

Minimum Requirements All Star Ratings		
<b>BATHROOMS, SHOWER ROOMS AND EN SUITE: - GENERAL</b>	Standard Meets no further action required	<p>All establishments must provide: - Hot water at all reasonable times. At least one bath or shower room with washbasin for every six guests. At least one WC for every six guests, separate from bath or shower room. When an establishment has four or less bed spaces for paying guests, it is acceptable for a bath or shower room to be combined with a washbasin and WC. If there are any guest bedrooms without washbasins, there should be a hand washbasin in the WC. Additionally, where the maximum number of guests resident within an establishment, including proprietors, is no more than six, it is acceptable that facilities are shared between guests and proprietors. However this will limit the achievable rating to Two Stars. Where a shared arrangement exists, proprietors and their family should avoid prolonged use of the bathroom during the early to midmorning period. They should also remove their personal belongings from the bathroom.</p>
<b>EN SUITES</b>	Standard Meets no further action required	<p>What is an en suite? An en suite facility consists of a bath or shower, WC and washbasin connected to a bedroom and entered directly from it. The WC is in its own properly ventilated room. If the shower cubicle is situated in the bedroom, then additional ventilation should be added to take account of this. It is acceptable for the washbasin and shower to be in the bedroom, as long as the WC is contained within a room of its own, within the bedroom. Bedrooms with shower cubicles sited in them are unlikely to achieve a high quality rating. If the bath or shower cubicle is located in the bedroom, guests must be told when they book.</p>
<b>PRIVATE BATHROOM AND SHOWER FACILITY</b>	Standard Meets no further action required	<p>What is a private facility? A private bathroom is one in which the bath or shower, WC and perhaps a washbasin are allocated for the sole use of the occupants of one particular bedroom. The bathroom should be on the same floor and be reasonably close to the bedroom. It should be lockable with a key provided. Access to the bath and/or shower rooms from the bedrooms through a lounge, dining room etc. is not acceptable. What is a public facility? A public facility is one that may be shared by the occupants of more than one bedroom and perhaps the proprietors or their family. Access to the bath and/or shower rooms from the bedrooms through a lounge, dining room etc. is not acceptable.</p>
<b>WASHBASINS IN BEDROOMS</b>	Standard Meets no further action required	<p>To achieve a Three Star Rating all bedrooms require a washbasin - either free-standing or in a vanity unit. The bowl must measure at least 36 cm x 24 cm (14 ins x 9.5 ins). Its suitability will depend on its shape, position of taps etc. Where a washbasin is provided in a bedroom there should be: A mirror with a light above or adjacent. A towel rail or equivalent. A radiator is not acceptable, but a towel ring or a hanging rack on a radiator close by is. Shelf space close to the washbasin, safely positioned. Hot and cold water. A clean hand towel or hand drying facility. Fresh soap. A liquid soap dispenser is acceptable.</p>
<b>GUEST TOILETS</b>	Standard Meets no further action required	<p>Access to guest toilets from a bedroom through a lounge, dining room etc. is not acceptable. All guest toilets need to have: A lidded WC. A toilet roll holder and toilet paper. A covered bin/open bin with sanitary disposal bags. A hand washbasin (not necessarily a washbasin) and hot water, soap and hand towel/drying facilities if all guest bedrooms do not have a washbasin. A covered light. An extractor fan for adequate ventilation or a window that opens. An opaque window curtain or blind for privacy and comfort. An internal lock or bolt.</p>