

Housing Adaptation Grant

A Housing Adaptation Grant is available from local authorities if you need to make changes and adaptations to your home to make it suitable for someone with a disability to live in.

For example, making it wheelchair-accessible, extending it to create more space, adding a ground-floor bathroom or toilet or a stair-lift. In some cases, provision for heating can be included, but only under certain conditions.

How do I qualify for a Housing Adaptation Grant?

Your application will be prioritised based on medical need. The more unwell you are, the higher the priority.

The grant is means tested. The grant is available to households whose gross annual household income does not exceed €60,000.

Your total household income will be assessed to find out if you qualify for the grant and the amount payable. You must also prove that you have paid the local property tax, if you are a homeowner.

The grant can be paid to people in:

- Owner-occupied housing
- Houses being purchased from a local authority under the Tenant Purchase Scheme
- Private rented accommodation
- Accommodation provided under the voluntary housing Capital Assistance and Rental Subsidy schemes
- Communal residences

Jim (70) is struggling with mobility following his cancer treatment and he cannot make it up the stairs of his home without assistance. He requires a stair-lift to access his upstairs bedroom and bathroom. Jim and his wife own their own home and both receive the state pension which puts their combined income well below the €60,000 limit. Jim should apply for the Housing Adaptation Grant from his local authority.

How do I apply?

Download an application form from your [local authority's website](#) or ask for one to be posted to you. The form includes detailed information on the scheme's conditions and a checklist of documents that you must include.

Fill in the form and return it to your local authority, along with any documents you need to provide. When your local authority receives your application, it may ask for an occupational therapist to assess your home.

We won't give up until cancer does



The grant will not be paid if you start work before the grant is approved. But it is expected that the work would start within 6 months of your grant being approved.

The information above is an overview of the Housing Adaptation Grant

For detailed information, applicants are advised to:

- Visit [Citizens Information](#) online
- Call Citizens Information on 0761 07 4000 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 8pm
- Visit your local [Citizens Information](#) office
- Call our Cancer Support Line on Freephone 1800 200 700 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm
- Contact your Medical Social Worker