

Accepted Deviations for Existing Facilities

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1. Surface slope of accessible parking spaces at developed parking lots may vary from the standard by up to 1%.
2. Dimensions of an accessible parking space (together with its adjacent loading and unloading zone, but excluding the striping) at developed parking lots may vary from the standard by a total of up to 6 inches.
3. Accessible parking spaces at undeveloped parking lots may have a surface slope that varies from the standard by up to 3%; so long as the surface is firm, stable, and slip-resistant, and the Department has made reasonable best efforts to ensure that the orientation of the parking spaces is the same as the direction of the slope (though the Department need not re-grade any spaces or make any non-minor physical changes to the parking lot surface, location, or dimensions).
4. Accessible parking spaces at undeveloped parking lots need not be striped, so long as signage clearly identifies the locations of the access aisle(s) as well as the parking space(s) and states that no parking shall be allowed in the access aisle(s).
5. Openings in walkway surfaces may vary from the standard by up to 1/4 inch.
6. The slope of ramps with a handrail may vary from the standard by up to 1%, and the slope of other ramps may vary from the standard by up to 2%.
7. Clear floor or ground space dimensions may vary from the standard by up to 2% of the applicable standard.
8. The placement of minor facility items that do not present safety issues (for example, light switches, electrical outlets, garbage receptacles, soap dispensers, and paper towel dispensers, but not fire extinguishers or grab bars) may vary from the standard by up to 1 inch.
9. The distance from the centerline of accessible water closets to side walls may vary from the standard by up to 15/16 inch.
10. The seat in accessible shower stalls need not extend the entire length of the bench wall (as long as it is within 6 inches of the adjacent sides of the stall).
11. The slope of entrance and/or exit ramps may be up to 10%, provided that the increased slope lasts for no longer than 3 feet and there is no space to reasonably retrofit the ramp.
12. Dimensions of all furniture at campsites (except for the knee clearance requirement 27 inches) may vary from the standard by up to 1 inch.
13. With all aspects of historic structures (including build-in benches along historic walls), the Department may comply with its Historic Structures Policy (set forth in Exhibit L of the Consent Decree).
14. Retail sales areas in historic structures may provide items behind a counter or on a fixture beyond arm=s reach, provided that staff have made reasonable best efforts to place the items in an accessible location and staff are available for assistance.
15. Wall art at house museums that are historic structures that are meant to be furnished to the historic period may be mounted above standard heights.

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