



DISABILITIES RESOURCE CENTRE

Housing Modifications

Eligibility

If you live in New Zealand, are a New Zealand resident, and have a long-term disability which isn't covered by ACC, you may be able to get help with housing modifications through the Ministry of Health.

What Could I Get?

For housing modifications above \$8076 (inc GST), Work and Income NZ will work out if you have to pay part of these costs. (This doesn't apply for housing modifications for children 15 years and under).

Housing modifications might include:

- handrails to help you use the steps into your house
- ramps to help you get into your home, particularly if you use a wheelchair
- level-access showers/accessible bathrooms to help you use your bathroom safely and independently or with help from a carer
- fencing to safely support a person who is at risk of injury because of their disability. Funding is not available for the usual fencing and security needs of young children

You can't get funding for:

- housing modifications that cost less than \$200
- modifications already done without funding approval
- soft furnishings
- general maintenance
- modifications to your home for work, social or economic reasons

Where To From Here?

If you want to get funding for housing modifications, you'll need to talk to an Assessor. They'll complete an assessment of your needs and with your help, identify what modifications are needed for you to get in and around your home safely, or for you to be able to look after someone who depends on you.

In the Whakatane area, Assessors are the Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists at Te Koru Rehab, Whakatane Hospital. You can need to get your GP to do a referral through to them.

one call - countless resources - endless opportunities