



**BUILDING CODE MANUAL  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION  
Based on the 2014 LACBC**

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11B-202.4  
Article 1  
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## **SUMMARY OF ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES FOR COMMERCIAL PROJECTS**

The provisions of Section 11B-202.4 Exception 8 apply to existing buildings or facilities used as public buildings, public accommodations, commercial buildings, or public housing. When these buildings or facilities undergo alterations, structural repairs, or additions, an accessible path of travel must be provided to the specific area of construction.

When the adjusted construction cost<sup>1</sup> of **alterations, structural repairs, or additions to existing buildings and facilities** within three years of the original alteration does not exceed a valuation threshold of **\$143,303.00**, the cost of compliance with Section 11B-202.4 of the 2013 California Building Code shall be limited to 20 percent of the adjusted construction cost of alterations, structural repairs, or additions. When the cost of full compliance with 11B-202.4 would exceed 20 percent, compliance shall be provided to the greatest extent possible without exceeding 20 percent. (This valuation is based on the average Construction Cost Index taken from the January 1981 ENR magazine. Such information is posted by the Division of the State Architect at the following website: [www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/programs/progAccess/threshold.aspx](http://www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/programs/progAccess/threshold.aspx)).

In choosing which accessible elements to provide, priority should be given to those elements that will provide the greatest access in the following order:

1. An accessible entrance;
2. An accessible route to the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition (see definition of accessible route Section 202 and 11B-206.2.1 for more information on accessible routes and site arrival points);
3. At least one accessible restroom for each sex serving the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition;
4. Accessible telephones, if provided, serving the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition;
5. Accessible drinking fountains, if provided, serving the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition; and
6. When possible, additional accessible elements such as parking, storage, and alarms.

Applicants who use this criterion shall complete the Summary of Accessibility Upgrades Form A and affix a copy of the final, approved form to the plans. Office Manager/Section Head shall review, approve, and scan the approved form into the Document Management System.

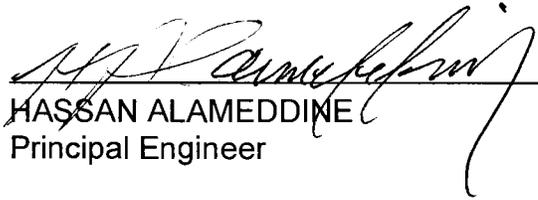
<sup>1</sup> Adjusted cost of construction does not include the cost of alterations to path of travel elements required to be upgraded outside the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition.



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