

**Dormitory Visiting Airman Quarters. FAC: 7212**

CATCODE: 721315

OPR: AF/A1S

OCR: AFSVA, MAJCOM/A1S

1.1. **Description.** These facilities provide lodging for enlisted personnel for short durations of occupancy using assignment policies contained in AFI 34-246.

1.2. **Requirements Determination.** Visiting Quarters (VQ) military construction projects comply with the design and construction guidance that establishes the absolute size for the net living area in [Table 1.1](#). Commands desiring a waiver from these absolute planning factors must submit a fully justified request, formatted as a normal Congressional reprogramming action, and an economic analysis to Headquarters, Air Force Services through the Headquarters, Air Force Services Agency. (T-1). Headquarters, Air Force Services Agency, Lodging Branch (AFSVA/SVOL) will provide the number and types of rooms (standard and accessible guest rooms and suites) based on usage data. (T-1).

1.3. **Scope Determination.** Base the final determination of the project scope on the results of an independent Project Validation Assessment (PVA) performed through Headquarters Air Force Services Agency. The PVA validates the site selection, determines the overall number of room types, support areas, guest services to be provided, and identifies any companion appropriated fund (APF) projects necessary to provide a complete and usable facility. All guest rooms are single occupancy for all ranks (except under surge conditions) and include sleeping/living areas and private shower rooms. Refer to the Architectural Barriers Act guidelines to determine number of accessible rooms required. See AFSDG 4-724-01 to determine actual numbers of rooms.

1.4. **Dimensions.** See [Table 1.2](#).

1.5. **Design Considerations.** While VQs are not considered dormitories, the design principals are the same. Consult AFSDG 4-724-01 for the latest guidance.

**Table 1.1. Space Allowances for Dormitories and Officers’ Quarters – New Construction and Major Alteration<sup>1</sup>.**

Grade Rank	Recommended Net Living Area Per Person		Max Gross Bldg Area Per Person	
	m <sup>2</sup>	ft <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup>	ft <sup>2</sup>
Grade E-1 Basic Trainee Note <sup>2,3</sup>	6.7 min	72 min	12.3	132
Grade E-1–E-3 Tech Trainee /Pipeline Student	9.1 min	98 min	25.2	269
Grade E-1 through E-4 Note <sup>4</sup>	12	129	33	355
Grade E-5 through E-6	30.7	330	33	355
Grade E-7 through E-9	42.8	460	66	710
Grade 0-1 and 0-3	42.8	460	66	710
Grades 0-4 and up	46.5	500	66	710

**NOTES:**

1. Table 1.1 does not establish assignment standards and should only be used for construction programming criteria.
2. Open Bay, maximum 60 persons.
3. For E-1 Basic Trainee, net area is one equal share of the open bay room measured inside of the peripheral walls.
4. E-4 with less than 3 years of service (YOS) uses the “Dorms-4-Airmen” 4 Bedroom Module.
5. E-4 with more than 3 YOS.

**Table 1.2. Space Allowances for Visiting Quarters – Net Area Standards.**

Room Type	With Shower		With Shower / Tub	
	m <sup>2</sup>	ft <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup>	ft <sup>2</sup>
Standard Guest Room	27.2	293	27.5	296
Accessible Guest Room	30.2	325	N/A	N/A
Suite	55.5	597	55.9	602
Accessible Suite	56.3	606	N/A	N/A