

Standard outdoor dining guidance

Ōtautahi Christchurch

Overview

People dining and socialising outdoors bring vibrancy and buzz to our central city and suburban areas.

We've developed guidelines to help hospitality businesses understand what's acceptable for use in outdoor dining space. This is to make sure it's safe and visually appealing for everyone using our footpaths, streets and public spaces.

Our easy to use online application form for outdoor dining requests, is at ccc.govt.nz/outdoordining

A standard outdoor dining license is a longer-term option than a temporary outdoor dining license, it also allows for more outdoor furniture such as screens, planters and canopies.

This guidance aligns with the Public Street Enclosures Policy 2006.

Key principles

Public space – footpaths, streets and laneways are provided for everyone's benefit.

People's movement should not be hindered, whatever their age or ability.

Protection from fair to moderate adverse weather conditions can normally be expected.

Excessive visual and physical clutter within public spaces is to be avoided.

A single colour for canopies and a simple colour and material palette for street furniture is preferred.

High quality barriers, and street furniture that's suitable for the outdoors are expected to be used.

All outdoor dining areas must maintain clear pedestrian footpath access of 2 metres minimum.

Permitted standards

Accessibility

- All outdoor dining areas must maintain clear pedestrian footpath access of 2 metres minimum.
- Maintain good, clear accessibility to the surrounding streets, footpaths, lanes and shared paths.
- Accessibility and visibility of business entrances, public benches, cycle stands and rubbish bins are to be maintained.
- Appropriate distance from art works, lamp posts, signs and street trees should also be considered.

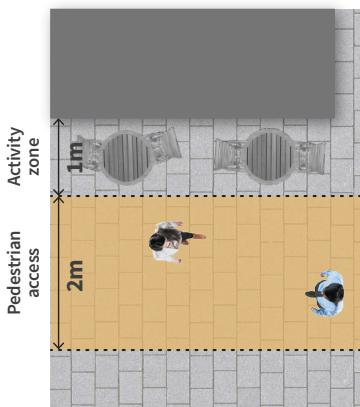
Furniture

- Quality, durable finishes suitable for outdoor public use, and maintained to a high standard.
- Use of a simple range of materials and a consistent colour palette.
- Must be stable in windy conditions and not present a health and safety risk.
- Low level side screens/planters/bollards.
- Logos integrated within the screens or planters. No separate signage or advertising, such as sandwich boards.

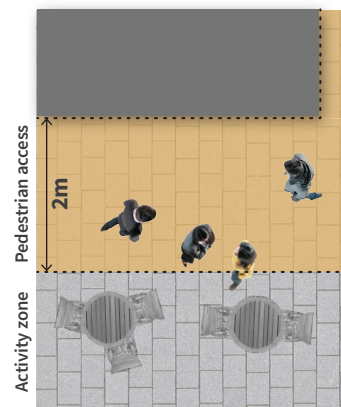
Canopies and umbrellas

- Overhead canopies and verandas fixed to the building façade – retractable and/or glazed. No canopy/veranda supports within outdoor public areas.
- Use of a single colour for canopies to minimise visual clutter.
- Freestanding umbrellas with a single support only.
- Clearance between the footpath and the underside of the umbrella should not be less than 1.8 metres minimum.

Examples of outdoor dining options



Activity zone (1 metre) along the building edge, with a clear footpath (2 metres).



Clear footpath along the building edge (2 metres).



An example of standard outdoor dining.

For more information visit

ccc.govt.nz/outdoordining

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Email outdoor.dining@ccc.govt.nz

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