

Master Locksmiths Access Key "MLAK"

The Master Locksmiths Access Key (MLAK) system is a unique and innovative system that uses a universal lock and key to allow people with disabilities to access dedicated public facilities 24 hours a day. It was developed to help increase the availability of accessible, clean and functioning public facilities for people that don't always have the luxury of using standard facilities. The program was launched in 1994, as a joint venture between the Master Locksmiths Association of Australasia (MLAA), Pittwater Council and Acrod.

The MLAK System

The MLAK system uses an Australian-made restricted key and lock barrel that is only available from MLAA locksmiths. The system can be made to work with just about any type of locking mechanism available in Australia.

The key blanks are only available to MLAA locksmiths, and cannot be found in key bars and hardware stores, and other facilities that offer key duplication.



Where is the MLAK System Used?

Since the launch, the MLAK system has been widely used throughout Australia. It has been installed at railway stations, accessible toilets in council facilities and in national parks, as well as adaptive playground equipment such as the Liberty Swing. For further information and links to directories of MLAK-enabled facilities, please visit our website:

masterlocksmiths.com.au/mlak.php



How are MLAK-Enabled Facilities Identified?

Facilities that are MLAK-enabled can be visually identified by dedicated MLAK signage.

These signs usually feature the unique shape of the MLAK key head.

Signage can be purchased through Visualise, a division of Signcraft. www.visualise.net.au

Who is eligible?

Access to MLAK keys is restricted to people who have a disability, or who have written authority from:

- A doctor
- A disability organisation
- Centre Management or the owner of a building with an MLAK-enabled facility on site

How do I buy a MLAK Lock or Key?

MLAK Locks can only be purchased from MLAA locksmith.

MLAK Keys can be purchased from a MLAA locksmith or directly from the Head Office of the MLAA.

To find a Master Locksmith in your area or to get in contact with the MLAA, please visit our website:

http://www.masterlocksmiths.com.au

