

Australasian Health Facility Guidelines (AusHFG)

TERMINOLOGY

For 'Naming Conventions' refer to 'HPUS JURISDICTIONS NAMING CONVENTION TABLE', (hpu_naming_convention_table(v.2.0).pdf)

For Abbreviations refer to Part A, 50 Abbreviations.

For technical and clinical words not shown refer to the related (Aus) Organizations controlled vocabularies, e.g. Mesh www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MBrowser.html

For common usage words with optional forms (not shown below) refer Macquarie Dictionary.

Word forms in citations/references remain unchanged.

COMMON WORDS WITH ALTERNATIVE FORMS

after hours – TWO WORDS

aircondition, airconditioning, airconditioner, etc – ONE WORD!

antenatal

anteroom

bedroom (however two-bed rooms or four-bed rooms where noting number of beds in the room!)

bedside

bench top

clean-up

collocate (*not* co-locate)

cook-chill

cotside e.g. cotside monitoring. Refers to the place not the equipment

drop-off

ensuite – ONE WORD!

FF&E

gastrointestinal

grabrail

handwash(ing)

handbasin

handrail

hard copy

healthcare

Note: NSW Health and others use 'Health Care' in document titles
Aged Care and other specific terms are separate words

hydrotherapy (one word)

medico-legal

multi-bed

non-standard

non-sterile

OHS

one-to-one

perioperative

postnatal

post occupancy

postoperative

preoperative

stand-alone

teleconferencing

telepsychiatry

two-way

write-up

videoconferencing

X-ray

ABBREVIATIONS

e.g. (not followed by a comma)

i.e.

in-text numbers – between one and nine, use words: greater than nine: use numbers ie 10, 11, 12, etc.