# WELCOME TO HOME MODIFICATIONS









# WHAT ARE HOME MODIFICATIONS?

Home modifications are changes to your home that help you access and use areas of your home in a way that allows you to better manage any disability you may have.

Home modification can be minor changes, or they can be complex. Common modifications include changes to your bathroom or kitchen to allow you to achieve your goals and become more independent.

## HOME MODIFICATIONS WITH SUPERYOU

At Superyou, we will work with you to make changes to your home to enable you to access and use areas of your home more safely and independently.

We work with many of the best local suppliers to provide advice that both meets your needs and is suitable for your home.

During our discussions with you, we might identify that you need home modifications if you:

- have difficulty moving around your home safely
- have trouble with personal care, like using your shower
- can't access the rooms you need to use in your home
- have difficulty achieving your goals in your home
- need changes to your home so your carers can support you safely.

## When we think about the home modification supports you need, we'll help you consider things like:

- Does the home modification relate to your disability?
- Will the home modification help you achieve your goals?
- Will the home modification improve your social and work life?
- Is the home modification effective and beneficial for you?
- Is the home modification legal and safe?
- Should the home modification be funded or provided by another service?
- Is the home modification value for money?



## TYPES OF HOME MODIFICATIONS

There are three different categories of home modifications.



#### Home Adaptations (Assistive Technology)

With Home adaptations, we can assess whether you may need some basic installations to make your home safer and more accessible. For example:

- Grab rails
- Accessible tapware
- A hand held shower hose
- Weighted shower curtains
- Lever door handles
- Portable ramps

We will work with you to make recommendations that suit your individual needs. We work with many suppliers around Perth who are experts in this area and can also provide advice based on our recommendations.



#### **Minor Home Modifications**

Minor home modifications are customised changes to your home that generally:

- are straightforward, non-structural changes.
- have a relatively low risk of major problems during or after work is done
- only affect 1 or 2 areas in your home
- cost less than \$20,000 in total.

We work with you to complete an assessment, make recommendations and obtain quotes from suppliers to get this approved.



#### **Complex Home Modifications**

Complex home modifications are structural, custom-built changes to your home, and so often involve higher risk and/or higher cost.

They may involve complex or technical works or impact several areas of your home. Sometimes they can disrupt your ability to live in your home for some time, so we would discuss alternative strategies for you to remain in your home or find somewhere suitable to stay during the works.

The NDIA will provide funding for a building construction practitioner to work with you and your OT to help with planning the modifications. They can assist you with selecting the builder that you want to work on your home.

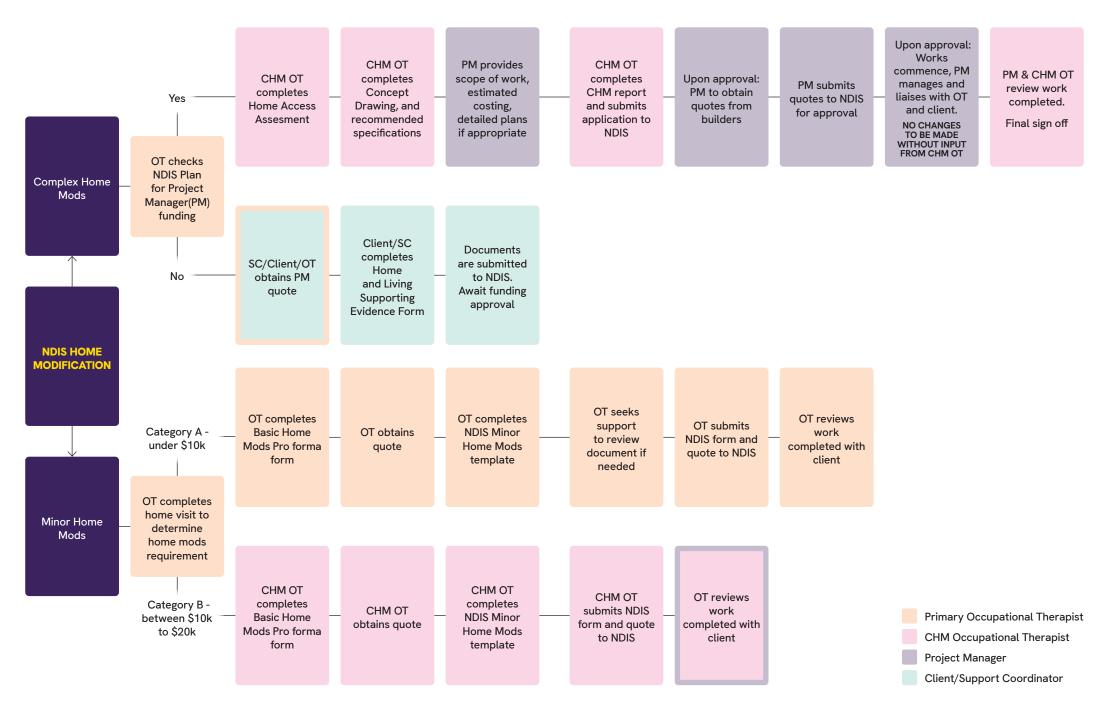
At Superyou, we understand that we are working in your home and want to ensure that any changes to the home will be what you want, whilst also meeting your needs.

Examples of Complex Home Modifications include:

- Permanent ramps that cost over \$10,000 and need building permit approval
- Structural modifications to a bathroom, including changing the floor to create a stepless shower
- Extensive electrical or plumbing works
- Removing or changing load-bearing walls
- Elevators or lifts that cost over \$10,000 and need building permit approval
- Any works that need building consultancies such as engineering, architecture, quantity surveying, building surveying or building certification.
- Any situation where a large part of your home needs to be modified.

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## SUPERYOU THERAPY NDIS HOME MODIFICATION PROCESS



## NDIS MINOR HOME MODS CATEGORY A EXAMPLES

- Grab Rails
- Handrails
- Steps
- Ramps
- Lever Tap
- Handheld shower hose
- Door Handles
- Door Automation
- Magnetic Door catch

## NDIS MINOR HOME MODS CATEGORY B EXAMPLES

- Major Ramp costing over \$10,000
- Non-structural bathroom, laundry modifications including plumbing and electrical work
- Kitchen modifications

	Category A: Minor home modifications	Category B: Minor home modifications	Complex home modifications
What is the cost?	Under \$10,000	Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	Generally over \$20,000
Do you need written approval from the homeowner?	•	•	•
Do you need an assessment from an OT?	From an occupational therapist	From a home modification assessor	From a home modification assessor
Do we need to get quotes?	•	•	Two itemised quotes
Will you need to engage a project manager?	•	•	•
Will you be able to remain in your home?	•	Depending on your home, we can discuss options with you	Depending on your home, we can discuss options with you
How long before the modifications are completed?	Generally completed within a few weeks depending on your circumstances and NDIS funding.	Generally completed within a few weeks depending on your circumstances and NDIS funding.	Can take upwards of two years depending from the date of assessment to completion depending on your circumstances and NDIS funding.

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#### WHAT WILL THE NDIS **NOT FUND?**

The NDIS will not fund the following types of modifications:

- Cosmetic finishes for fixtures, fittings, or materials, like tiles or tapware
- Swimming pools and spas, including hydrotherapy
- Modifications that make your house bigger, like adding another storey
- Repairs to pre-existing damage to your home outside the immediate area where you need home modifications
- Insurance premiums to insure your home after it has been modified
- Standard living costs or routine repairs and maintenance that landlords or homeowners are usually responsible for
- Fixing home modifications that don't comply with the National Construction Code or relevant Australian standards

#### WHO NEEDS TO APPROVE YOUR HOME MODIFICATIONS?

Depending on your living situation, we may need to get approval from the homeowner or relevant bodies. We can work with you to gather all the right information for submission to the NDIS to ensure you have the best chance of getting home modifications funded in your plan.

We can help you to get permission from your relevant body as well as the owner's permission to complete any modifications to your home.

#### RELOCATION

If your current home can't be modified, or if it would be very high cost, we may need to consider funding supports to help you move to a more accessible home.

We need to consider all the costs involved in moving to a new house compared with other supports, like assistive technology or making modifications to your current home.

We'll talk to you about which of the following moving costs might be relevant to your situation:

- removalists
- stamp duty
- conveyancing
- inspections
- mortgage fees
- real estate costs to sell the current home.

We work with many of the local providers in Perth and can help you select the most appropriate one for the job.

#### **GET IN TOUCH**

Superyou Therapy can help you with all your Home modification needs. Contact us on:

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