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Q: What does ADA say about how far apart multiple wash stations need to be on trough-style lavatories (faucet centerline to centerline)? And is it the same if they are individual basins (similar to the [Sloan DSCT](#))?

A: This information was covered on Slide 28 of the presentation and mentioned ADA requires that on sinks with multiple wash stations, there needs to be at least one wash station that has 30 inches of clear space from left to right. It also mentioned that ADA requires clear space for a wheelchair directly in front of the fixture that is at least 30" wide and 48" long. Although it is not currently required by ADA that there be 30" from faucet centerline to faucet centerline (for either single basin or multiple basin lavatories), this is often mandated by plumbing codes.

Q: Are sensor-equipped flushometers required in ADA closet stalls?

A: No. Although these products have many advantages for disabled users, they are not required at this time.

Q: Do shower seats need to be permanently attached in a transfer shower, or can the seats be portable?

A: ADA "transfer" showers are designed so that a person in a wheelchair who is able to stand up to transfer can roll up beside the shower entrance, and if needed use grab bars, can do so to transfer onto a shower seat.

Shower compartments in general are covered in [Section 608](#) of ADA guidelines. Shower seats in particular are covered in [Section 610](#). Although both ADA requirements and [Access Board guidance](#) indicate that transfer showers require seating, neither indicate clearly whether or not these need to be permanently attached.

This type of ambiguity in ADA requirements is common and can be a source of frustration for facilities and professionals seeking clear guidance.

Our suggestion is that you consult directly with a reputable manufacturer of ADA-compliant shower seats for further clarification and be prepared to learn that there may be no definitive guidance available.

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Q: Can you talk about requirements for “international style” squat toilets? Assuming they are permitted by AHJ (Authority Having Jurisdiction), is there any guidance or requirements for grab bar installation in the ADA?

A: Squat toilets are not considered to be ADA-compliant, and facilities that use these are required to provide an ADA-compliant “western style” alternative to them.

Q: When does a hand dryer require a recess kit? I understand the dryer can't protrude more than 4“, but isn't that qualified by stating it also must be in the lane of traffic?

A: There is no language in ADA requirements that we are aware of that qualifies protrusion requirements due to placement in a lane of traffic.

Q: Will the (Sloan) spec sheets reflect local requirements for Canadian projects?

A: Your best resource for guidance dealing with local projects and compliance in Canada or any other location is your local Sloan representative. You can find the Sloan rep closest to you by using the [Sloan Rep Locator](#) tool. Your rep brings local code knowledge, familiarity with existing sites, product knowledge, and is available for onsite consultation (conditions permitting).

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Q: At what point are ADA stalls required in an existing facility that does not contain any?

A: Although this question cannot be answered without more detailed information about the facility age, type, and location, as well as the public that it serves, it is very likely that accessibility standards already apply.

Details like these are most commonly found in the [2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design](#) publication that is informally referred to as “the Bible.” Many, if not most, facilities fall under the “Title III” classification. The table on the right is from page 27 of that document, and you’ll find more information in that section that applies to specific facility types.

Appendix to § 36.406(a)

Compliance Dates for New Construction and Alterations	Applicable Standards
On or after January 26, 1993, and before September 15, 2010	1991 Standards
On or after September 15, 2010, and before March 15, 2012	1991 Standards or 2010 Standards
On or after March 15, 2012	2010 Standards

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