

**CHAPTER 67b. COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
UNIVERSAL RESTROOM POLICY—STATEMENT OF POLICY**

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**§ 67b.1. Purpose.**

The Commonwealth complies with Federal and State laws regarding nondiscrimination and strives to promote access and accommodation for all employees and visitors. The Commonwealth recognizes that employees and visitors may require special restroom accommodations for their health, safety, convenience or privacy. The underlying purpose of this chapter is to establish guidelines for the design and implementation of universal restrooms and restroom facilities, and to ensure that, to the extent feasible, Commonwealth buildings include universal single occupancy restroom facilities that are safe, accessible and convenient to all citizens.

**§ 67b.2. Scope.**

(a) This chapter applies to all Capital Projects for new construction and, to the extent feasible, renovations of existing buildings. The requirements in this chapter apply to Capital Projects administered by all Commonwealth agencies and to Capital Projects that the Department of General Services (Department) delegates to other agencies or institutions. Deviations from this chapter require the written approval of the Secretary of General Services or a designee.

(b) This policy will be incorporated into all Agreements for Professional Services for new Capital Projects for new construction and, to the extent feasible, renovations of existing buildings. This policy will also be included as a condition of the Department's delegated Capital Projects.

**§ 67b.3. Definitions.**

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

*Capital Projects*—Projects listed in a capital budget project itemization act.

*Commonwealth buildings*—Buildings owned by the Commonwealth or owned by a Commonwealth agency.

*Gender-specific single occupancy restroom*—A single occupancy restroom that has been designated men or women.

*Universal single occupancy restroom*—Any single occupancy restroom that does not designate a gender and can be used by anyone.

**§ 67b.4. Universal restroom policy.**

(a) At least one universal single occupancy restroom will be created per floor/story for each floor/story that contains restrooms in all Capital Projects for new construction. To the extent feasible, at least one universal single occupancy restroom should be created in all renovations of existing Commonwealth buildings. To the extent feasible, all gender-specific single occupancy restrooms within existing Commonwealth buildings will be converted to universal single occupancy restrooms.

(b) The location of the universal single occupancy restrooms will be determined in consultation with the Department based upon the operational needs of the agency or institution.

**§ 67b.5. Required design standards.**

All newly-constructed and renovated single occupancy restrooms subject to this chapter must:

- (1) Utilize appropriate signage as designated by the Department that indicates a universal single occupancy restroom.
- (2) Comply with all applicable Federal, State and local codes, laws and regulations including the following:
  - (i) All requirements in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) (42 U.S.C.A. §§ 12101—12213) applicable to single-occupancy restrooms, including ADA lever/closer hardware with secured locks that include occupancy indicators.
  - (ii) International Building Code accessibility requirements for single-occupant toilet rooms.
  - (iii) Uniform Construction Code.

**§ 67b.6. Recommended design standards.**

The following recommended design standards should be included in universal single occupancy restrooms when appropriate and feasible:

- (1) A changing station.
- (2) A sanitary napkin disposal container.

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