Desk and workstation *dimensions*

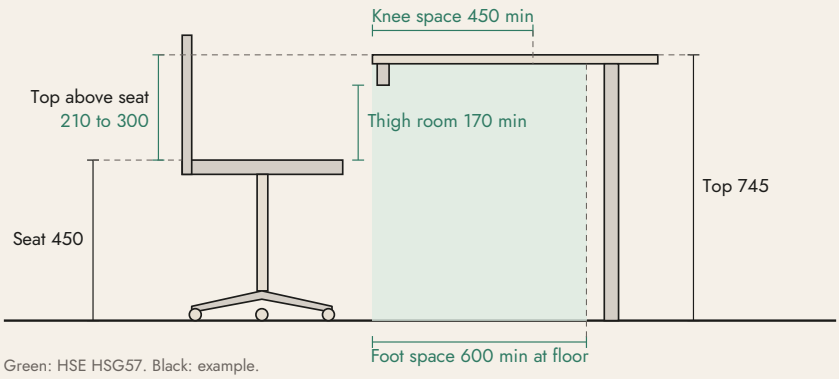
Heights, depths and knee space for task, sit-stand, executive and hotel writing desks, with the HSE clearances. The seat decides the height: a fixed top suits only the seat heights that keep it 210 to 300 mm above the seat (our arithmetic from HSE HSG57 Figures 1(a) and 3; table on the web page).

Compliance guidance. Figures marked HSE are from the HSE guide Seating at work (HSG57, 1997, reprinted 2011): office seating guidance, not a regulation, read from a small printed figure. The dimensions table of BS EN 527-1:2011 was not read; rows marked practice are typical trade ranges for partner workshops to confirm. This is guidance, not health and safety advice: ask a health and safety adviser or ergonomist where a workstation is assessed.

AT A GLANCE

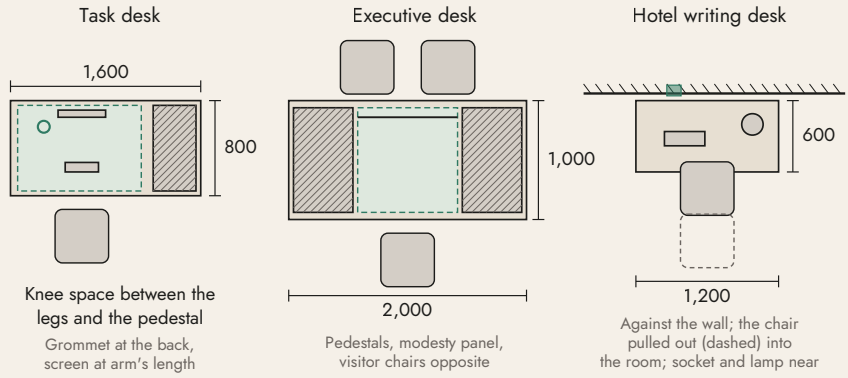
Desk	Height of the top	Width x depth, mm	Space beneath, and notes
Fixed task desk	720 to 760 mm (our Table heights sheet); HSE Figure 3 draws 660 to 1,000 mm	1,200 to 1,800 x 600 to 800 (practice)	Knee space at least 450 mm deep, foot space at least 600 mm at floor, thigh room at least 170 mm (HSE)
Sit-stand desk	About 650 to 1,250 mm, set by the user (our Table heights sheet); standard's range not read	1,200 to 1,800 x 600 to 800 (practice)	Same space beneath at every height; cables need slack for the full travel
Executive desk	740 to 760 mm (practice)	1,800 to 2,200 x 900 to 1,000 (practice)	Pedestals or a credenza; rebate any thick edge underneath
Hotel writing desk	740 to 760 mm, set from a fixed chair so the top is 280 to 300 mm above the seat (our Table heights sheet)	1,000 to 1,400 x 500 to 650 (practice)	A guest cannot adjust: seat, top and apron must be right together
Home study desk	730 to 750 mm (our Writing desks page: 73 to 75 cm)	1,200 to 1,600 x 700 to 900 (our page: depth 70 to 90 cm)	Deeper where a monitor and a lamp share the top
Reception desk or counter	Not covered by BS EN 527-1, whose scope excludes reception desks	Per the design	Lowered section: see our Approved Document M sheet

Millimetres, from the finished floor to the top surface at the edge nearest the user (the definition used by BS EN 527-1:2011). 720 to 760 mm is 28 to 30 inches. Sizes marked practice are typical trade ranges, not figures from a standard.



Green: HSE HSG57. Black: example.

A task desk and chair in side view, millimetres. Green figures: HSE HSG57, Figure 3; black: example values. Original drawing by Make Bespoke Studio, schematic.



Three desks in plan, one scale. Sizes are examples (practice), not from BS EN 527-1. Original drawing by Make Bespoke Studio.

SPECIFICATION WORDING

FIXED DESK: HEIGHT AND SPACE BENEATH

Desk top [740] mm above finished floor level to the top surface at the edge nearest the user; top not more than [30] mm thick within the legroom. Clear space beneath: not less than [450] mm deep at knee level, [600] mm deep at floor level, and [170] mm between the seat of chair [reference], set at [450] mm, and the lowest apron, rail or drawer (HSE HSG57 Figure 3; confirm against BS EN 527-1 for the project's users). Heights and legroom on the shop drawing and checked on a mock-up with the real chair before production.

SIT-STAND DESK

Height-adjustable desk (BS EN 527-1:2011 type [A]), range [650] to [1,250] mm at the front edge, [2] lifting columns rated for [ ] kg, stable and level at every height. Supply a test report to BS EN 527-2 [edition] and the electrical declaration for the lift and any power module. Cables in a [flexible carrier] with slack for the full travel plus [ ] mm. Range, load and routing on the shop drawing.

HOTEL WRITING DESK

Writing desk [1,200] x [600] mm, top [745] mm above finished floor level, [290] mm above the finished seat height [450] mm of chair [reference] (280 to 300 mm). Apron not more than [60] mm deep; top not more than [30] mm thick within the legroom. Chair to tuck in fully and to be shown pulled out on room plan [ref]. [2] sockets and [2] USB outlets within reach of the seated user, by [electrician]. Mock-up with the real chair approved before the room set is ordered.

CABLE, POWER, TOP AND EDGE

Desk to provide: [one] [60] mm grommet with [brush] seal at [ ] mm from the rear and left edges; a concealed cable trough [ ] x [ ] mm along the rear of the underside; a route to the [floor box / wall] at [ ]; [a wireless charging cut-out [ ] mm diameter at [ ]]. Power modules and cabling by [others]; access panels so services can be reached without removing the top. Top finished to sample [S-nn], low-reflectance, with a surface resistance report on an identical panel; front edge [3] mm radius, underside rebated so not more than [ ] mm lies over the legroom.

TERMS USED

Thigh room
The clear height between the seat and the underside of the desk top, apron, rail or drawer. HSE HSG57 Figure 3 shows at least 170 mm.

Sit-stand desk
A desk whose height can be adjusted to allow work positions from seated to standing (BS EN 527-1, clause 3.6).

STANDARDS AND SOURCES

- HSE, Seating at work (HSG57), 1997, reprinted 2011: paras 23 to 38 and 52; Figures 1(a) and 3.
- Display Screen Equipment Regulations 1992 (SI 1992/2792): regs 1 to 3, Schedule; HSE DSE pages (2025-03-20) and checklist CK1.
- BS EN 527-1:2011 (desks, dimensions): BSI preview only, Table 1 not read; BS EN 527-2, 527-3 and BS 8300-2 named only.

Full guide: https://makebespoke.com/trade/technical/desk-and-workstation-dimensions. 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.