

Who is eligible for assistance with adapting their home?

Local Authority Schemes of Assistance:

Under the [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 2006](#) every Local Authority must produce a statement (The Scheme of Assistance) setting out how it will provide assistance in relation to repairs, maintenance, improvements and adaptations in privately owned properties. Description of The Scheme will set out priorities and include statements on levels of funding available. Many Council's publish their Scheme of Assistance on the web; try searching under 'Insert name Council Scheme of Assistance'.

Adaptations for tenants of social landlords:

Adaptations for Council or RSL (Housing Association and Cooperatives etc.) tenants are normally delivered in partnership between Occupational Therapy teams and the landlord. There can be local variations in policy and practice. Contact your Council for details.

Adaptations for homeowners:

Owner Occupiers may be eligible for funding and assistance with organising and undertaking adaptation works (see your local Scheme of Assistance). Contact your Council for details. Nearly every Local Authority in Scotland has a Care and Repair Scheme which can provide impartial advice and information and practical assistance with grant applications and coordinating works. [Click here to find your local Care and Repair Scheme.](#)

Adaptations for tenants of private landlords:

Private sector tenants are eligible for funding and assistance with organising and undertaking adaptation works in the same way as owner occupiers (see your local Scheme of Assistance). Contact your Council for details.

Tenants are required to seek permission for adaptations from their landlord. There are circumstances in which permission can be denied, but landlords cannot unreasonably refuse to give their consent; they can however impose 'reasonable conditions' regarding how the work is undertaken etc, reinstatement etc. The Equality Act 2010 requires landlords to make reasonable adjustments if their tenant is disadvantaged by disability.

Independent advice is recommended.

This information was accurate at September 2016.