

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BUREAU OF HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING
Adult Training Facilities (55 Pa.Code Chapter 2380)

Q/A - Regulatory Clarifications – October 2015

The clarifications and interpretations below will remain on the Department's web site until the information is included in the next updated Regulatory Compliance Guide (RCG).

Regulations: § 2380.51 – Special Accommodations, § 2380.81 – Exits, § 2380.82 – Unobstructed Egress

§ 2380.51 - A facility serving one or more individuals with a physical disability, blindness, a visual impairment, deafness or a hearing impairment shall have accommodations to ensure the safety and reasonable accessibility for entrance to, movement within and exit from the facility based upon each individual's needs.

§ 2380.81 - Each building in which the facility operates shall have a minimum of two exits leading directly to the outside.

§ 2380.82 - Stairways, halls, doorways, aisles, passageways and exits from rooms and from the building shall be unobstructed.

Question: The Department's February 2015 clarification of this regulation established that each building shall have a minimum of two accessible exits leading directly to the outside that meet the needs of the individuals served in the facility. If there are individuals served who use wheelchairs, then at least two exits to the outside should be equipped with ramps. Can one of the two accessible exits be to a fire safe area?

ANSWER: If the facility provides an accessible exit and a fire safe area for individuals who are unable to access the exit, then one of the two accessible exits may be to a fire safe area.

Regulation: § 2380.86 – Portable Space Heaters

§ 2380.86 - Portable space heaters, defined as heaters that are not permanently mounted or installed, are not permitted in any room including offices.

Question: Must PTAC units (Packaged Terminal Air Conditioner) be hard-wired?

ANSWER: If the PTAC unit is designed to be plugged into a normal outlet, and is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, then the PTAC unit does not need to be hard-wired.

**Regulation: § 2380.111(c)(5) – Individual Physical Examination;
§ 2380.113(c)(2) – Staff Physical Examination**

§ 2380.111(c) - The physical examination shall include:

(5) Tuberculin skin testing with negative results every 2 years; or, if the tuberculin skin test is positive, an initial chest X-ray with results noted.

§ 2380.113(c) - The physical examination shall include:

(2) Tuberculin skin testing with negative results every 2 years; or, if the tuberculin skin test is positive, an initial chest X-ray with results noted. Tuberculin skin testing may be completed and certified in writing by a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse instead of a licensed physician, certified nurse practitioner or certified physician's assistant.

Question: Can the T-Spot test be used for tuberculosis skin testing instead of the Mantoux method?

ANSWER: Yes. The T-Spot test is a blood test used for tuberculosis skin testing. It is FDA-approved and can be performed in one visit to a physician's office.

Question: Can the QuantiFERON-TB Gold test be used for tuberculosis skin testing instead of the Mantoux method?

ANSWER: Yes. The QuantiFERON-TB Gold test is a blood test used for tuberculosis skin testing. It is FDA-approved and can be performed in one visit to a physician's office.