Hotel guestroom lighting *scenes* and controls: a specifier's checklist

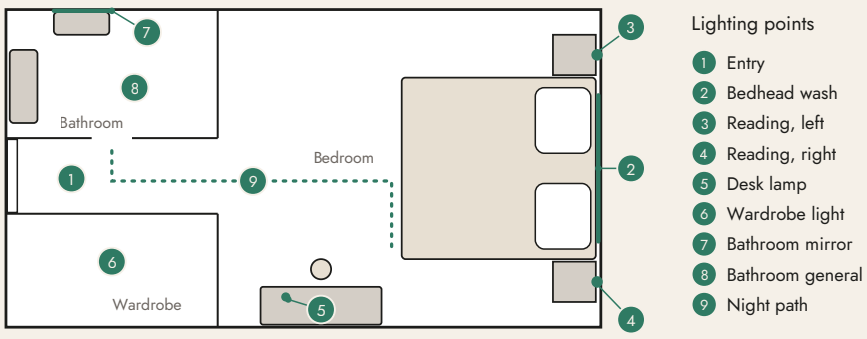
A guestroom lighting checklist: nine lighting points, seven scenes, the control points with the Approved Document M heights, where Part L now speaks to hotel bedrooms, and wording to paste in.

Compliance guidance. Regulatory statements are from Approved Document L volume 2 (2021 edition incorporating 2023 amendments, and the 2026 edition) and Approved Document M volume 2 (2015 edition incorporating 2020 and 2024 amendments), all for England, read on 5 November 2026. Scenes, levels and control layouts are our checklist, not a standard. Check the current edition, your building control body and an accessibility consultant. This is guidance, not legal, electrical or accessibility advice.

AT A GLANCE

Item	What to settle	Basis
Lighting points	Give every point in the room its own circuit or channel, so a scene can set each one.	Practice
Scenes	Five to seven, named for what the guest is doing (arrival, relax, read, work, sleep, night), and one for housekeeping.	Practice; trade press
Master off, plain switch	One all-off at the bed and one at the door; sleep means everything off. Keep a physical switch for the main light.	Practice; trade press
Occupancy control	Key-card switch or presence detection that turns lights off when the room is empty.	Approved Document L vol 2, 2026 ed., 5.70
Control heights	Precise controls 750 to 1,200 mm; push buttons up to 1,200; sockets 400 to 1,000.	Approved Document M vol 2, 4.30
Night path	Low level and short. Have an access consultant review any low or floor-level uplight.	Approved Document M vol 2, 4.34; practice
Colour and dimming	2700 K or below where people sleep. Settle the dimming method before the fittings are ordered.	Our hotel lighting article; TL-LIG-04, TL-LIG-07
Serviceability	Light sources and drivers replaceable with common tools; drivers reachable; spares; a care sheet.	SI 2021/1095 reg 6(1); practice

The scenes, their number and their levels are our checklist, not a standard. The only regulated statements are the Approved Document L and M paragraphs named.



Schematic guestroom plan with nine lighting points. Original drawing; a layout, not a recommendation.



Scene matrix: dot size is a relative level, not lux. A starting set to tune in a sample room. Original drawing.

SPECIFICATION WORDING

POINTS, CIRCUITS AND LEVELS

Guestroom lighting to comprise [nine] lighting points as the room plan [drawing ref]: [entry, bedhead wash, reading light left and right, desk lamp, wardrobe, bathroom mirror, bathroom general, night path]. Each point on its own [circuit / DALI group / channel], with [ ] fittings per point. The lighting designer's schedule [ref] governs levels, colour temperature [2700 K or below where people sleep] and dimming range.

SCENES AND CONTROLS

Scenes [arrival, relax, read, work, sleep, night, clean] as the scene matrix [ref], set in the sample room by [controls supplier] with [lighting designer] and signed off by [operator]. One master off at the bedside and at the door; each reading light on its own control; a physical switch for [the main light]. [Key-card or presence control to switch lights off when the room is empty (Approved Document L volume 2, 2026 edition, 5.70).] Control plates within Approved Document M volume 2, paragraph 4.30 ([edition]), accepted by [body].

SERVICEABILITY AND HANDOVER

Light sources and drivers replaceable with commonly available tools without damage to the fitting, or a technical justification supplied; driver type, part number and location on the schedule. [ ] spare drivers and [ ] sets of touch-point parts per [ ] rooms, same finish batch. Handover: circuit and scene schedule, driver data sheets, care sheet by finish, sample room sign-off.

TERMS USED

Scene
A stored lighting setting that sets several circuits to chosen levels at once, such as 'relax' or 'sleep', recalled by one button.

Key-card switch
A holder inside the door that takes the room key card and switches the room's lights on when the card is in, and off when it is taken out.

STANDARDS AND SOURCES

- Approved Document L volume 2 (England): 2026 edition and 2021 edition incorporating 2023 amendments: read: 2026 edition statement and 5.64 to 5.72 (pp.55 to 56); 2021 edition 6.60 to 6.65 (p.53).
- Approved Document M volume 2 (England), 2015 edition incorporating 2020 and 2024 amendments: read: 4.24, 4.28 to 4.30, 4.34 (pp.43 to 45).
- SI 2021/1095 regulation 6; LBNL-44448 (US DOE laboratory, 1999): regulation read in full; one US hotel, ten rooms, 1998.
- BRE Digest 498, SLL Code for Lighting 2022, CIBSE LG14, BS 8300-2:2018: named only; not read.

Full guide: https://makebespoke.com/trade/technical/hotel-guestroom-lighting-scenes. 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.