

## Circular 241 - Accessibility Code for the Built Environment in the Creative Clusters

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Dear Customer,

Dubai Creative Clusters Authority (DCCA) is pleased to announce the publication of the **Accessibility Code for the Built Environment in the Creative Clusters**.

The new Accessibility Code aims to remove critical barriers for vulnerable users across the Creative Clusters. In full alignment with the Dubai Plan 2021 in its mission to create an inclusive and cohesive society, DCCA aims to enable equal access for everyone by 2021 across the areas that fall under its planning jurisdiction.

Benchmarked against international standards to reflect the latest best practices for the built environment, the Accessibility Code provides consultants, architects, planners and developers with a comprehensive set of guidelines intended to improve accessibility and usability for residents, employees and visitors. These guidelines aim to meet a wide range of needs, from temporary conditions affecting mobility through to severe and permanent disabilities.

The new Code is effective immediately for new buildings, with the retrofitting of existing buildings to be completed by 2021.

DCCA will be running a series of workshops next month to familiarise consultants and other interested parties about the new Code and the minimum mandatory standard that will need to be applied. A second communication will follow shortly with more information on these workshops.

To download a copy of the **Accessibility Code for the Built Environment in the Creative Clusters**, click [here](#).

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