BS 8300-2:2018 for *furniture*

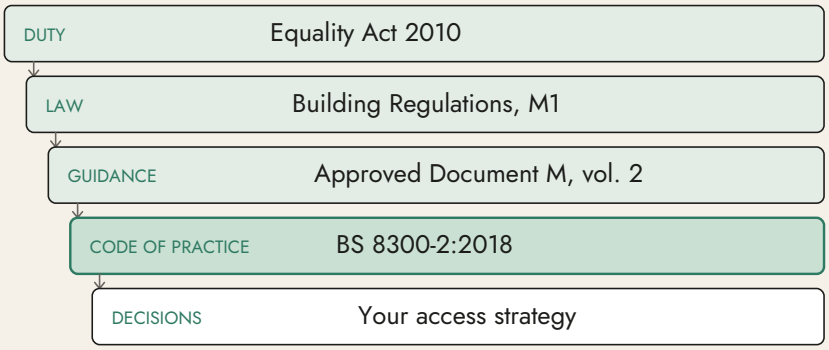
Where BS 8300-2:2018 touches furniture, how it relates to Part M, and what to ask your access consultant. BS 8300-2 itself was not read: no figure from it is given.

Compliance guidance. Figures quoted are from Approved Document M, Volume 2 (2015 edition incorporating 2020 and 2024 amendments, for use in England), read on 6 November 2026. BS 8300-2:2018 was not read: this sheet quotes no figure or clause from it. Take its figures from your own copy and your access consultant. This is guidance, not legal or accessibility advice, and the studio does not certify compliance.

AT A GLANCE

Furniture item	BS 8300-2:2018 topic (from a catalogue listing)	Approved Document M vol. 2 says (read, mm)	On this sheet
Reception and sales counters	Counters and reception desks	3.6(e): one section at least 1500 wide, surface no higher than 760, knee recess not less than 700 above floor level. 3.6(d): space in front 1200 x 1800 with a knee recess at least 500 deep.	Part M figures only. Take BS 8300-2 figures from your copy.
Bar and serving counters	Counters and reception desks. A bar is not named in the topic list: ask.	4.16(b): part of the working surface accessible to wheelchair users, not more than 850 above the floor, part higher for standing.	Part M figures only. Width, depth and knee space are not in Part M.
Seating, fixed and loose	Building facilities: seating. Audience and spectator facilities.	No seat height, depth or width outside audience seating. Wheelchair space sizes for audience seating only.	No seat figure. Ask the consultant.
Tables, desks, shared worktops	Not named as a topic. Counters; kitchens.	4.16(c): shared refreshment worktop at 850 above the floor with clear space beneath at least 700. No height for dining tables or desks.	One Part M figure. Ask the consultant.
Storage and wardrobes	Building facilities: storage. Individual rooms: bedrooms.	4.24(b): swing doors to built-in wardrobes and storage open through 180 degrees. 4.20: accessible and convenient. No rail, shelf or drawer heights.	Part M figures only.
Hotel bedrooms and beds	Individual rooms: bedrooms.	4.24(g): at least one wheelchair-accessible bedroom per 20 or part. 4.19: space to transfer to one side of a bed. No bed height.	No bed figure. Ask the consultant.

Millimetres. Column 2 is topic names from a catalogue listing, not clauses: the standard was not read. Column 3 is Approved Document M vol. 2 (2015, with 2020 and 2024 amendments), England.



The documents that can set a figure for furniture in England, from the duty at the top to the decision on the drawing. Original drawing by Make Bespoke Studio.

WHAT TO ASK THE ACCESS CONSULTANT

- Which documents and which editions govern this project?
- For each item, which clause or paragraph gives the figure, and what is it?
- Where Part M and BS 8300-2 differ, which governs, and is that written in the access strategy?
- Does the standard give figures for loose furniture, and are they requirements here?
- What datum and floor build-up apply, which items need a mock-up and who signs it off?

SPECIFICATION WORDING

WHICH DOCUMENT GOVERNS

[Reception counter / bar / seating / bedroom storage] is to comply with Approved Document M volume 2, [2015 edition incorporating 2020 and 2024 amendments], paragraph [3.6(e)], and with the recommendations of BS 8300-2:2018 clause [ ] to the extent confirmed in the access strategy dated [ ] by [access consultant]. Where they differ, [the more onerous / the consultant's written direction] governs. The governing dimension is [ ] mm, with its source on the shop drawing.

SOURCE ON THE SHOP DRAWING

Each accessibility dimension is to be annotated with its source document, edition, clause or paragraph, and datum ([finished floor level / finished surface]). The workshop is to state its working tolerance and work to the safe side of each limit. A full-size mock-up of [the lowered counter section / wardrobe door swing] is to be accepted by [access consultant] before production.

EDITION

References to BS 8300-2 are to the edition current on [tender date], being BS 8300-2:2018 [with amendments, if any]. No dimension is to change without written instruction.

TERMS USED

Code of practice

A British Standard that gives recommendations on good practice, not requirements. BSI describes BS 8300-2:2018 as a code of practice.

Reasonable adjustments

The duty in section 20 of the Equality Act 2010 to avoid disadvantage to disabled people by changing a practice or a physical feature (which includes furniture), or by providing an auxiliary aid.

STANDARDS AND SOURCES

- BS 8300-2:2018: BSI Knowledge, read 6 Nov 2026: current, published 31 Jan 2018, supersedes BS 8300:2009, no amendments listed. NOT read; no figure quoted. Confirm the current edition.
- Approved Document M, Volume 2 (2015 edition incorporating 2020 and 2024 amendments), England: read 6 Nov 2026 (gov.uk page last updated 1 Oct 2024). Crown copyright, Open Government Licence.
- Equality Act 2010, sections 20 and 29: legislation.gov.uk, read 6 Nov 2026.

Full guide: https://makebespoke.com/trade/technical/bs-8300-2-for-furniture. Make Bespoke Studio coordinates manufacture through its partner workshops. Figures are guidance only and your specification governs; some may be superseded, so contact the studio to verify.