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The NHMSFAP Facility Design Assessment Tool groups and translates room-by-room (areaby-area) key requirements of CSA Z8000 to assist facilities in understanding and navigating CSA Z8000 as several clauses in more than one section of CSA Z8000 may be applicable to the room or area.

All of the criteria in the assessment tool are mandatory and verified by the NHMSFAP in one of four ways as indicated by a bold type face letter as follows:

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