

**Shops and Department Stores**  
**Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing,  
Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulation 5**

By virtue of sub-regulation (5)(a) of this regulation, the number of persons employed or likely to be employed in a shop or department store shall be a matter for the Building Authority to determine.

2. Accordingly, for the purposes of determining the number of persons for whom sanitary fitments should be provided in shops and department stores the determination shall be at the rate of 1 person for every 15 square metres of usable floor area.

3. The ratio of males to females for the purpose of sub-regulation (5)(c) should be assumed to be 1:1 except that where a department store is designed for a particular company or firm and it is known that the number of males to females which will be employed by them is other than 1:1, this may be so stated in the schedule of sanitary fitments incorporated in the plans and provision made accordingly.

4. For the purpose of assessing usable floor area any storage space over part of a shop need not be included, where, however, there is a complete floor over a shop accessible only from the shop the area of this should be included in the area of the shop for determining the sanitary fitment facilities to be provided.

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