

5 Schedule of Accommodation

A schedule of accommodation is shown below and lists generic spaces for this HPU.

Quantities and sizes of spaces will need to be determined in response to the service needs of each unit on a case-by-case basis.

Large facilities with significant teaching responsibilities will need to adjust the area allocations to account for the lower turnover of patients associated with student placements.

The recommended circulation rates for Oral Health Units, as described in AusHFG Part C, are included. The higher circulation rates are associated with services requiring inpatient access.

The 'Room Name' column describes each room or space within the unit. Some rooms are identified as 'Standard Components' (SC) or as having a corresponding room which can be derived from a SC. These rooms are described as 'Standard Components - Derived' (SC-D). The 'SD / SD-C' column identifies these rooms and relevant room codes and names are provided.

All other rooms are non-standard and will need to be briefed using relevant functional and operational information provided in this HPU.

In some cases, rooms are described as 'Optional' or 'Shared'. Inclusion of this room will be dependent on a range of factors such as operational policies or clinical services planning.

5.1 Entry / Reception / Waiting

Room Code	Room Name	SC/ SC-D	2 Chairs		4 Chairs		12 Chairs		Comments
			Qty	m ²	Qty	m ²	Qty	m ²	
AIRLE-12	Airlock - Entry	SC/ SC-D	1	10	1	10	1	10	Optional for all scenarios depending on location and scale of development. Only required for large, stand-alone services.
RECP-10	Reception	SC-D	1	9	1	9	1	12	1 staff for 2 and 4-chair scenarios and 2 staff for 12-chair scenario.
	Bay - Storage		1	1	1	1	1	2	Optional for all scenarios Facilities should be planned to support electronic records.
WAIT-10 WAIT-20 WAIT-30	Waiting	SC-D	1	8	1	16	1	40	Based on 3 people per dental chair, 1.2m ² per seat and 1.5m ² per wheelchair space. This may be reduced for units with significant teaching / student activity given lower turnover of patients. ICT infrastructure should support the installation or future provision of electronic queueing systems.
PLAY	Play Area - Paediatric	SC/ SC-D			1	8	1	10	Optional for 4 and 12-chair scenarios. Included in Waiting for 2-chair scenario.
BWC	Bay - Wheelchair Park	SC		1	1	1	1	2	Share for 2-chair scenario.
WCPU	Toilet - Public	SC		3	1	3	1	3	Share for 2-chair scenario. Optional for 4 and 12-chair scenarios as visitor amenities may be shared with other services.
WCAC	Toilet - Accessible	SC		6		6	1	6	Share for 2 and 4-chair scenarios. Optional for 12-chair scenarios as visitor amenities may be shared with other services.
Discounted Circulation			25%		25%		25%		

5.2 Treatment Areas

Refer to Section 4.2.4 Treatment Room for facilities with low utilisation of a dental chair.

Room Code	Room Name	SC/ SC-D	2 Chairs		4 Chairs		12 Chairs		Comments
			Qty	m ²	Qty	m ²	Qty	m ²	
DENSR-1 DENSR-2	Dental Surgery	SC	1	14.5	3	14.5	10	14.5	May be provided as enclosed and/or open bays. The number of enclosed vs open bays provided will depend on the patient cohort and operational considerations.
	Dental Surgery, Large	SC/ SC-D	1	16	1	16	2	16	Additional area for access by patients on a trolley/bed or bariatric sized wheelchairs. 18m ² is required should a wheelchair lifter be needed.
CONS	Consult Room	SC					1	12	Optional for 12-chair scenario. A multipurpose room for oral health education, interview, non-oral assessment, non-complex care or as a recovery room or observation room for patient awaiting pick up by ambulance. Examination couch will not be required but recliner may be required if used for recovery. May also be required in clinics with less than 12 dental chairs.
BHW	Bay - Height / Weight	SC	1	1	1	1	1	1	Locate in an easily accessible but discreet location for privacy and confidentiality.
BMEQ	Bay - Mobile Equipment	SC	1	2	1	2	2	2	For central storage of trollies. If X-Ray scanner is provided, include a bench with power and data separate from other equipment.
BRES	Bay - Resuscitation Trolley	SC		1.5	1	1.5	1	1.5	Share for 2-chair scenario. Optional for 4 and 12-chair scenarios. Dependent on Unit policy.
Discounted Circulation			25%		32%		32-35%		

5.3 Dental Reusable Medical Devices Reprocessing

AS 5369:2023 notes that ‘whenever practicable, reprocessing of RMDs should be centralized to a dedicated reprocessing facility’ (NOTE 1, section 5.6.1). Project teams will need to confirm the approach to RMD reprocessing and allocate appropriate areas to support either on-site or off-site reprocessing.

When incorporating on-site reprocessing services, it is crucial to evaluate logistical challenges, volume of RMDs to reprocess, throughput capacity, staffing needs, cost-efficiency, and economies of scale. Small remote and rural facilities often face unique constraints; due to distance and logistical limitations, they may be solely dependent on on-site reprocessing.

To meet the requirements outlined in AS 5369:2023, the equipment and functional spaces necessary for on-site reprocessing in a 2-chair oral health clinic may be comparable to those in larger clinics, albeit with reduced throughput. Additionally, careful consideration must be given to area requirements for dental RMD reprocessing from external oral health facilities and mobile fleets, if these are included as part of the service provision. To illustrate the scaling and planning guide for dental RMD reprocessing areas, refer to the diagram below.

DENTAL RMD REPROCESSING	DENTAL CHAIRS											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
DENTAL DECONTAMINATION ROOM	Project-by-project basis	10m ² (on-site or off-site) for up to 8 dental chairs						Add 2m ² for every 4 additional dental chairs				
DENTAL STERILISING	Project-by-project basis	May be off-site or 10m ² if provided on-site for up to 8 dental chairs						Add 2.5m ² for every 4 additional dental chairs				
STORE – STERILE STOCK	Project-by-project basis	6m ² (on-site) or 8m ² (off-site) for up to 6 dental chairs						Add 0.5m ² (on-site) or 1m ² (off-site) for every additional dental chair				

The design and planning of a clinic with single dental chair reprocessing areas and sterile storage must be tailored to each project. Key considerations include the segregation of clean and dirty activities and ensuring compliance with unidirectional workflows from dirty to clean.

Also refer to Sections 2.2.5 Dental Reusable Medical Devices Reprocessing and Sterilisation and 2.2.11 Storage – Sterilised Reusable Medical Devices for additional information.

5.3.1 Option 1 – On-Site Reprocessing

Room Code	Room Name	SC/ SC-D	2 to 8 Chairs		Comments
			Qty	m2	
DECON-DEN2	Decontamination Room - Dental Type 2	SC	1	10	Includes RMD washer/disinfectors, ultrasonic cleaner, and preparation areas. May include clinical waste. The recommended minimum area for Dental Decontamination is generally designed to support the reprocessing needs of 2 to 8 dental chairs. If servicing more than 8 chairs, add 2m ² for every 4 additional dental chairs.
STERI-DEN	Dental Sterilising	SC	1	10	Includes sterilisers/autoclaves and cooling area. The recommended minimum area for Dental Sterilising is generally designed to support the reprocessing needs of 2 to 8 dental chairs. If servicing more than 8 chairs, add 2.5m ² for every 4 additional dental chairs.
Room Code	Room Name	SC/ SC-D	2 to 6 Chairs		Comments
			Qty	m2	
STSS-DEN	Store - Sterile Stock, Dental	SC-D	1	6	Storage solution to consider dental requirements given small sterile pack sizing requiring more (shallow depth) baskets. The recommended minimum area is typically suitable for 2 to 6 dental chairs. If servicing more than 6 chairs, add 0.5m ² for every additional dental chair. Also consider storage for RMDs and/or commercially sterile stock for hub and spoke model.
Discounted Circulation			25%		

The final area required for on-site reprocessing will depend on the quantity, dimensions, and clearance requirements of the selected equipment, as well as staffing arrangements (e.g., separate or shared staff for decontamination and sterilising areas).

5.3.2 Option 2 – Off-Site Reprocessing

Room Code	Room Name	SC/ SC-D	2 to 8 Chairs		Comments
			Qty	m ²	
DECON-DEN1	Decontamination Room - Dental Type 1 / Dirty Collection	SC	1	10	Dirty RMDs awaiting collection for SSD/off-site reprocessing. The recommended minimum area for Dental Decontamination is generally designed to support the reprocessing needs of 2 to 8 dental chairs. If servicing more than 8 chairs, add 2m² for every 4 additional dental chairs.
Room Code	Room Name	SC/ SC-D	2 to 6 Chairs		Comments
			Qty	m ²	
STSS-DEN	Store - Sterile Stock, Dental	SC	1	8	Storage of returned sterile RMDs including trolley receiving area. Area requirement will depend on volume of instrumentation required to support frequency of reprocessing service. Storage solution to consider dental requirements given small sterile pack sizing requiring more (shallow depth) baskets. The recommended minimum area is typically suitable for 2 to 6 dental chairs. If servicing more than 6 chairs, add 1m² for every additional dental chair. Final area to account for potential increased inventory needs and turn-around times.
Discounted Circulation			25%		

5.4 Support Areas

Room Code	Room Name	SC/ SC-D	2 Chairs		4 Chairs		12 Chairs		Comments
			Qty	m ²	Qty	m ²	Qty	m ²	
OPG	OPG Room	SC-D			1	12	1	12	Optional for 4 and 12-chair scenarios. May be combined with CBCT. Includes console/write up area.
DEN-MLB	Dental Laboratory, Minor	SC/ SC-D	1	8	1	12	1	12	This is not intended as a major laboratory which would be used for the manufacture of prosthetics. May include storage of dental moulds if retained on site. Details of requirements for a Major Dental Laboratory have been included in Non-Standard Components.
DISP-10	Disposal Room	SC-D		3	1	3	1	6	Share for 2-chair scenario. Optional for 4 and 12-chair scenarios. Only required in large hospital based services. Not typically required in community health services. Includes waste bins, dirty gowns etc. May be combined with clean up area for smaller units or provided as a 'disposal bay'. Size requirements for a Disposal Room will be dependent on a department's estimated waste output, the frequency of waste collection and local operational policies for waste management that may dictate the number of waste streams and minimum bin sizes.
STGN	Store - General	SC/ SC-D	1	6	1	9	1	16	Includes clean staff gowns, dental consumables and locked store for medications. Refer to local policies re medication storage requirements.
CLRM	Cleaners' Room	SC		5	1	5	1	5	Share for 2-chair scenario. Optional for 4 and 12-chair scenarios. May be shared with other services.
	Dental Plant Room		1	9	1	9	1	16	After-hours access.
Discounted Circulation			25%		32%		32-35%		

5.5 Staff Areas

Staff work areas and amenities will be allocated in line with local jurisdictional policies.

Room Code	Room Name	SC/ SC-D	2 Chairs		4 Chairs		12 Chairs		Comments
			Qty	m ²	Qty	m ²	Qty	m ²	
OFF-1P-9	Office - 1 Person, 9m ²	SC		9		9		9	Number and area allocation will depend on staff profile and local jurisdictional policies.
OFF-WS	Office - Workstation	SC		4.5		4.5		4.5	Number and area allocation will depend on staff profile and local jurisdictional policies.
BMFD-3	Bay - Multifunction Device	SC		3	1	3	1	3	Share for 2-chair scenario.
MEET-15 MEET-20	Meeting Room	SC/ SC-D			1	15	1	24	Suitable for videoconferencing unless provided nearby.
SRM-15	Staff Room	SC-D			1	12	1	20	
BBEV	Bay - Beverage	SC	1	4					
BPROP	Bay - Property, Staff	SC/ SC-D	1	1	1	2	1	3	Assumes 1m ² fits up to 16 x quarter lockers. Consider staff and student numbers if shared with adjacent clinics.
SHST	Shower - Staff	SC		3	1	3	1	3	Share for 2-chair scenario. Can be shared with other services.
WCST	Toilet - Staff	SC	1	3	1	3	3	3	Number dependent on staff numbers. Access to an accessible toilet is also required. Separate male and female and support for all gender/gender neutral facilities needed is in line with local policies.
Discounted Circulation			25%		25%		25%		