

**AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR SOUND AND REVERBERATION**

Type of Occupancy/Activity	Recommended Design Sound Level (dB(A))		Recommended Reverberation time (seconds)*
	Satisfactory	Maximum	
Office Buildings			
Board and Conference Rooms	30	40	0.6-0.8
Computer Rooms	45	50	-
Corridors and Lobbies	45	50	-
Design Offices	40	45	0.4 – 0.6
Drafting Offices	40	50	0.4 – 0.6
General office areas	40	45	0.4 – 0.6
Private Offices	35	40	0.6-0.8
Public Spaces	40	50	0.5 – 1.0
Reception Areas	40	45	-
Rest Rooms and Tea Rooms	40	45	0.4 – 0.6
Toilets	50	55	-

SOURCE: *Australian Standard AS-2107-2000: Acoustics – Recommended Design Sound Levels and Reverberation Times for Building Interiors.*

*The numbers in this column for recommended reverberation or echo times refer to “the time required for the average sound energy density in the enclosure to decrease to 10^{-6} of the initial value (i.e. by 60dB) after the source has stopped”.