

Falkirk Adaptations Recommended Definitions

	Description	Examples	Assessor	Complexity of need	Housetype	Approval	Instruction
DEFINITIONS	Overall description of type of adaptation referred to eg Fixed and permanent alteration to building Structural alteration to building	Not exhaustive but list of examples to illustrate in each category Eg Grab rail over bath Over bath shower Wet floor shower	Confirm type of adaptation by who is able to assess and recommend adaptation Eg What skills are required? Any specialist knowledge required? List roles / positions likely to be assessors	Confirm level of complexity of need eg straight forward needs met with a single adaptation or complex needs requiring multiple and / or specialist adaptations to meet needs	Suitability of housetype for adaptation and to meet long term needs	Confirm type of adaptation by who is able to approve adaptation eg straight forward self assessment can be approved with no further input, adaptation a professional can approve more complex adaptations requiring management approval	Confirm type of adaptation by what information is needed to be provided to allow work to be instructed eg line issued to fit banister rail to standard specification, work needs to be carried out to a specific specification to meet individual needs work requiring site survey and drawings to confirm specification
Minor	Work that involves minor changes to the house but does not involve any significant or structural changes to the existing facilities	grab rails bannisters Door entry Key safes door handles/special taps	<u>Skills and competencies</u> Staff with basic adaptation awareness eg Therapy Assistant Practitioners /Social care support staff Other professionals eg DN, other AHP, PT, Housing / Neighbourhood Officer, Private Sector Officer	Needs not complex and can be resolved with a standard adaptation	Any housetype	Relatively low value therefore no formal approval required e.g. Health & Social Care OT approve, Housing officer, Therapy assistant/social care assistant can order directly	Standard specification to standard guidelines No site survey required
Moderate	Work that involves permanent changes to the house but does not involve any significant or structural changes to the existing facilities	Doorways - non-structural Thresholds Over bath showers (no longer provided in some services see local arrangements) Alteration of footpaths or steps Curved stairlift*not all services treat Curved separate from straight (see local arrangements)	<u>Skills and competencies:</u> Staff with some experience of adaptations and knowledge of standard specifications eg Health & Social Care OT Health & social Care support staff e.g. Social Care Officer Housing OT	Needs not complex and can be resolved with a standard adaptation which will meet the assessed needs for the medium to long term	Property suitable for adaptation and will meet medium to long term needs	Snr OT / manager confirms adaptations meets criteria for service provision and approves adaptation recommendation	Standard specification Site survey required May require drawings May require Building Warrant or Planning Consent
Major - includes Large Maintainable Equipment	Structural work or work that involves other significant and permanent changes to the house	Ramp - permanent and straight forward installation eg straight ramp, less than 3 steps, no fall in land Ramp permanent where difficulties with site eg fall of land, height of steps, access required Wet Floor Shower in existing bathroom Wet floor shower requiring bathroom layout to be rearranged Additional wc or shower facility ie not in existing bathroom Structural work to facilitate equipment eg for CT hoist TFL Repair or replacement of existing adaptation.	<u>Skills and competencies:</u> Staff with experience of adaptations and knowledge of both standard specifications and requirements for more specialised specifications and knowledge of statutory responsibilities and governance of adaptations eg Health & Social Care OT Housing OT HSCP support staff/Social Care Officer supported by HSCP OT	Needs more complex and can be resolved with a standard adaptations tailored to individual need which will meet the assessed needs for the medium to long term	Feasible to adapt housetype and property is suitable to meet medium to long term needs and all housing options have been considered	Relatively high value: Recommendation meets criteria for mandatory work specified in Scheme of Assistance for adaptations to private sector properties relevant manager confirms adaptations meets criteria for service provision and approves adaptation recommendation	Specialist specification required to meet individual need or specialist assessment required to determine specification Site survey and technical assessment required Technical expertise required eg architect / structural engineer / Building consultant involvement Requires drawings Likely to require Building Warrant or Planning Consent
Major Complex	Structural work or work that involves other significant and permanent changes to the house and either a) involves work to extend the structure or convert garages or outhouses to add living space or b) involves multiple adaptations or c) involves work to a property which is not suitable for adaptation or will not meet long term needs or d) complex social, personal or financial circumstances	Multiple major adaptations Extension to living space eg extension to footprint extension into garage / attic space external through floor lift requiring shaft Alteration to house layout	<u>Skills and competencies:</u> Staff with experience of adaptations and knowledge of both standard specifications and requirements for more specialised specifications and knowledge of statutory responsibilities and governance of adaptations eg Health , and Social Care OT staff Housing OT	Complex needs requiring either multiple adaptations and / or very specialised adaptations which will meet the assessed needs for the medium to long term	Property <u>may</u> not be suitable to meet long term needs	Require management approval (see local arrangements) which will confirm that the adaptations will meet assessed needs for the medium to long term Potentially high value due to complexity of adaptation or combination of multiple adaptations	As for major adaptations above: Specialist specification required to meet individual need or specialist assessment required to determine specification Site survey and technical assessment required Technical expertise required eg architect / structural engineer / Building consultant involvement Requires drawings Likely to require Building Warrant or Planning Consent