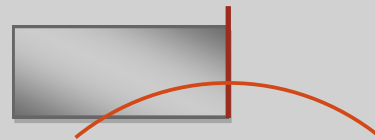
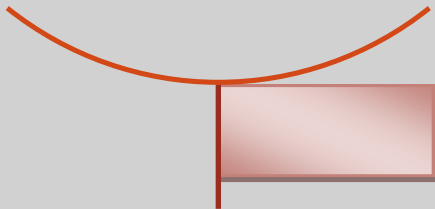
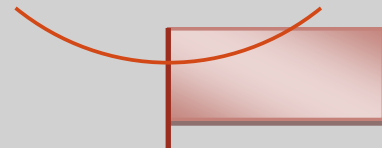


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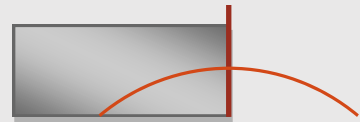


**A Manual prepared by the SWEP  
Clinical Advisory Team to assist  
SWEP registered Prescribers**



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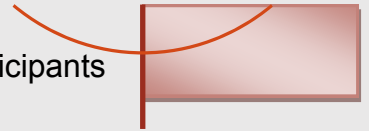
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## Background

To enhance prescription capability among prescribing Occupational Therapists (Prescribers), the State-wide Equipment Program (SWEP) and the SWEP Clinical Advisors have developed this prescriber manual which aims to provide:

- Clinical guidance when prescribing home modifications for Clients of the Aids and Equipment Program (A&EP) and Participants of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- Links to evidence and a range of product types
- Recommendations for assessments and measures
- Awareness of potential environmental risks for Clients/Participants and their support network.



This prescriber manual is designed to be used as part of a suite of resources that include:

- SWEP Home Modifications Consumer Information Booklet
- SWEP Home Modifications Online Application
- SWEP Home Modifications Operational Procedures
- SWEP Registered and Credentialed Builders/Tradespeople.

## On-line and Published References

There are a number of on-line resources in relation to home modifications:

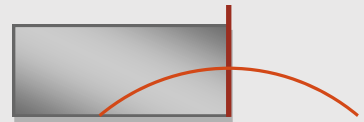
### Australia

- [Australian Standard - Design Criteria for Adaptable Housing](#)
- [AS1428.1-2009 Design for access and mobility, General requirements for access—New building work](#)
- [Chris Reardon - Your home: Design for Lifestyle and the Future](#)
- [Home Modifications Australia](#)
- [Home Modification Information Clearinghouse - "Grabrails and more"](#)
- [Landcom - Universal Housing Design Guidelines](#)

### International

- [Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation - Accessible Housing by Design](#)
- [Centre for Inclusive Design & Environmental Access \(IDEA Centre\)](#)
- [Homemods.org](#)
- [The Centre for Universal Design](#)

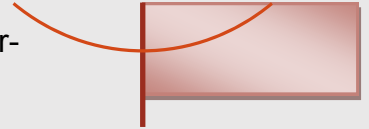
This listing is a guide and is not intended to be exhaustive.

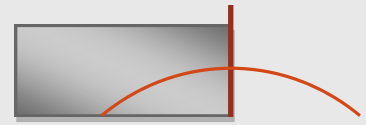


There are many current articles available through academic publications on the impact of home modifications and Occupational Therapy (OT) interventions, which include:

Reference text:

- Ainsworth, E & de Jonge, De. (2011). An Occupational Therapist's Guide to Home Modification Practice. Slack Incorporated, NJ.
  - ISBN: 978-1-55642-852-4





# Home Modifications Considerations

## Assessment

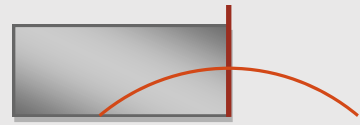
The Prescriber needs to consider:

- The Client/Participant's long term plans for where and how they will live
- Others using the area proposed to be modified and their needs
- The Client/Participant's physical limitations – current and reasonably expected in the future
- Any available support people and their abilities and level of commitment to assisting the Client/Participant
- The land surrounding the home, size, direction of any slope
- The current access to the home, front, side and back (most workable option)
- The most appropriate access point to the house, such as a remote operated electric garage door for Clients/Participants who use a scooter
- Outdoor lighting, colours of finishes and materials, shape of door handles, weather protection, security (A&EP does not fund these items, NDIS may)
- The current condition and dimensions of the building
- The current home environment (including any equipment used at home)
- The current access to the area proposed to be modified
- The current characteristics of the area that is planned to be modified
- Any easement or caveats on the land which will be apparent from the Title
- Any financial resources available for the project
- Any additional equipment that may be required
- A&EP cannot fund items considered to be part of the maintenance of the property, e.g. replacement of rotten steps, floorboards or veranda posts, slip resistant materials on ramps, leaking taps/showers, etc.

## Ownership of the property

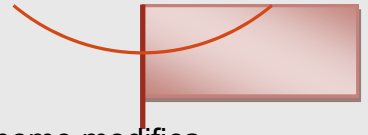
The property owner, often referred as the Proprietor, has the ultimate authority to allow works to proceed and needs to be considered in relation to their:

- Understanding of the proposed home modifications and their permanency or ability to be reversed should the client/participant no longer reside at the property
- Expectations of how the home will look and function at the completion of the modification
- Obligations to fund any aspect of the home modification e.g. updating an old fuse box to accommodate a new air conditioner
- Responsibility for organising and funding ongoing repairs and maintenance for the home modifications.



Further considerations:

- The Client/Participant is not always the Proprietor
  - A Draftsperson or Architect is not required to prepare drawings for non-structural home modifications but may provide useful information during the assessment process
  - A Draftsperson or Architect is usually required to prepare drawings where buildings or planning approval is required
- The [Home Modification Information Clearinghouse](#) provides information regarding the prescribing OT's liability related to home modifications



### **Preparing the SWEP application**

The creation of a good home modification application is not only founded on the consultation and agreement with the Client/Participant and/or their representatives; but clearly defines how it is expected the Client/Participant will use the modified environment and with what equipment and assistance/support.

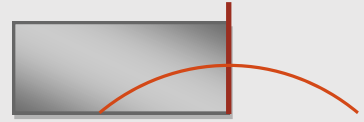
It is recommended that the Prescriber:

- Ensures that the Client/Participant and if required the Proprietor has a copy of the SWEP Home Modifications Consumer Information Booklet
- Ensures that they discuss the outcome of the assessment with all relevant parties
- Refers to the SWEP Home Modifications Operational Procedures
- Familiarises yourself with the SWEP online Prescriber Application form
- Ensures the full name of the Proprietor(s) is known and if applicable their agent, and that they approve of the works by writing and signing their name and providing the date on the Scope of Works, Working Drawings and quotation(s)
- Considers peer review of the application, prior to submission to SWEP.

### **During construction**

It is recommended that the Prescriber:

- Ensures that suitable arrangements for the Client/Participant are in place during the construction phase, e.g. area for personal hygiene and toileting, respite
- Arranges to be informed when construction starts and concludes
- Ensures that all parties are aware that the Prescriber needs to be consulted during the construction phase if problems arise or if there is a need for deviation from the agreed plan
- Draftsperson/Architects, Engineers and Builders may need advice from the Prescriber to ensure that any changes to the design preserve the desired functionality for the Client/Participant.



## Signing off

The Prescriber will:

- Inspect the completed home modification to ensure that it confirms to the works specified and meets the functional needs of the Client/Participant and sign the Certificate of Completion to verify this
- Complete the relevant requirements as outlined in the SWEP Home Modifications Operational Procedures
- Ensure the Builder is aware that the Prescriber and the Proprietor both need to sign-off at completion of the home modification in order to facilitate the release of funds
- Inform SWEP of any relevant issue that may arise and take action as appropriate to resolve the issue.



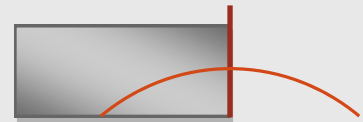
## Considerations

- Careful consideration needs to be given to the appropriateness of substantial permanent modification to rented properties and factors such as any plans the Client/Participant may have to relocate in the future. Alternate housing may be more appropriate
- Financial arrangements for any top up amount for modifications to rental properties are made between the Proprietor or their agent and the Client/Participant. For more information see [Consumer Affairs Victoria - Renting](#).

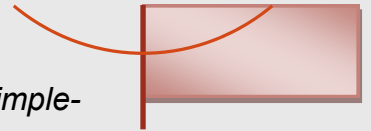
## Compliance with Australian Standards

### When do the Australian Standards apply?

- Building Code of Australia (BCA) details the requirements for new construction or renovations of various classes of buildings and the requirements for compliance with the various relevant Australian Standards (AS)
- Private homes are classified as “Class 1a buildings – a single dwelling being (i) a detached house or (ii) one of a group of two or more attached dwellings each being a building, separated by a fire resisting wall, including a row house, terrace house, town house or villa unit”
- SWEP requires that modifications subsidised by their programs comply with AS wherever possible
- Prescribers must understand that compliance with AS 1428.1 is not a requirement, but it is a guide, and the application of AS must be appropriate for the Client/Participant’s functional needs



- The BCA does not require alterations to Class 1a buildings to comply with:
  - [AS 1428.1 - 2009 Design for Access and Mobility](#)
  - [Disability \(Access to Premises – Buildings\) Standards 2010](#)
- Remember that these standards are relevant to the “average” adult. They also do not include information specific to people with larger sized mobility aids, e.g. powered wheelchairs, scooters, bariatric equipment



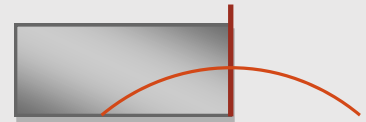
*‘The Standards are used as best practice guide in the design and implementation for home modifications for people that are frail aged or have a disability.’*

- A home modifications application that is not compliant with the previously stated standards is required to have a written statement as to the nature of the non-compliance and an explanation of the circumstances and clinical reasoning behind the decision to propose a non-compliant solution
- If the identified solution is a modification that is not compliant with the Australian Standards, this must be validated by a **Red** Prescriber for SWEP funding to be made available
- A **Red** Prescriber that is validating/approving a home modification is doing so on the following basis:
  - compliance with the relevant Australian Standard means that the functional needs of the Client/Participant specified in the application will not be met **and/or**
  - compliance with the relevant Australian Standard cannot be made due to the nature of and/or existing improvements or environment at the Property **and/or**
  - compliance with AS 1428.1 would impose undue hardship on the Client/Participant/Proprietor or their agent
- A **Red** Prescriber is required to understand the implications of validating a home modification that is not compliant and the prescribing OT will ensure that the proprietor and/or Client/Participant is aware of the risks
- The Prescriber is strongly advised to discuss any concerns with the relevant Building Professional and/or the [Victorian Building Authority](#).

For more information refer to:

- [AS 1428 \(Set\) - 2010 Design for access and mobility Set](#)
- [AS 4299 - 1995 Australian Standard, Adaptable Housing](#)
- [Victorian Building Authority - Access to Buildings for People with Disabilities](#)





## Client/Participant Characteristics that may Impact on the Application

### Skin integrity

A Client/Participant's skin integrity can be impacted by the environment in which they function, as well as the equipment they use. Considering this interaction is essential in prescription of a home modification.



Refer to the below prescriber manuals for further information:

- [Prescriber Manual Beds and Mattresses](#)
- [Prescriber Manual Adult Wheelchairs & Scooters](#)
- [Prescriber Manual Children's Wheelchairs & Scooters.](#)

### Cognitive impairments and personality disorders

Consider:

- The Client/Participant's ability to adjust to change
- Whether the Client/Participant's ability to predict or understand functional tasks is affected by their environment
- The level of personal support required initially or ongoing to facilitate the Client/Participant's adjustment
- Specifications of a modification for the Client/Participant which may include:
  - Thermostats
  - Design of taps
  - Lighting
  - Color contrasts of fixtures and fittings.

### Use of restraints

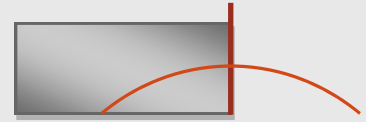
The issue of restraint is generally more relevant to the equipment categories, rather than home modifications but should be considered if security features e.g. locks, catches, fences are to be included in a modification prescription.

- There are regulations that guide the use of restraints. For more information refer to [Office of the Senior Practitioner - Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria, Australia.](#)

### Behaviours of concern

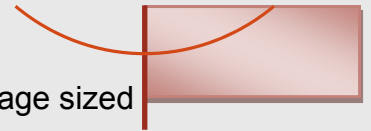
Consider a modification that:

- Offers an environment that is as free from hazards, as predictably controllable and as understandable as possible for the Client/Participant



- takes advantage of the way the client/participant interprets and interacts with and within their environment through their senses including vision, audition, somatosensation
- Provides cues that support desirable behavior, e.g. a rail to hold onto while someone positions a chair for the Client/Participant to sit on.

### Children and adolescents



- In general the Australian Standards describe access for average sized adults
- [AS 1428.3 -1992 Design for access and mobility - Requirements for children and adolescents with physical disabilities](#) provides guidelines for access for children aged 6-18 years
- Consider the impact of smaller stature, smaller reach distance and altered sight lines for younger Clients/Participants but allow for reasonable changes with growth and development
- Understand the needs and plans of families currently, and in the future, including where they plan to live and how they plan to assist and support their child.

### Bariatric needs

- Architect/Draftsperson may be able to assist in identifying appropriate solutions for Clients/Participants in this demographic
- [Peninsula Health Care Network - Occupational Therapy evidence-based practice guidelines for the prescription of bariatric home modifications.](#)

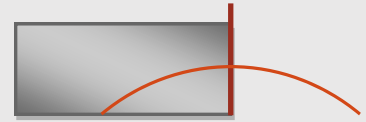
Consider:

- Wider entries and doors
- Larger circulation spaces
- Weight capacity of floors, ramps, rails and ceiling beams for hoists
- Durability of finishes, hinges and fittings
- Transitions between floor surfaces/levels.

### Underweight

Consider:

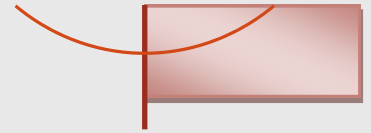
- Fatigue and energy conservation, i.e. efficiency of use of the proposed modification
- Weight of doors
- Distances and places to rest
- Transitions between floor surfaces/levels.



### **Rapidly changing conditions**

Consider the ways that the proposed modification will accommodate the following:

- Rate of functional change
- Fluctuations in function
- Weight change – loss or gain
- Change in cognitive ability
- Change in physical ability
- Change in mental health.



### **Occupancy of the home**

Consider whether the design brief is for a Client/Participant living independently or with assistance. Are there other people living in the home or who visit regularly ? Will the home modifications impact on their use of the home?

### **Consideration of the support person(s)**

Consider:

- Whether a support person is available and engaged to assist and if so how often and for what duration?
- The safety of the support person in the design
- Short and long term options if a support person is unavailable.

### **Cultural requirements**

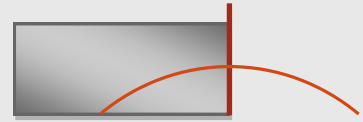
Consider cultural requirements that influence the design of a home modification and the way the Client/Participant wishes to be assisted, for example:

- Kosher Kitchen with separate utensils, food preparation and cleaning areas for meat and dairy products
- [UNSW - Home modifications and inclusive design in Aboriginal housing.](#)

### **Key life transition**

Consider:

- Whether the person, or their key supports, are planning or are in the process of a life transition, e.g. starting/finishing school, beginning tertiary education, beginning/returning to work, moving out of home, entering/leaving a cohabiting relationship, retiring, moving into aged residential support
- Whether all relevant parties agree in terms of support, finances and plans. Its important to note that the Client/Participant is considered as the decision maker wherever possible.

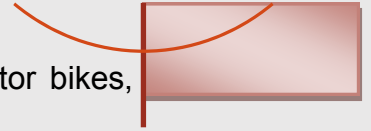


# Assistive Equipment Consideration

## Ramps

Consider:

- AS 1428.1 (2009)
- Pedestrian access from the street to the house
- The existing driveway, access to and parking for cars, motor bikes, utility vehicles and other vehicles
- Storage and access to rubbish, recycle and green waste bins
- Drainage from appliances which may create a trip hazard from discharged fluids e.g. hot water system, air conditioner unit
- Exposed ramps require a surface to reduce the possibility of people slipping.



Useful references:

- [Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation - Accessible Housing by Design – Ramps](#)
- [Fall Prevention Center of Excellence - An Analysis of the Effects of Ramp Slope on People with Mobility Impairments](#)
- [The Home Wheelchair Ramp Project \(US\)](#)
- [United States Access Board - Review of Technical Requirements for Ramps](#)
- [Y.M. Jung, C. Bridge, S. Miller - Cost-Benefit Analysis of Ramps versus Lifts.](#)

## Threshold Ramps

Refer AS1428.1 (2009)

Consider:

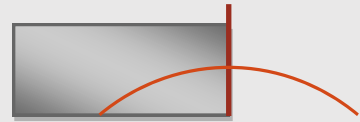
- That a landing is not required
- Client/Participant's balance on threshold ramp when accessing door locks/handles, including stability in wheelchair, swing of the door
- If there is a step present at the entrance, a step ramp may be required (refer to the next section regarding step ramps).

## Step Ramps

Refer AS1428.1 (2009)

Consider:

- The requirement for a landing at both top and bottom of ramp
- Required dimensions of landings differ dependent on direction of door opening
- Cross pedestrian traffic – be careful not to create a trip hazard.

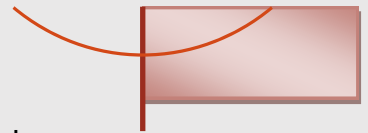


## Kerb Ramps

Refer AS1428.1 (2009)

Remember:

- Refers to the ramped section of pedestrian footpath located on the land where the Client/Participant's home is
- Only eligible for SWEF subsidy if the modification is essential for access to the home.



All ramps including threshold/step/kerb ramps require regular cleaning, sweeping, checking for slip hazards, e.g. moss and mould, maintenance of loose bolts, raised nails, rotten boards or other deterioration that may cause a hazard to users.

For more information see: [Y-M. Jung and C. Bridge - Stairs: A Summary Bulletin](#)

## Platform steps and step landings

Remember that platform steps:

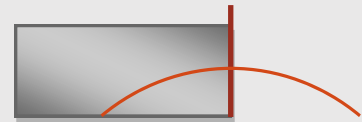
- Are not steps but a series of landings
- Are not covered in AS1428.1 (2009) or the BCA
- May take up considerable space
- Are not necessarily cheaper than a ramp
- May not be the best functional option.

Possible alternatives to platform steps:

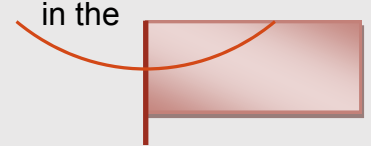
- Additional gait aid at top/bottom of steps
- Use/modify alternate entrance
- Ramp
- Platform lift/stair lift.

Elements to consider:

- Person
  - Ability to manage a step
  - Height of step they can manage (BCA: steps min 115mm max 190mm).
  - Total footprint of the person and mobility aid
  - Reliance on use of rail(s) or aid on the step
  - Ability of the Client/Participant or carer to lift the mobility aid up or down one or more steps
  - Likelihood of future decline in mobility
  - Other users.



- Environment
  - Availability of sufficient space to fit required number of steps (dependent on footprint and total rise)
  - Steps must be consistent in dimensions, i.e. height, depth and width
  - Avoid making a trip hazard for Client/Participant, others in the house or people using this entrance
  - Steps to have nosing
  - Materials will be slip resistant
  - Position and exposure to the elements
  - Ongoing maintenance
  - Other users.



## Hoists

See the [SWEP Prescriber Manual for Transfers, Hoists and Slings](#) for details.

- Ceiling hoists, including tracking are not funded as part of the home modifications application. Visit the [SWEP webpage](#) for more information.

## Bathroom design

For more information:

- Refer to the [online references](#) at the beginning of this manual.

## Electrical standards

For more information:

- [J. Quinn & C Bridge - Summary Bulletin: Electrical Safety in the Bathroom 2nd ed.](#)
- [AS/NZS 3000:2007.](#)

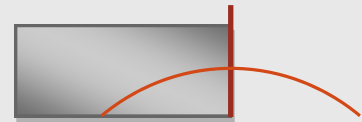
**Vanity units** (A&EP do not fund cupboards around vanity basins, NDIS may)

Consider:

- Construction to allow wheelchair access at a later time
- Knee/toe clearance
- Insulation on plumbing to reduce burns risk for Clients/Participants with decreased sensation.

## Level entry showers

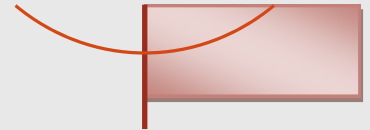
SWEP provides several options to enable home modifications for level entry showers. These include the prescription of shower bases for the formation of a level entry shower or a less expensive option of a shower base insert. Consider location of the floor outlet (side, middle, grate etc.).



## Flooring

For more information:

- [Australian Standards Committee - Guide to the Specification and testing of slip resistance of pedestrian surface materials \(HB 198:2014\)](#)
- [K.Whitfield, C. Bridge & S. Mathews - Coatings: Evidence Based Research: Selecting Coatings for Tiled Floors.](#)



## Hot water

Consider:

- Thermostatic mixing valve (Temperature Limiting Device)
- [AS/NZS 3500 Set \(Parts 0-5\): 2013.](#)

For more information:

- [P. Carnemolla & C. Bridge - Summary Bulletin: Regulatory Requirements for Controlling Water Temperature in Bathrooms](#)
- [Victorian Building Authority - About...Hot water safety.](#)

## Kitchen design

Consider:

- Access to sink - bowl depth
- Reach to taps and type of taps used e.g. lever or quarter turn lever taps
- Height of work surfaces
- Access to fridge, pantries, dishwasher, oven, microwave and cooktop
- Lighting and access to power points, switches.

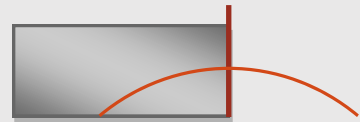
For more information:

- Refer to the [online references](#) at the beginning of this manual
- Refer to the funded products and when they might be prescribed (Child and Adult) at the end of this manual
- [Inclusive Design and Environment Access - Inclusive Design of Kitchens.](#)

## Laundry design

Consider:

- Access to washing machine and drier including reach to controls
- Access to trough - bowl depth
- Reach to taps and type of taps used e.g. lever or quarter turn lever taps
- Height of work surfaces
- Access to clothes rack and to external clothesline
- Laundries are often more confined or narrow spaces. Consideration for door swing and turning capacity is required.



For more information:

- Refer to the [online references](#) at the beginning of this manual
- Refer to the funded products and when they might be prescribed (Child and Adult) at the end of this manual
- Australian Standards: 1428.2 (1992) and 4299 (1995).



## SWEP's Panel of Builders and Tradespeople

SWEP has an experienced Panel of Builders and Tradespeople that have been appointed by SWEP to perform Option B and C home modifications. Some members of the Panel will also supply assistive equipment for Option A. All members of the SWEP Builder and Tradespeople Panel have gone through a rigorous selection process to be appointed. Panel Members have been assessed on: ✓ Customer Service ✓ Innovation ✓ Past Performance ✓ Quality ✓ Financial & Legislative Compliance. Please see the SWEP Home Modifications Operational Procedures for a full explanation of the Panel, Options and the process of submitting a SWEP Home modification application. The SWEP website has a full list of all Panel members.

## Pick list codes

- All modifications administered by SWEP use a unique identification pick list code. This code defines the requested modification as per the table below
- The pick list codes are designed to address available options for A&EP and NDIS applications.
- Participants of the NDIS may have clinical needs outside the scope of the provided pick list codes and if this is the case the Prescriber submitting the application has the ability to use the NDIS code for 'Items not otherwise listed.'
- For further details regarding the Home Modification Options A, B & C and details regarding the Pick List Codes please see the SWEP Home Modifications Operational Procedures.

Key - Pick List Codes				
SWEP Program	Option	Prescriber Validation Requirement	Age Category	Item
H = Home Mods.	A	G = Green	C = Child	Number
	B	A = Amber	A = Adult	
	C	R = Red		
e.g. HAGC.2				



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HAAC.1	HAAA.1	Amber	Bidet toilet suite	23
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HBGC.00	HBGA.00	Green	Item not otherwise listed <\$1,300 (NDIS ONLY)	

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HCAC.11	HCAA.11	Amber	Safety slip resistant flooring	24
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HCAC.13	HCAA.13	Amber	Water closet modification	33
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HCRC.00	HCRA.00	Red	Item not otherwise listed >\$10,000 ( <b>NDIS ONLY</b> )	

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- It is the responsibility of the Prescriber to justify the prescription of all items based on the Client/ Participant's needs as a person who is frail aged and/or has a disability.
- SWEP will only fund what is required and not what is wanted or desired.
- This manual used pictures for illustration purposes only and the Prescriber is not limited to the items displayed in the manual.
- Option A items are supplied by a member of the SWEP Home Modification Panel.
- Option B and C home modifications are completed by a Member of the SWEP Home Modifications Panel.



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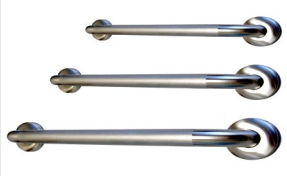
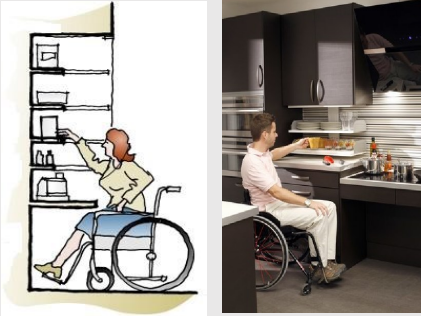


Option A and B Assistive Equipment that a Green, Amber or Red Prescriber can validate		
SWEP pick list code/item name	Description	Factors to Consider
<b>Scope of work or fittings for single area less or equal to \$1,300</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can be a single or combination of items listed within the <b>Green</b> category</li> <li>Option A items must be off the shelf items - not customised</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All valid <b>Green</b>, <b>Amber</b> or <b>Red</b> Prescribers can approve items in this category</li> <li>Excludes Option C items and some Option B items</li> </ul>
<b>Child - HAGC.1.1 or HBGC.1.1</b> <b>Adult - HAGA.1.1 or HBGA.1.1</b> Bidets attachment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fits onto existing toilet</li> <li>Replaces existing toilet seat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for warm or cold water for washing</li> <li>Consider if a drying feature is required</li> <li>Check compatibility with current toilet and plumbing</li> <li>Power outlet is required</li> <li>Item requires plumbing for attachment</li> <li>Consideration is required if a backflow valve is required, (consult a member of the SWEP Builder and Tradesperson panel)</li> </ul>
<b>Child - HAGC.1.2 or HBGC.1.2</b> <b>Adult - HAGA.1.2 or HBGA.1.2</b> Toilet support rails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bilateral horizontal rails that the user pushes down on both rails to aid in sitting to standing or are used to assist in guiding the user from standing to sitting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple finishes are available in stainless steel or powder coating</li> <li>Are clamped to the bowl as a semi-permanent fixture</li> <li>Consider rails and surrounding walls. Is there a risk of entrapment between the rail and the wall?</li> </ul>





Option A and B Assistive Equipment that a Green, Amber or Red Prescriber can validate		
SWEP pick list code/item name	Description	Factors to Consider
<p>Child - HAGC.2 or HBGC.2 Adult - HAGA.2 or HBGA.2 Door fittings</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The item(s) must be considered as specialized hardware that assist in door operation, either through manual or power methods</li><li>• May also include fittings to maintain safety such as safety hinges to lift the door away</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ease of use for carers and support staff</li><li>• Is replacement required after use (e.g. Ross Safety hinges)</li><li>• Clearance for Client/Participant and any equipment he/she uses</li><li>• Client/Participant ability to operate to open, close and lock (from inside and outside)</li></ul>
<p>Child - HAGC.3 or HBGC.3.1 Adult - HAGA.3 or HBGA.3.1 Hand held shower</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extension hose replaces fixed shower rose</li><li>• Has the ability to direct the water to different areas of the body to assist with cleaning</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Distance from electrical outlets (consult a member of the SWEP Builder and Tradesperson panel)</li><li>• Mounting height and access from both standing and seated position</li><li>• Functional reach range of other household residents</li><li>• Likelihood of Client/Participant to use hand held shower rail as support (if included)</li><li>• Usually not compatible with older style gravity-fed hot water systems (consult a member of the SWEP Builder and Tradesperson panel)</li><li>• Can be fitted with a switchcock that allows water to be sent to 1 of 2 shower heads available (i.e. standard fixed and hand-held)</li></ul>





Option A and B Assistive Equipment that a Green, Amber or Red Prescriber can validate		
SWEP pick list code/item name	Description	Factors to Consider
<p><b>Child - HAGC.4 or HBGC.4.1</b> <b>Adult - HAGA.4 or HBGA.4.1</b> Hand rail</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rails used for stabilizing support or within circulation areas</li><li>• Refer to AS 1428.1(2009) for definitions and standards for size and configurations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Material</li><li>• Length required</li><li>• Coating – slip resistance, colour contrast</li><li>• Client/Participant grip and reach</li><li>• Weight of Client/Participant vs. working load of rail</li><li>• Plumbing, electrical and stud location in wall</li><li>• Standard rail sizes include, 300, 450, 600, 750 and 900 mm</li></ul>
<p><b>Child - HAGC.5 or HBGC.7</b> <b>Adult - HAGA.5 or HBGA.7</b> Shelving where it facilitates wheelchair access</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shelving can be located anywhere within a household for essential access by a person that uses a wheel chair</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Height and access from both standing and seated position</li><li>• Functional reach range of wheelchair user</li><li>• Functional reach range of other household residents</li></ul>



Option A and B Assistive Equipment that a Green, Amber or Red Prescriber can validate		
SWEP pick list code/item name	Description	Factors to Consider
<p><b>Child - HAGC.6 or HBGC.11</b> <b>Adult - HAGA.6 or HBGA.11</b> Slip resistant application</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application to a surface which alters the slip resistance properties</li><li>• Items such as grip strips are included</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check R rating for slip resistant properties of selected product as per the <a href="#">SA HB 198:2014 Guide to the specification and testing of slip resistance of pedestrian surfaces</a></li><li>• Consider lifespan and maintenance to maintain product properties</li><li>• Consider the product being fit for purpose as there are many variations available</li></ul>
<p><b>Child - HAGC.7</b> <b>Adult - HAGA.7</b> Switchcock for hand held shower</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are used to divert the flow of water away from the fixed shower rose to the hand held shower</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Distance from electrical outlets</li><li>• The lever on the switchcock to divert water may be difficult for people with decreased grip or strength to use</li><li>• Mounting height and access from both standing and seated position</li><li>• Functional reach range of other household residents</li><li>• This item is <i>only</i> available on its own as an Option A item and can be selected with a hand held shower as an Option B item</li></ul>





## Option A and B Assistive Equipment that a Green, Amber or Red Prescriber can validate

SWEP pick list code/item name	Description	Factors to Consider
<p><b>Child - HAGC.8 or HBGC.13</b> <b>Adult - HAGA.8 or HBGA.13</b> Taps</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The items must be considered as specialized hardware that is designed to assist with functional ability of a person with a disability</li><li>• May include single projection taps with long handle such as lever taps</li><li>• Two taps included</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider tap turner first</li><li>• Consider quarter turn capstan washers as well</li><li>• Clearance behind/in front of lever for hand access</li><li>• Functional reach range of Client/Participant</li><li>• Can be used for basin, sink, trough or shower</li></ul>
<p><b>Child - HAGC.9 or HBGC.14</b> <b>Adult - HAGA.9 or HBGA.14</b> Thermostatic mixing valve</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Devices fitted to limit the temperature of either a single or multiple outlet within a household</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appropriate water temperature</li><li>• Concealed vs. exposed models</li><li>• What outlets need to be controlled?</li><li>• Consider tap style to be used to further minimize scalding risk</li><li>• Usually not compatible with gravity-fed hot water systems</li><li>• Do not turn temperature down on hot water service as this increases the risk of bacteria breeding in tank</li></ul>







Option A and C Assistive Equipment that an Amber or Red Prescriber can validate		
SWEP pick list code/item name	Description	Factors to Consider
<b>Scope of work for the following items are &lt;\$10,000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>At least one <b>Amber</b> item,</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A <b>Green</b> Prescriber requires validation from either an <b>Amber</b> or <b>Red</b> Prescriber for items in this category</li><li>An <b>Amber</b> Prescriber does not require a <b>Red</b> Prescriber validation</li><li>Excludes Option B items</li></ul>
<b>Child - HAAC.1 or HCAC.2</b> <b>Adult - HAAA.1 or HCAA.2</b> Bidet toilet suite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Automatically cleans Client/Participant following toileting, who may not be able to do so otherwise</li><li>Stand alone unit which is separate to the toilet</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Need for warm or cold water for washing</li><li>Is drying feature also required?</li><li>Check plumbing requirements</li><li>Consider compatibility with other equipment items (e.g. over toilet frame)</li></ul>
<b>Child - HAAC.2 or HCAC.4</b> <b>Adult - HAAA.2 or HCAA.4</b> Hand basin where it facilitates wheel chair access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Usually mounted to the wall to allow a wheel chair to be positioned underneath the basin</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Is there adequate space to place toiletries at the location of the basin?</li><li>Appropriate height from the ground</li><li>Obstacles under the basin which may impede the Client/Participant access to the basin, such as pipes, waste trap</li><li>Consider a single mixer tap or taps</li><li>Clinical need for a sensor operated water flow and or at a set temperature</li><li>Can be provided with an overflow design</li></ul>








Option A and C Assistive Equipment that an Amber or Red Prescriber can validate		
SWEP pick list code/item name	Description	Factors to Consider
<p><b>Child - HAAC.3 or HCAC.11</b> <b>Adult - HAAA.3 or HCAA.11</b> Safety slip resistant flooring</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safety slip resistant flooring is textured creating an added grip</li><li>• Often designed for heavy duty use with a thickness much higher than standard flooring and suitable for assistive technology items such as shower com-modes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can be suitable for both dry and wet areas</li><li>• Can be purchased in bright colours and patterns to improve visibility</li><li>• Can not be ordered as a stand alone A&amp;EP item and must be accompany with other relevant pick list codes as detailed in the online application</li></ul>
<p><b>Child - HAAC.4</b> <b>Adult - HAAA.4</b> Shower base for the formation of a level entry shower</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A prefabricated insert often made of reinforced fi-berglass that has a waste</li><li>• The shower base is not visible when installed and is covered with vinyl or tiles</li><li>• The shower recess allows for level entry without a hob impeding access</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This item is often associated with a complete bathroom modification</li><li>• Can be an expensive option as the existing floor is often partially removed to enable the recessed shower base to be installed</li><li>• Often impractical for bathrooms with concrete floors</li><li>• Floor coverings require replacement which is an additional cost</li><li>• The location of the waste can vary from the centre to the rear</li><li>• Various dimensions available</li><li>• This assistive equipment item can be provided as a stand alone Option A item or can be incorporated as part of an Option C bathroom modification</li></ul>



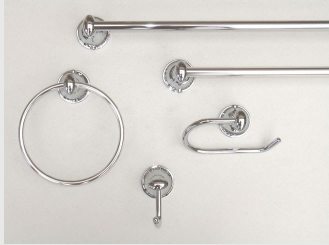

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Option B - Assistive Equipment that a Green, Amber or Red Prescriber can validate		
SWEP pick list code/item name	Description	Factors to Consider
<b>Scope of work or fittings for single area less or equal to \$1,300</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can be a single or combination of items listed within the <b>Green</b> category</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All valid <b>Green</b>, <b>Amber</b> or <b>Red</b> Prescribers can approve items in this category</li> <li>Excludes Option A and Option C items</li> </ul>
<b>Child - HBGC.3.2</b> <b>Adult - HBGA.3.2</b> Hand held shower & Switchcock <div>   </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The switchcock is used to divert the flow of water away from the fixed shower rose to the hand held shower</li> <li>The hand held shower has the ability to direct the water to different areas of the body to assist with cleaning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distance from electrical outlets (consult a member of the SWEP Builder and Tradesperson panel)</li> <li>Likelihood of Client/Participant to use hand held shower rail as support</li> <li>Usually not compatible with older style gravity-fed hot water systems (check with Electrician)</li> <li>The lever on the switchcock to divert water may be difficult for people with decreased grip or strength to use</li> <li>Mounting height and access from both standing and seated position</li> <li>Functional reach range of other household residents</li> </ul>
<b>Child - HBGC.4.2</b> <b>Adult - HBGA.4.2</b> Hand rail & banister rail (customised) <div>  </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rails used for stabilizing support or within circulation areas</li> <li>Are custom made from to the requirements of the Client/Participant</li> <li>Suitable for both indoor and outdoors</li> <li>Can be made out a variety of textured finishes</li> <li>Can be powder coated or made in stainless steel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Material</li> <li>Length – fixed, modular, custom</li> <li>Coating – slip resistance, colour contrast</li> <li>Client/Participant grip and reach</li> <li>Weight of Client/Participant vs. working load of rail</li> <li>Consider the colour used to assist vision impaired people</li> <li>White has the ability to reflect heat</li> </ul>






Option B - Assistive Equipment that a Green, Amber or Red Prescriber can validate		
SWEP pick list code/item name	Description	Factors to Consider
<p><b>Child - HBGC.5.1</b>  <b>Adult - HBGA.5.1</b>  Items &amp; fixtures repositioned</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This pick list code is used as a result of the installation of other Option B pick list items in the same room where items require repositioning, such as a toilet roll holder or rails</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What will it cost to reposition these items?</li> <li>Will the repositioning of these item impact significantly on the ability of the Client/ Participant to function in the space?</li> <li>For A&amp;EP applications this item can be selected on its own or with approved items as listed in the application</li> </ul>
<p><b>Child - HBGC.5.2</b>  <b>Adult - HBGA.5.2</b>  Light switch &amp; General Power Outlet repositioning</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The design of light switches and General Power Outlets (GPOs) can be varied with some properties having existing devices with large switches which are suitable to Clients/Participants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ease of access for Client/Participant.</li> <li>Distance from water/plumbing (check with Electrician)</li> <li>Style of switch – e.g. toggle, rocker, etc.</li> </ul> <p>GPO – basin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>150mm above water, or</li> <li>150mm from edge of bowl.</li> </ul> <p>GPO – standard – zone 3:  Shower with curtain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light can be situated 1.2m from water source and 2.25m high.</li> <li>Power point or light switch can be situated 1.8m from water source</li> <li>Must be installed by a registered Electrician.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.build.com.au/distance-between-water-and-power-points">http://www.build.com.au/distance-between-water-and-power-points</a></p>

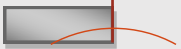


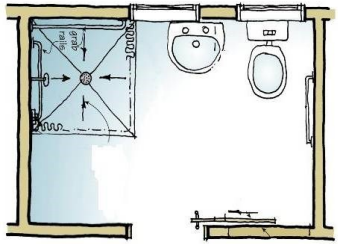
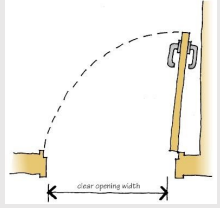
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<p><b>Child - HBGC.6</b> <b>Adult - HBGA.6</b></p> <p>Painting repairs resulting from other modifications in the application</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The purpose of this item is not for general home maintenance</li><li>• Damage to areas may occur as part of the home modification requiring painting repairs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What will be the cost of painting repairs?</li><li>• Is using the funds of the life time A&amp;EP subsidy the best option for the Client?</li><li>• To preserve the A&amp;EP life time subsidy can a friend, family member or someone else conduct the painting repairs to an appropriate standard?</li><li>• This item can not be selected on its own and must accompany approved items as listed in the application</li></ul>
<p><b>Child - HBGC.8</b> <b>Adult - HBGA.8</b></p> <p>Shower base insert</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shower base inserts are custom made and designed in most occasions to lift the floor of the shower to the height of the shower lip (hob)</li><li>• Often made of plastic, rubber or wood</li><li>• Slip resistant surface</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The type of surface on the current shower base, e.g. tiles, plastic, fiberglass</li><li>• There are many variations in the design which impact on the gradient of water flow</li><li>• Slip-resistant material needs consideration</li><li>• Other people that use the shower</li><li>• Will the Client/Participant either:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• walk into the shower independently?</li><li>• require greater access as a result of a carer, use of a gait aid?</li><li>• Use a shower stool or chair?</li></ul></li></ul>



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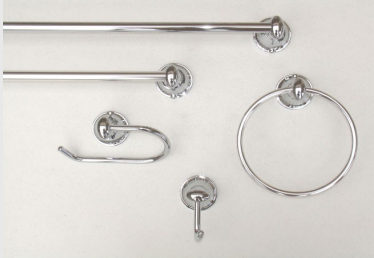
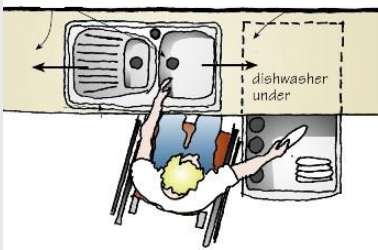
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<p><b>Child - HBGC.9</b> <b>Adult - HBGA.9</b> Shower screen removal</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Removal of the door can increase access as sliding or opening doors can be an obstacle</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Doors can restrict safe access to grab rails</li><li>Need for rails or other equipment</li><li>Client/Participant ability to manage step into shower/bath</li><li>Curtains/rod not funded via A&amp;EP</li><li>Include education to Client/Participant regarding risk of slipping on wet surface, water damage to boards/impact on flooring</li></ul>
<p><b>Child - HBGC.10</b> <b>Adult - HBGA.10</b> Single platform step modification</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any modification to a rise of 190mm or less</li><li>Typical dimension 900mm x 900mm</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AS 1428.1(2009) maximum pre-existing rise of 190mm</li><li>Footprint of mobility aid to be used</li><li>Height of modified step and client ability to manage</li><li>Progressive conditions and long term needs</li><li>Kerbing and handrail height</li></ul>
<p><b>Child - HBGC.12</b> <b>Adult - HBGA.12</b> Small ramp</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Small fixed ramp without a landing, kerbing or handrails</li><li>Has splayed sides with a maximum gradient of 1:8</li><li>For use in areas with small level changes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Client/Participant ability to open door while situated on ramp</li><li>Internal or external use</li><li>Cannot be used in conjunction with a step</li></ul>





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<b>Scope of work for the following items &lt;\$10000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single <b>Amber</b> item.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A <b>Green</b> Prescriber requires validation from either an <b>Amber</b> or <b>Red</b> Prescriber for items in this category</li> <li>An <b>Amber</b> Prescriber does not require a <b>Red</b> Prescriber validation</li> <li>Excludes option A and B items</li> </ul>
<b>Child - HCAA.1</b> <b>Adult - HCAC.1</b> <b>Bathroom modification &lt;\$10,000</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes a modification that includes a combination of a toilet, basin, shower, and flooring modifications</li> <li>The member of the SWEP Builder and Tradesperson panel will itemise the works required on the quotation</li> <li>A member of the SWEP Builders and Tradesperson panel will provide a detailed quotation listing all items and labour required for the home modification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See AS 1428.1(2009) for recommended dimensions and set-up</li> <li>Size/weight of Client/Participant and their equipment</li> <li>Floor gradient required for drainage</li> <li>Doorway width requirements</li> <li>Height of toilet</li> <li>Placement of grab/hand rails</li> <li>Ventilation needs</li> <li>Access to taps/basin – knee/toe clearance, height and fixture type</li> <li>Seating needs within shower area</li> <li>Placement of curtain/screen</li> <li>Circulation space</li> <li>A&amp;EP Will not fund relocation of and outside toilet just because it is a separate to the home</li> <li>Selected as a stand alone item</li> </ul>
<b>Child - HCAA.3</b> <b>Adult - HCAC.3</b> <b>Entry widened</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To allow essential home access of Client/Participant with their mobility aid or other equipment.</li> <li>Involves creating larger door frame and/or door</li> <li>A member of the SWEP Builders and Tradesperson panel will provide a detailed quotation listing all items and labour required for the home modification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structural issues of property – supporting or free-standing walls</li> <li>Width of mobility aid</li> <li>Custom vs. standard sized doors</li> <li>Type of door – hinged vs. sliding</li> <li>Mounting – swing in/out/both</li> <li>Need for automatic door opener</li> </ul>





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<p><b>Child - HCAA.5</b> <b>Adult - HCAC.5</b> Items &amp; fixtures repositioned</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This pick list code is used as a result of the installation of other Option C pick list items in the same room where items require repositioning, such as a toilet roll holder or rails</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What will it cost to reposition these items?</li><li>Will the repositioning of these item impact significantly on the ability of the Client/ Participant to function in the space</li><li>For A&amp;EP applications this item can be selected on its own or with approved items as listed in the application</li></ul>
<p><b>Child - HCAA.6</b> <b>Adult - HCAC.6</b> Kitchen modifications &lt;\$10,000</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Includes any modifications to make a kitchen accessible</li><li>SWEP does not fund appliances</li><li>A member of the SWEP Builders and Tradesperson panel will provide a detailed quotation listing all items and labour required for the home modification</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>See AS 1428.2(2009) and AS 4299(1995) for recommended dimensions and set-up</li><li>Size of Client/Participant and their equipment</li><li>Doorway width requirements</li><li>Access to taps/sink/stove top – knee/toe clearance, height and fixture type</li><li>Access to fridge/microwave/oven – height and direction of door opening</li><li>Circulation space</li><li>Height of cupboards and style of handle</li></ul>


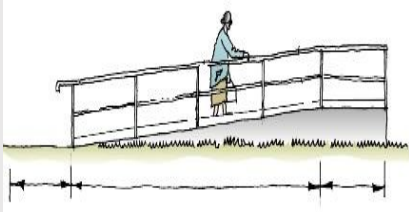


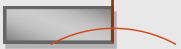
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SWEP pick list code/item name	Description	Factors to Consider
<p><b>Child - HCAA.7</b>  <b>Adult - HCAC.7</b></p> <p>Laundry changed to enable installation of level entry shower and/or toilet &lt;\$10,000</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes any modifications to make a laundry into a room that has a shower, toilet and/or basin</li> <li>SWEP does not fund appliances</li> <li>A member of the SWEP Builders and Tradesperson panel will provide a detailed quotation listing all items and labour required for the home modification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See AS 1428.2(2009) and AS 4299(1995) for recommended dimensions and set-up</li> <li>Size of Client/Participant and his/her equipment</li> <li>Doorway width requirements</li> <li>Access to taps/sink – knee/toe clearance, height and fixture type</li> <li>Access to washer/dryer – height and direction of door opening</li> <li>Circulation space</li> <li>Height of cupboards and style of handle</li> <li>Other users</li> <li>Selected as a stand alone item</li> </ul>
<p><b>Child - HCAA.8</b>  <b>Adult - HCAC.8</b></p> <p>Painting repairs resulting from other modifications in the application</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purpose of this item is not for general home maintenance</li> <li>Damage to areas may occur as part of the home modification requiring painting repairs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What will be the cost of painting repairs?</li> <li>Is using the funds of the A&amp;EP life time subsidy the best option for the Client?</li> <li>To preserve the A&amp;EP life time subsidy can a friend, family member or someone else conduct the painting repairs to an appropriate standard?</li> <li>For A&amp;EP applications this item can not be selected on its own and must accompany approved items as listed in the application</li> </ul>







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<p>Child - HCAA.9 Adult - HCAC.9 Plumbing relocated</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This pick list code is used as a result of the installation of other pick list items in the same room where there needs to be changes to plumbing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What will it cost to reposition these items?</li> <li>Relocation of plumbed items can be expensive. Are there any alternatives</li> </ul>
<p>Child - HCAA.10 Adult - HCAC.10 Ramp length per square metre</p> 	<p>Ramp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>rise greater than 190mm, max gradient 1:14</li> <li>step ramp is also included: with a rise &lt; or = to 190mm, max gradient 1:10</li> <li>Including step ramps</li> <li>It is strongly recommends that all ramp modifications comply with Australian Standard 1428.1 (2009) (AS1428.1) as there may be a safety risk associated with ramp modifications that do not comply with AS 1428.1</li> <li>Although AS1428.1 specifically excludes work to private residences, it is the most relevant standard in relation to the work carried out by the SWEP in the funding of home modifications for people with a Disability</li> <li>A member of the SWEP Builders and Tradesperson panel will provide a detailed quotation listing all items and labour required for the home modification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to AS 1428.1(2009) for requirements dimensions, handrails, kerbing, landings and gradients</li> <li>Consider all residents of a household and any visiting workers on the premises</li> <li>Footprint of mobility aid to be used</li> <li>Progressive conditions and long term needs</li> <li>Most suitable entrance to modify</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> All ramps that do not comply with AS 1428.1(2009) require a <b>RED</b> Prescriber to validate prescription. When a Red Prescriber validates a ramp that is <b>not</b> to AS 1428.1(2009) they are doing so as a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>compliance with AS 1428.1 means that the functional needs of the Client/Participant specified in the application will not be met <b>and/or</b></li> <li>compliance with AS 1428.1 cannot be made due to the nature of and/or existing improvements at the Property <b>and/or</b></li> <li>compliance with AS 1428.1 would impose undue hardship on the Client/Participant</li> </ul> <p>A Red Prescriber is required to understand the implications of validating a ramp that is not compliant and has ensured that the proprietor and/or Client/Participant is aware of the risks</p>






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<p><b>Child - HCAA.12</b> <b>Adult - HCAC.12</b> Step modifications for 2 or more platform steps</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any modifications to steps which changes it to a multiple platform steps with a &gt;190mm in rise total</li><li>A member of the SWEP Builders and Tradesperson panel will provide a detailed quotation listing all items and labour required for the home modification</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Footprint of mobility aid to be used</li><li>Height of modified step and Client/ Participant ability to manage</li><li>Consider how the Client/Participant will use this modification if they have a progressive conditions that will impact on their functional ability</li><li>Includes bannister and grab rails</li></ul>
<p><b>Child - HCAA.13</b> <b>Adult - HCAC.13</b> Water closet modification</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any modifications to the room that a toilet and/or hand basin is located in</li><li>Excludes rooms that has a shower or bath</li><li>A member of the SWEP Builders and Tradesperson panel will provide a detailed quotation listing all items and labour required for the home modification</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Consider other items in the room such as a hand basin and how this may impact with a gait aid</li><li>Does the toilet need to be permanently raised or can an over toilet frame, toilet support rails and/or a spacer be used?</li><li>Often for water closets the door swings into the room. Is there a possibility that the Client/Participant will fall inside the room against a closed door? How will this risk be managed</li><li>Selected as a stand alone item</li></ul>



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Scope of work for the following items that exceeds \$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single <b>Red</b> item</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Green</b> and <b>Amber</b> Prescribers requires validation from a <b>Red</b> Prescriber for items in this category</li> <li>Can only be approved by a <b>Red</b> Prescriber</li> </ul>
<b>Child - HCRC.1</b> <b>Adult - HCRA.1</b> Bathroom modifications >\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per <b>Amber</b> description, where cost of works exceeds \$10,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See <b>Amber</b> section - Bathroom modification &lt;\$10,000</li> <li>Selected as a stand alone item</li> </ul>
<b>Child - HCRC.2</b> <b>Adult - HCRA.2</b> Kitchen modifications >\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per <b>Amber</b> description, where cost of works exceeds \$10,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See <b>Amber</b> section - Kitchen modification &lt;\$10,000</li> <li>Selected as a stand alone item</li> </ul>
<b>Child - HCRC.3</b> <b>Adult - HCRA.3</b> Laundry changed to enable installation of level entry shower and/or toilet >\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per <b>Amber</b> description, where cost of works exceeds \$10,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See <b>Amber</b> section - Laundry changed to enable installation of level entry shower and/or toilet &lt;\$10,000</li> <li>Selected as a stand alone item</li> </ul>
<b>Child - HCRC.4</b> <b>Adult - HCRA.4</b> Platform step - Large scale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per <b>Amber</b> description, where cost of works exceeds \$10,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See <b>Amber</b> section - Step modification for 2 or more platform steps</li> </ul>
<b>Child - HCRC.5</b> <b>Adult - HCRA.5</b> Ramp - Large scale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per <b>Amber</b> description, where cost of works exceeds \$10,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See <b>Amber</b> section - Ramp length per square metre</li> </ul>
<b>Child - HCRC.7</b> <b>Adult - HCRA.7</b> Ramp not compliant with Australian Standard 1428.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ramps steeper than 1:14 gradient, or non-compliant with AS 1428.1(2009) in other factors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See <b>Amber</b> section - Ramp length per square metre</li> <li>Type of mobility aid used</li> <li>Long term needs</li> <li>Can Client/Participant and other household residents use the proposed ramp safely</li> <li>Liability of prescribing non-compliant ramps</li> </ul>



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<b>Child - HCRC.6.1</b> <b>Adult - HCRA.6.1</b> Stair lift external - straight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designed to be withstand outside weather</li> <li>Often provides with a waterproof cover</li> <li>Can be operated by carer by using a infra-red remote control</li> <li>Often provided with safety features such as a retractable seat belt, safety sensors to prevent the seat from contacting obstructions on the steps, diagnostic information to show faults</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has the Client/Participant the required cognitive and physical ability to operate the controls to maneuver he seat and use the seat belt ?</li> <li>Who will remove the waterproof cover if required? Has the Client/Participant the capacity to perform this task?</li> </ul>
<b>Child - HCRC.6.2</b> <b>Adult - HCRA.6.2</b> Stair lift internal - curved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Custom made to accommodate bends for internal stairs</li> <li>Can be operated by carer by using a infra-red remote control</li> <li>Often provided with safety features such as a retractable seat belt, safety sensors to prevent the seat from contacting obstructions on the steps, diagnostic information to show faults</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has the Client/Participant the required cognitive and physical ability to operate the controls to maneuver he seat and use the seat belt ?</li> <li>Increased complexity in construction, installation and purchase price when compared to internal straight stair lifts</li> <li>How does the Client/Participants respond to being transported around curves while seated?</li> </ul>
<b>Child - HCRC.6.3</b> <b>Adult - HCRA.6.3</b> Stair lift internal - straight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used for internal building access</li> <li>Can be operated by carer by using a infra-red remote control</li> <li>Often provided with safety features such as a retractable seat belt, safety sensors to prevent the seat from contacting obstructions on the steps, diagnostic information to show faults</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has the Client/Participant the required cognitive and physical ability to operate the controls to maneuver he seat and use the seat belt ?</li> </ul>