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Environmental accessibility – Construction regulations in Latvia

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National legislative documents

- ❑ Requirements in national legislative documents
 - Construction Law
 - General Construction Regulations
 - Construction Norms for Multi-storey Apartment Buildings, LBN 211-08
 - Construction Norms for Low-rise dwellings, LBN 209-09
 - Construction Norms for Public Houses and Structures, LBN208-08
- ❑ Recommendations for designers
- ❑ Construction control



Construction law

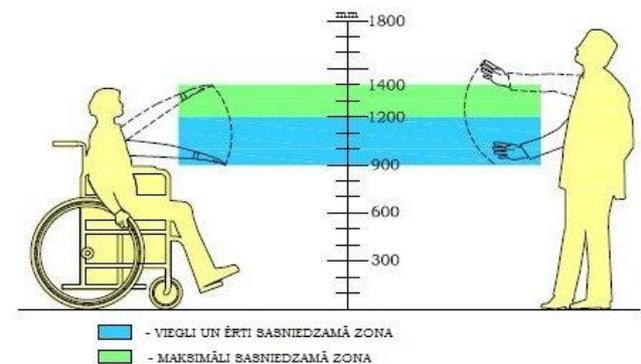
A structure shall be designed and constructed so as to ensure the architectonic quality of the environment, **accessibility of the environment**, rational utilisation of natural resources

Accessibility of the environment — a possibility for people with movement, visual or hearing impairments to move in the environment in conformity with the planned function of a structure



General Construction Regulations

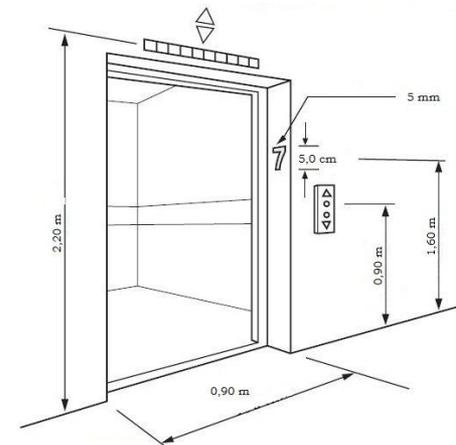
Environmental accessibility requirements (also ensuring the level of noise and visual information) shall be determined by the **building authority** in the *architectural and planning order* in conformity with Latvian Building codes



Multi-storey Apartment Buildings

Environmental accessibility shall be granted at the **entrance level** of the building

Special requirements for *buildings containing apartments* for persons with functional disturbances



Low-rise dwellings

Environmental accessibility shall be provided in **public premises**

Additional requirements for possibility to adapt premises and implement universal design are defined in by **construction client**



Public Houses and Structures

Granted possibility to **get inside** the buildings and **move around** in the buildings; *special equipment* in some rooms (hotel rooms, toilets)

Necessary information shall be provided also visually, audible and tactile



Quality control

Author of the building design (**certified specialist**) declares the conformity of the project to the requirements regulating the construction work

Territorial local governments control how persons participating in construction comply with the requirements regulating the construction work

The right to control construction, including accessibility of the environment are endowed to **building inspectors**



Recommendations for designers

- ❑ Guidelines for application of construction norms concerning environmental accessibility for persons with functional disturbances
- ❑ Recommendations for development and implementation of standards of environmental accessibility for persons with vision disturbances
- ❑ Recommendations for usage of tactile pattern

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