

For: FSA and RMA Field Offices

New Accessibility Standards in Federal Facilities and Federally-Leased Facilities

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Management



1 New Accessibility Standards

A Background

GSA has issued new Accessibility Standards for all Federal facilities and Federally-leased facilities, as amended in the Federal Management Regulations (FMR), Part 102-76.65, which states, "GSA adopts Appendices C and D to 36 CFR part 1191 (ABA Chapters 1 and 2, and Chapters 3 through 10) as the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standard..." This standard is adopted from the Architectural Barriers Act Guidelines developed by the United States Access Board. All FFAS field office space is subject to the Architectural Barriers Act.

B Purpose

This notice informs FSA and RMA field offices that as of May 8, 2006, the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standard (ABAAS) will replace the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) for all FFAS field office space. The previous gradations of accessibility compliance, namely, full or substantial or less than substantial, are superseded and will no longer apply.

C Application of the New Standard

- Facilities must comply with ABAAS if construction or alteration of a facility commences, or the lease is entered into after May 8, 2006.
- Construction or alteration of a facility for which plans and specifications were completed or substantially completed on or before May 8, 2006, such construction or alteration is permitted to continue to meet UFAS rather than ABAAS.
- Facilities leased by USDA before May 8, 2006, are required to ensure compliance with UFAS.

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Distribution

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D CCC-79

CCC-79 has been revised as of May 4, 2006, to amend Clause 4.4, "Accessibility for the Disabled".

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