

Stage 2 Reforms of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002



Signs, symbols, braille: International Symbol for Access and Deafness

Currently, the Transport Standards reference a superseded Australian Standard. There is an opportunity to update and align requirements with contemporary Australian Standards for the provision of international symbols and lettering sizes for accessibility and deafness.

## Reform options

### Maintain current requirements in the Transport Standards

Transport Standards Section 16.1 *International symbols for accessibility and deafness*, would remain unchanged and no new additional requirements or guidance would be issued.

### Non-regulatory option

Guidance would be provided in the Transport Standards Guidelines and / or The Whole Journey Guide to include best practice advice on the application of the international symbol for accessibility and deafness.

Specific advice may include:

* Signage to identify accessible facilities
* Hearing augmentation systems
* Size of signage and symbol elements
* Providers may choose to follow the following standards:
	+ AS1428.1 (2009) *Design for access and mobility*, Part 1*: General requirements for access – new building work*
	+ AS1428.2 (1992*) Design for access and mobility*, Part 2*: Enhanced and additional requirements – Buildings and facilities*, Table 1

### Regulatory option

Transport Standards Section 16.1 would be amended to include the following (including any requirements retained or amended from the status quo). There are two sub-options for consideration in relation to the size of accessibility symbols:

* The international symbols for accessibility and deafness must be used to identify an access path and which facilities and boarding points are accessible (AS1428.1 (2009) *Design for access and mobility*, Part 1: *General requirements for access – new building work*, Clause 8.2.1, *International symbol* and Clause 8.2.2, *International symbol for deafness*).
* The colours prescribed in AS1428.1 (2009) are not mandatory.
* There are two proposals for consideration in relation to the size of accessibility symbols:

##### Sub-option 1

The size of accessibility symbols must comply with AS1428.2 (1992)

##### Sub-option 2

The size of accessibility symbols must be of appropriate size when considering viewing distances and provided at 60 millimetres x 60 millimetres at a minimum.

These requirements would pertain to conveyances, premises (except premises to which the Premises Standards apply), and infrastructure.

Guidance would be provided in the Transport Standards Guidelines and / or The Whole Journey Guide.

## Have your say

Public consultation on the Stage 2 reform of the Transport Standards will open from 15 March to 9 August 2022.

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