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HOW TO APPLY
THE FOUR SQUARE
METRE RULE IN
YOUR BUSINESS
OR GATHERING



How to apply the four square metre rule in your business or gathering

Under current COVID-19 restrictions in the ACT, all gatherings must be held in spaces large enough to allow one patron per four square meters.

How to calculate the number of people in your premises

- 1. Measure the length of your space.
- 2. Measure the width of your space.
- 3. Multiply the length by the width to calculate the area of your space in square metres.
- 4. Divide the space (calculated in square metres) by four to calculate the maximum number of people allowed.
- 5. Consider items and objects that may impact the total free space of the premise such as tables and counter tops.

See example below

6.5m x 5.2m = 33.8 square metres 33.8 square metres divided by 4 = 8.45 Maximum patrons allowed = 8

Always round down to the nearest whole number.

6.5m

5.2m

Remember to maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres between patrons and maintain good hand hygiene.

For more information and the latest updates on restrictions to groups and gatherings visit www.covid19.act.gov.au

