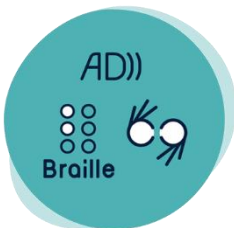




Stage 2 Reforms of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002



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Currently, the Transport Standards reference a superseded Australian Standard.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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