *EER* must have an *EER* of at least 2.9.

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#### Water Conservation

**P7** class **A7** 1 and class 2 In class 1 and class 2 buildings, in buildings, in areas serviced by areas serviced by a water service water service provider, provider, all shower roses have a shower roses must facilitate minimum 3-star Water Efficiency the efficient use of water. Labelling and Standards rating. Note: Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) - references the Australian Government's labelling and standards scheme for water efficient **P8** class 1 and class 2 **A8** In class 1 and class 2 buildings, in areas serviced by a water service buildings, in areas serviced by a water service provider, toilet provider, all toilet cisterns: and bowls must cisterns (a) have a dual flush function and facilitate the efficient use of have a minimum 4-star Water water. Efficiency Labelling and Standards rating; and are compatible with the size of the toilet bowl to allow for proper functioning of the toilet. **P9** In class 1 and class 2 **A9** In class 1 and class 2 buildings, in areas serviced by a water service buildings, in areas serviced by a water service provider, tap provider, tap ware with a minimum 3facilitate star Water Efficiency Labelling and must efficient use of water. Standards rating serves: (a) laundry tubs; and (b) kitchen sinks; and (c) basins. **Electricity Sub-metering** P<sub>10</sub> The *electricity* supplied to A10 Each meterable premises has an each meterable premises is electricity sub-meter installed which able to be measured. measures only the electricity supplied to that meterable premises. P11 A11 An electricity meter must be The electricity sub-meter is: located so it is easy and safe (a) installed in a common area; and free of hindrance or obstruction to to read and maintain at any reasonable time. a person authorised to read and/or maintain the *electricity sub-meter*. P12 The *electricity meter* for each A12 meter label identifying which meterable premises must be meterable premises it is associated with

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is affixed or located adjacent to the electricity sub-meter for each meterable

#### End of Trip Facilities

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- (1) End of trip facilities are provided for employees or occupants, in the building or on-site within a reasonable walking distance, and include:
  - (a) adequate bicycle parking and storage facilities: and
  - (b) adequate provision for securing belongings; and
  - (c) change rooms that include adequate showers, sanitary compartments, wash basins and mirrors.
- (2) Notwithstanding (1) there is no requirement to provide end of trip facilities if it would be unreasonable to provide these facilities having regard to:
  - (a) the projected population growth and forward planning for road upgrading and development of cycle paths; or
  - (b) whether it would be practical to commute to and from the building on a bicycle, having regard to the likely commute distances and nature of the terrain; or
  - (c) the condition of the road and the nature and amount of traffic potentially affecting the safety of commuters.

- **A13** (1) Bicycle parking and storage facilities are:
  - (a) easily accessible and provided in the building, or on-site within 100 metres of an entrance to the building, in accordance with:
    - (i) five percent (5%) of the number of *employees*, based on *workforce numbers*; or
    - (ii) the occupant ratios in Schedule 3 (rounded up to the nearest whole number);and
  - (b) designed and constructed in compliance with AS 2890.3:1993 (including modifications as specified in Schedule 2).

#### (2) Lockers are:

- (a) provided in the building, or onsite within 100 metres of an entrance to the building, on a 1.6:1 ratio for every bicycle parking space; and
- (b) co-located or located within 50 metres of *change rooms* required by A13(3) of this part; and
- (c) provided with minimum dimensions of 900mm (height) x 300mm (width) x 450mm (depth).

#### (3) Change rooms:

- (a) are provided in the building, or on-site within 100 metres of an entrance to the building and comply with Schedule 4, Table A, Column B; and
  - are fitted with a lockable door or otherwise screened from public view; and
  - ii) are located within 100 metres of bicycle parking and storage facilities required by A13(1) of this part if the bicycle parking and storage facilities and change rooms are not located in the building.
- (4) Change rooms provide:

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- (a) showers that:
  - (i) are located within *change* rooms and meet Schedule 4, Table A, Column C; and
  - (ii) have a minimum 3-star Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) rating shower head; and
  - (iii) dispense both hot and cold water; and
- (b) sanitary compartments that:
  - (i) are located within *change* rooms, and meet Schedule 4, Table A, Column D; and
  - (ii) are constructed in compliance with F2.3 (e) and F2.5 of *BCA* (Volume One); and
- (c) wash basins that are located within change rooms and meet Schedule 4, Table A, Column E; and
- (d) a mirror located above wash basins; and
- (e) a hook and bench seating located within each shower compartment; and
- (f) a socket-outlet located adjacent to each wash basin.
- (5) Where *change room* requirements are predominantly located in a carpark or on a basement floor that is not regularly used by *occupants* or *employees*, they may not be counted towards the requirements of the *BCA*, Volume One Part F2.
- (6) Notwithstanding ((1), (2), (3) & (4)), a local government planning scheme may require additional bicycle parking and storage facilities, locker facilities, change rooms, showers, sanitary compartments, wash basins and mirrors.

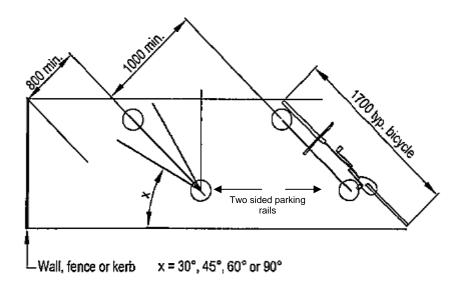
**Note 1:** For A13(1) (a) – the *occupant* ratios may be used where *employees* based on *workforce numbers* cannot be determined accurately.

**Note 2:** For A13(6) – refer to the Department's website for a list of local governments that have existing *end of trip facility* requirements in their planning schemes. It is recommended that in all cases confirmation be obtained from the relevant local government as to whether it has any relevant *end of trip facility* requirements in its planning scheme.

Designated Local Government
Brisbane City Council
Bundaberg Regional Council
Cairns Regional Council
Central Highlands Regional Council
Fraser Coast Regional Council
Gladstone Regional Council
Gold Coast Regional Council
Gympie Regional Council
Ipswich City Council
Logan City Council
Mackay Regional Council
Moreton Bay Regional Council
Mount Isa City Council
Redland City Council
Rockhampton Regional Council
Southern Downs Regional Council
Sunshine Coast Regional Council
Toowoomba Regional Council
Townsville City Council
Western Downs Regional Council

Standard clauses affected	Standard modifications
	AS 2890.3:1993
2.2.4	In addition to 2.2.4:
	Vertical storage can also comprise alternative <i>bicycle</i> storage area requirements that are available within the marketplace (e.g. wall mounted rails and racks, pods).
2.2.6	In addition to 2.2.6:
	Open plan storage layouts can also comprise alternative <i>bicycle</i> storage area requirements that are available within the marketplace (e.g. double parker/double storey parking systems, pods).
Figure 2.1	Figure 1 also applies in addition to Figure 2.1.

Figure 1



(A) Building Type	(B)  Bicycle Spaces	(C) Security Classification (refer AS 2890.3, Table 3.1)
Commercial office building	1 per 30 occupants	2
Shopping centre	1 per 500 occupants	2
Tertiary education facility	1 per 375 occupants	2
Hospital	1 per 100 occupants	2

Table A

(A) Change room requirements based on bicycle parking spaces	User Group	(B) Change room provisions	(C) Number of <i>showers</i> required	(D) Number of sanitary compartments required	(E) Number of wash basins required
1 – 5	Female and Male	1 change room of unisex design	1	1 closet pan	1
6-19	Female	1	1	1 closet pan	1
	Male	1	1	1 closet pan	1
20 or more	Female	1	2, plus 1 additional shower for every 20 bicycle parking spaces provided thereafter*.	2 closet pans, plus 1 additional sanitary compartment for every 60 bicycle parking spaces provided thereafter*.	1, plus 1 additional wash basin for every 60 bicycle parking spaces provided thereafter*.
	Male	1	2, plus 1 additional shower for every 20 bicycle parking spaces provided thereafter*.	1 urinal and 1 closet pan, plus 1 additional sanitary compartment at the rate of 1 closet pan or 1 urinal for every 60 bicycle parking spaces provided thereafter*.	1, plus 1 additional wash basin for every 60 bicycle parking spaces provided thereafter*.

<sup>\*</sup>Refer **Table B** for example of workings.

Table B

	User Group	20-39 <i>bicycle</i> parking spaces	40-59 bicycle parking spaces	60-79 bicycle parking spaces	80-99 bicycle parking spaces	100-119 bicycle parking spaces
Number of	Female	2	3	4	5	6
showers required	Male	2	3	4	5	6
Number of sanitary	Female	2	2	2	3	3
compartments required	Male	2	2	2	3	3
Number of wash basins	Female	1	1	1	2	2
required	Male	1	1	1	2	2