

Minor Adaptations in Social Housing

Accessing these agreed adaptations

Minor adaptations included in the select list can be processed in the following ways:

- Tenants/Service Users approaching HSC Trusts for provision of these listed adaptations will be signposted to their social landlord for direct provision without OT involvement.
- Other HSC professionals approaching the OT Service for provision of these listed adaptations will be signposted to the social landlord.
- Social Housing tenants can directly contact the maintenance department of their social housing provider to request provision of the adaptations.
- Occupational Therapists can continue to identify and recommend provision of listed adaptations as part of their overall assessment.

It is important to note that completion of any adaptations will be subject to technical feasibility and reasonableness of provision as determined by the social landlord.

Some adaptations do not need a recommendation from an Occupational Therapist (OT).
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Select Adaptations list

Adaptations that do not require an Occupational Therapist (OT) recommendation

This is an agreed universal list of minor adaptations that can be provided by the social landlord without an OT recommendation.

Should the housing provider identify potential health and safety issues requiring professional assessment an OT recommendation may be sought at their discretion. However the provider must ensure that any such referrals are reasonable and justified so as not to create unnecessary delays for the client waiting for adaptations.



Handrail (external)

Lights (external)



Grab-rails (internal)

Housing Executive and Housing Association properties - adaptations that do not require an OT referral

Clothes line	Rotary clothes line provision including path leading to clothes line where appropriate.
Clothes rail (internal)	Clothes hanging rails repositioning.
Doors	Door saddle removal.
Doors	Letter cage, post box and/or delivery shelf/cage.
Doors	Protective edging to doorframes etc.
Doors	Suitable ironmongery provision (e.g. lever in place of knob handles, pull handles and rails to doors or kicking plates and lowering of lock(s)).
Electrics	Sockets & cooker mains switch - relocation or additional outlets at a convenient level.
Extractor fan	Extractor fan installation (with accessible controls) where accessible window opening not feasible. (over and above standard provision).
Handrail (external)	Handrails at front and/or rear entrance of dwelling.
Handrail (external)	Additional handrails or guarding to existing ramps or steps (also to other parts of the dwelling where necessary).
Handrail (internal)	Handrails/grab-rails in bathrooms, bedrooms etc.
Handrail (internal)	Additional handrail or handrails to staircase (also to other parts of the dwelling where necessary).
Heating	Coal bunkers - replacement or repositioning.
Heating	Thermostat or heating control relocation.
Lights (external)	Lighting (external) - adequate provision (over and above required standard landlord provision).
Lights (internal)	Additional fluorescent lights in kitchen, bathroom and working areas for people with visual impairment.
Lights (internal)	Light switch replacement with 'rocker' or remote control switches.
Steps	Definition of step edges for people with visual impairment (1st time provision and where funding not already provided at scheme development stage).
Storage	Additional alterations to provide fixed storage units, worktops and sink units at convenient levels.
Taps	Lever taps provision to replace screw-down taps.
Windows	Window modification or provision of remote control window opening.