



## **Adaptations to Property**

The list below, while not exhaustive, gives a number of examples of items that are admissible for Stage 3 Housing Association Grant and can be installed without charge to the tenant.

### **1. General alteration**

- Extensions or alterations to provide bathroom, WC or bedroom etc., with level or suitably ramped access.

### **2. Garaging and external facilities**

- widening of garden paths;
  - carport and/or undercover access to the dwelling if practicable;
- and,
- remote control garage door opener to existing garage used by (or for) a disabled driver.

### **3. Approaches to entrance doors**

- modification of steps, for example to widen treads or incorporate half-steps or create ramp;
- handrails or balustrading to ramps/steps (and elsewhere in the dwelling where necessary); and
- doorcall and entryphone system.

### **4. Doors and windows**

- Widening or re-hanging of doors to permit wheelchair manoeuvre;
- Substitution of sliding or bi-fold doors for side-hung doors;
- Suitable ironmongery, for example lever in place of knob handles, pull handles and rails to doors or kicking plates and/or protective edging to door frames and handing stiles;
- Remote control window and/or door openers; conversion of window to French window where no other wheelchair access to the garden is available;

- Alterations to windows to give satisfactory sight-lines for people in wheelchairs; and
- Larger windows for visually impaired people.

#### **5. Staircase and vertical circulation**

- additional handrail to staircase or gate at head or foot of stairs;
- stairlift installed over staircase, for standing or seated use, or with platform for wheelchair; and
- vertical homelift or hoist.

#### **6. Water services**

- substitution of lever for screw down taps
- re-fixing of taps at convenient level;
- remote control valves for taps;
- thermostatic control for shower; and
- relocation of control valve for mains water supply.

#### **7. Electrical and heating services**

- re-fixing for socket outlets at a convenient level, additional socket outlets or rocker light switches;
- alarm call or loud bell for people who are hard of hearing;
- relocation of prepayment meters or of thermostat or heating controls;
- central heating, or supplementary radiators to existing installation;
- fixed heating appliance (gas or electric) in place of open fire or other solid fuel appliance;
- fluorescent lights in kitchen, bathroom and working areas for visually impaired people;
- warning systems for people who are hard of hearing, for example, flashing lights;
- provision of power supply for electric hoists suspended from ceiling track; and
- relocation of main switches for gas or electricity.

#### **8. Provision for lifting aids**

- reinforcement of ceilings and provision of track for personal hoist.

#### **9. Acoustic insulation**

- acoustic insulation.

#### **10. Entrance halls**

- letter cages or delivery shelf; and
- relocation of clothes hanging rails (also in bedrooms).

## **11. Kitchens**

- alterations to provide fixed storage units, worktops and sink units at convenient levels;
- non-slip flooring;
- built in cooker for use by disabled person; and
- waste disposal unit to sink

## **12. Bathrooms and WCs**

- shower unit in place of, or to supplement, bath;
- shower cubicle, special bath, special WC fixture, suitable washbasin and/or bidet;
- raising of WC fixture;
- sluice sink;
- fixed bath hoist;
- support rails to walls by bath or WC, or other fixed support or non-slip flooring; and
- platform at head of bath

## **13. Storage**

- storage provision for wheelchair

If you would like more information about the possibility of adaptations to your home in order to enhance your independence or that of a family member, please contact your Housing or Property Officer, contact details for who can be found on our web site.

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