



Accessibility for all ...

- The checklist is based on the requirements of **BS8300 18.6 Changing Places Toilets and the [Changing Places UK Consortium Practical Guide](#)**. Please refer to the Changing Places UK guide for further information and clarification on dimensions, equipment, and standards.
- Where a developed facility fully meets the essential requirements below it can be listed as a Changing Places Ireland toilet with details on the Changing Places Ireland website.
- Many people need to be able to access a Changing Place. They depend on a Changing Place providing a toilet with more space and the right equipment to use the toilet in safety and comfort.
- Thank you for your interest and efforts to support accessibility for all.





Changing Places Ireland - Self Assessment Checklist



1. Planning and Design

Strategic Plan for location and venue	<input type="checkbox"/>
Space at least 3m x 4m -12sqm available	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stakeholders consulted and appropriate design	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consulted appropriate professionals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Obtained statutory consents – planning etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complies with BS 8300 18.6 Changing Places Toilets and the Changing Places UK Consortium Practical Guide	<input type="checkbox"/>
Separate standard wheelchair toilet also available	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Room Layout

Direct access from door to maneuvering space	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear 1800-2000mm wheelchair turning area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equipment positioned to max maneuvering space	<input type="checkbox"/>
Room for assistant on either side of toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>
Privacy curtain or screen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessible routes to facility	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear signage indicating location of CP	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear information about access arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear instructions for use of sling	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changing Places toilet clearly identified with signage to include the Changing Places Ireland logo.	<input type="checkbox"/>





3. Equipment and Environment Checklist

3.1 Pre-visit Information – available to public	
Location	<input type="checkbox"/>
How to access facility	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working capacity of the hoist and bench	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hoist compatibility with slings	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confirm slings not provided	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of shower facilities (desirable in managed facilities, otherwise optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-visit information available to public on website	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.2 Door	
Visually contrasting door and adjacent wall, clear CP signage	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum 1000mm effective clear width, should be outward opening	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coat hooks on the inside at 2 heights, 1050 and 1400mm	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.3 WC	
Peninsular (space either side) at least 1000mm from the wall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seat height 480mm from floor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comfortable back rest – may use close coupled cistern as a back rest	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toilet paper within reach	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retractable wall mounted or free-standing folding screen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colostomy shelf within reach of the WC, 950mm from floor, may use flat top cistern shelf	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sanitary towel dispenser	<input type="checkbox"/>



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3.4 Grabrails and drop-down support rails

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| Contrast visually with background | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drop down grab rails either side and upper rail | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vertical grabrails | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3.5 Washbasin

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| Height adjustable power operated wash hand basin | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Clear knee space underneath | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Large bowl with reachable taps | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Level surface either side for armrests | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lever mixed tap | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Instructions and controls easily visible, easy reach, easy follow | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Height adjustment pressure sensitive safety override, to detect obstruction underneath | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3.6 Hand Drying

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| Automatic dryer near basin (low noise) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Paper towels in addition | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hand drying facilities 800-1000mm from ground, contrast against surroundings | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3.7 Privacy Screen

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| Free-standing or wall-mounted screen provided | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Folds away without obstructing other equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Privacy screen must have wipe-down surface | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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3.8 Ceiling-track Hoist

Full room coverage	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum 200kg, greater capacity recommended	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum ceiling height 2.4m	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceiling lights and alarms recessed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sling compatibility information provided – should have broad compatibility	<input type="checkbox"/>
Instructions and working load clearly visible and easy to understand	<input type="checkbox"/>
Return to charge feature and charging location instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hoist should conform to BS EN 10535	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.9 Changing Bench

Free-standing or wall-mounted	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum 1800mm long	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adjustable height 300mm to 1000mm from floor level, power-operated	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum working load 200kg, higher recommended	<input type="checkbox"/>
Instructions for use and working load clearly displayed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comfortable surface for changing or showering (shower optional – see below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wide paper roll dispenser by bench	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.10 Mirror

Full-length, minimum 600mm wide and 1000mm tall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lower edge should not start at floor but should not be higher than 600mm	<input type="checkbox"/>



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3.11 Shower (required in managed facilities, desirable in other facilities)	
Non-slip, wet room floor design	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level slip-resistant flooring	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shower unit with detachable head close to head of changing bench	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changing/showering bench, integral water collection tray, waste outlet, hose	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.12 Shower seat - if provided	
Shower seat with backrest and supporting grabrail (free-standing bench considered)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum safe working load 200kg, higher recommended	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.13 Bin	
Large sanitary disposal bin (not narrow type)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recessed where possible, not under changing bench or transfer space (if possible, in existing building)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Within easy reach of toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.14 Alarm System	
Audible with indicator light, linked to staffed area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alarm pull cords	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contrasting reset button located near alarm and easy to find	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear response policy for responding to alarms	<input type="checkbox"/>



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3.15 Environment Checkpoints

Comfortable and welcoming

Visually contrasting fittings

Clear instructions and signage

Appropriate heating, must not cause obstruction or risk of accidental burns

Even lighting, 300 lux over bench, avoid downward lighting over bench, no timers

Water temperatures meet safety standards

Good ventilation, low noise

Non-slip flooring

Installed services recessed so not to reduce space requirements

4. Operational Management - Tick to confirm you understand and commit to the requirements set out when the Changing Place is operational.

At a managed setting – staff on call (a significant consideration)

Disability awareness and training for staff

Carrying out a risk assessment

Displaying clear instructions and information about equipment

Information on availability and location

Regular cleaning

Equipment maintained and inspected in accordance with manufacturer's instructions

Security and access arrangements

Management and maintenance plan