



## 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 toilet (space either side), at least 1000mm from the nearest wall as measured from the midpoint of the toilet - to allow for carers to assist on either/both sides)	<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"/>



<b>Equipment and Environment Checklist continued</b>	
<b>3.4 Grabrails and drop-down support rails</b>	
Contrast visually with background	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drop down grab rails either side and upper rail	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vertical grabrails	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3.5 Washbasin</b>	
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"/>
<b>3.6 Hand Drying</b>	
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"/>
<b>3.7 Privacy Screen</b>	
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"/>



## Equipment and Environment Checklist continued

<b>3.8 Ceiling-track Hoist</b>	
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"/>
<b>3.9 Changing Bench</b>	
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"/>
<b>3.10 Mirror</b>	
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"/>



<b>Equipment and Environment Checklist continued</b>	
<b>3.11 Shower</b> (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"/>
<b>3.12 Shower seat - if provided</b>	
Shower seat with backrest and supporting grabrail (free-standing bench considered)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum safe working load 200kg, higher recommended	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3.13 Bin</b>	
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"/>
<b>3.14 Alarm System</b>	
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"/>



## Equipment and Environment Checklist continued

### 3.15 Environment Checkpoints

Comfortable and welcoming	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visually contrasting fittings	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear instructions and signage	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appropriate heating, must not cause obstruction or risk of accidental burns	<input type="checkbox"/>
Even lighting, 300 lux over bench, avoid downward lighting over bench, no timers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water temperatures meet safety standards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good ventilation, low noise	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-slip flooring	<input type="checkbox"/>
Installed services recessed so not to reduce space requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 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)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability awareness and training for staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carrying out a risk assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Displaying clear instructions and information about equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information on availability and location	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regular cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equipment maintained and inspected in accordance with manufacturer's instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Security and access arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Management and maintenance plan	<input type="checkbox"/>