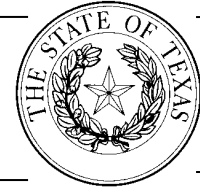


REGISTERED ACCESSIBILITY SPECIALIST BULLETIN

2012



TAS

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation • Compliance Division • Architectural Barriers

Kitchens, Kitchenettes, and Comparable Spaces

RAS 2012-07

Effective Date: July 23, 2012 (Corrected)
2012 TAS Reference: 212 and 804

The following terms are not defined in TAS, therefore, based on 106.3, definitions provided in collegiate dictionaries, and information received from the U.S. Access Board, they shall have the referenced meanings:

- **Kitchen:** A place (as a room) with cooking facilities.
- **Kitchenette:** A small kitchen or alcove containing cooking facilities.
- **Wet Bar:** A bar for mixing drinks that contains a sink with running water.
- **Cooking Facilities:** Fixed or built-in range, cooktop, oven, microwave, or convection oven.
- **Fixed Appliance:** When attached to a cabinet, shelf or other surface or to a gas supply.
- **Built -In Appliance:** When cabinetry design or location of utilities (ie. gas supply or 220V electrical outlets) creates a dedicated shelf or space for the appliance.

For purposes of compliance with 212 and 804, the terms “kitchen” and “kitchenette” shall be used interchangeably.

With Cooking Facilities: A room or space with at least one fixed or built-in cooking facility is considered a kitchen/kitchenette and shall be subject to compliance with 212 and 804. Storage required by 804.5 shall be calculated by linear feet.

Without Cooking Facilities: A room or space without a fixed or built-in cooking facility shall be subject to compliance with all applicable provisions of TAS based on the elements provided. 606.2, Exception 1 shall not apply to sinks provided in spaces without cooking facilities unless it is a wet bar since this exception is applicable only to kitchen sinks. Storage provided shall comply with 225 and 811.

Wet Bars: A bar used for purposes other than drink preparation is not considered a wet bar.

Summary: Kitchens, Kitchenettes, and Comparable Spaces				
2012 TAS	Public or Common Use	Residential (233 and 809)¹	Transient Lodging (224 and 806)²	Employee Work Areas
With Cooking Facilities				
Kitchens and Kitchenettes (212 and 804)	Yes (100% based on 212.2)	Yes (As required by 809.3)	Yes (As required by 806.2.5)	No (Based on 203.9)
Kitchen Work Surface (804.3)	No	Yes (Based on 804.3)	Yes (Based on 224.6(1))	No
Storage (804.5)	Yes (50% based on 212.2)	Yes (Based on 809.3)	Yes (Based on 806.2.5)	No
Without Cooking Facilities				
Applicable Provisions of TAS	Yes (100% based on 201.1)	Yes (Based on 233.3.5)	Yes (Based on 224.5)	No
¹ Applicable to social service establishments, graduate student and faculty housing, and crew quarters for emergency response personnel ² Applicable to places of lodging including timeshares and housing at a place of education				