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Basic Housing Modifications Credential

Occupational Therapists may apply to become an Approved Assessor for Basic Housing Modifications to undertake an assessment for a minor housing modification. Basic housing modifications are low cost, generally under \$2,000(GST excl.) and do not require significant structural work or building consent. Basic housing modifications include, but are not limited to, external and internal handrails, internal door widening, lever taps and threshold ramps.

Occupational Therapists holding the Basic Housing Modifications Credential will undertake assessments with people who are:

1. Unable to gain access into their home without assistance
2. Unable to move independently or transfer within the home
3. Unable to safely move in and around the home
4. Unable to carry out essential daily activities to allow them to return home or stay within their home, or
5. Able to be the main carer of a dependent person.

In all situations the Occupational Therapist will need to hold the Complex Housing Modification Credential to undertake an assessment and make a recommendation for a more significant housing modification.