

Technical Conditions

- Tables and chairs are not to obstruct the free of pedestrians or motor vehicles.
- Where tables and chairs are to be located on the pedestrian footpath, a minimum width of 1.3 meters is to be left unobstructed for the free flow of pedestrians. In busy areas, Transport Malta reserves the right to increase the minimum width as necessary.
- The section of footpath, mentioned above, must not be such that it is continually being crossed over by catering personnel (waiters).
- The section of the footpath/open space reserved for pedestrians must be on the side enjoying the best views or that closest to the main attraction of the location.
- Public seating spaces, the access to them and the views enjoyed by them, is not to be obstructed by tables and chairs.
- Any form of physical enclosure to the groups of tables and chairs must be approved by the relevant authority in terms of dimensions, location and designs.
- Any umbrellas or outdoor heating devices are to be sought from the group of table and chairs and are not to protrude onto the road carriageway.
- Permits for the setting up of tables and chairs are to be sought from the relevant authority/government body.
- In the case where the location of tables and chairs is separated from the catering establishment by a pedestrian footway, such is acceptable only if the total pedestrian traffic does not exceed 30 pedestrians/hour.
- In the case where the location of tables and chairs is separated from the catering establishment by a road, such is acceptable only if the total vehicular traffic does not exceed 20 vehicles/hour and the speed limit does not exceed 20km/h.
- Third party rights are to be affected.
- Tables, umbrellas and chairs are not to be located such that they reduce visibility at any road junction or link.
- Tables and chairs are not to pose a safety hazard to pedestrians and vehicular traffic.
- Tables and chairs are not to be placed on the carriageway.
- The site being used by any establishment for tables and chairs is not to be separated from the same establishment by any physical barriers.
- The demarcation of the carriageway from a pedestrian accessible area must be delineated by a physical non-movable barrier or through a change in surface level.
- The Malta Transport Authority and the Malta Police reserve the right to remove all tables and chairs as required for safety reasons and on special occasions. The local council may remove tables and chairs for safety reasons.