

## Guidance on adaptations types

### A. Adaptations Types Eligible for HAG funding

Adaptations to existing properties will be considered eligible for funding if they are 'structural' i.e. they are fixed or become part of the structure of a property.

The list below, while not exhaustive, gives a number of examples of items that, when provided for a disabled person, are admissible for HAG.

#### External adaptations

- Handrail at front or rear of dwelling
- Widening paths around property
- Modification or widening of steps
- Defining steps for people with visual impairment
- Outdoor lighting
- Paved areas for wheelchairs
- Carport or covered access to property
- Installation of ramp to front/rear access

#### Internal adaptations

- Widening or re-hanging of doors
- Re-positioning of door locks
- Replacing door knobs, etc.
- Installation of door call, entry phone and door unlock systems
- Additional stair rail
- Alterations to windows
- Installation of stair lift
- Vertical hoist including reinforcing ceilings and provision of hoist track
- Provision of level access shower, adapted bath, etc.
- Alteration or relocation of taps, power supplies, lights, sockets and heating appliances
- Storage space for wheelchair
- Acoustic insulation
- Warning or alarm systems
- Non-slip or tactile surfaces
- Letter cages or delivery shelf
- Alterations to kitchen storage or equipment (excluding full re-design).

#### Major works

- Extensions or alterations to provide suitable bedroom or bathroom for a disabled person
- Vertical through floor lift
- Re-design of existing kitchen
- Creation of hard standings or other extensive external alterations.

**B. Minor adaptations which can be considered without OT approval**

Minor works include	
<b>Visual Impairment needs</b>	• Staircase applications
	• External lighting
<b>Hearing Impairment needs</b>	• Flashing doorbells
	• Smoke alarm alerts
<b>Rails</b>	• Main entrance support rail
	• Grab-rails (bath transfer; toilet transfer; internal steps) (fluted not plastic)
	• Newel rails
	• Stair hand-rails
<b>Access</b>	• Internal door threshold ramps
	• Door entry intercom
<b>Kitchens and Bathrooms</b>	• Window opening equipment
	• Kitchen and/or bathroom lever taps
	• Kitchen cupboard handles
	• W.C. lever flush handles
<b>General needs</b>	• Provide and install key safes
<b>Safety matters</b>	• Safety glass (if this is being requested for a child then may need to refer to an OT)
<p>This list is not exhaustive but technical specifications to fit these particular items are provided in the separate specification document (Appendix 2).  <b>(Based on 'Minor Adaptations without Delay, parts 1 &amp; 2', COT and Housing Corporation 2006)</b></p>	