

Modification benefits

About modification benefits

If you are severely injured as a result of a motor vehicle accident and your home or car requires modifications you may be eligible for assistance under the MAC scheme. TIO will arrange for an Occupational Therapist to assess what modifications you may require to your home or car and provide financial assistance for those modifications that we consider to be reasonable and necessary as a result of your motor vehicle accident injury.

The assessment will take into account your abilities and care needs as well as your current accommodation. To conduct the assessment, an Occupational Therapist would normally visit you in hospital and at home to determine what modifications you may require. Home or car modifications may also be assessed throughout your recovery to help you maximise your independence.

Once your assessment is complete TIO will work with you and your Occupational Therapist to organise the approved modifications.

What type of modifications can help?

When you return home after a motor vehicle accident, it is important that you can easily enter and leave your home and move around inside independently and safely. This may include modifications to the structure, layout or fittings in your home.

While each person is different, examples of reasonable and necessary modifications include:

- Installing portable or permanent ramps and rails
- Widening doors
- Modifying cooking facilities, light switches and taps

- Changing the structure of rooms including the bathroom, a bedroom, a living room and kitchen
- Modifying a motor vehicle to increase your independence.

Additional information

To ensure you are getting the most appropriate support when assessing your entitlement to home or car modifications TIO will consider a range of factors including ownership or length of lease agreement of your property, what the benefits are associated with the modifications and total cost.

Short-term temporary accommodation may be available if you are unable to access your home during the modification process.

All home modifications must meet the Australian Standards for disability and access, be undertaken by a qualified builder and comply with relevant building regulations.

If you have any questions regarding modifications please contact your MAC Claims Officer.

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