

**Intent**

To provide building occupants a connection to the outdoors through the introduction of daylight and views into the regularly occupied areas of the building.

Requirements

Provide access to views that meet the following criteria below.

INPATIENT UNITS (1 point)

A minimum of 90% of the inpatient units, staff areas, and public areas shall be within 20 feet—or twice the window head height, whichever is smaller—of the perimeter. All such perimeter areas must have windows that provide at least an 11° angle of unobstructed view in the vertical and horizontal direction.

NON-INPATIENT AREAS (1-2 points)

In the block planning stage, configure the building floor plates such that the area within 15 feet of the perimeter exceeds the perimeter area requirement as determined by the table outlined below.

Confirm at the conclusion of detailed planning that 90% of the perimeter rooms have windows that provide at least an 11° angle of unobstructed view in the vertical and horizontal direction.

| Perimeter Non-IPU Area with Window Access Required | | | | | |
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| Floor plate area (bgsf) | Threshold A: 1 point | Threshold B: 2 points | Floor plate area (bgm ²) | Threshold A: 1 point | Threshold B: 2 points |
| Up to 15,000 | 7348 | 8248 | Up to 1,395 | 683 | 766 |
| 20,000 | 8785 | 9985 | 1,800 | 816 | 928 |
| 25,000 | 10087 | 11587 | 2,325 | 937 | 1076 |
| 30,000 | 11292 | 13092 | 2,785 | 1,049 | 1,216 |
| 35,000 | 12425 | 14525 | 3,250 | 1,154 | 1,350 |
| 40,000 | 13500 | 15900 | 3,715 | 1,254 | 1,477 |
| 45,000 | 14528 | 17228 | 4,180 | 1,350 | 1,601 |
| 50,000 and larger | 15516 | 18516 | 4,600 and larger | 1,441 | 1,720 |

For both in-patient and non-inpatient areas, portions of side lit areas beyond the 15' view area boundary that meet the requirements of IEQ Credit 8.1: Daylight and Views—Daylight may be included in the qualifying areas of this credit.

For calculation methodology for floor plates that vary in size and configuration, see the LEED Reference Guide for Green Building Design & Construction, 2009 Edition Healthcare Supplement.