

HOSPITAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST: HOME MODIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT



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IMPORTANT

- Please type or use block letters and ensure that all sections are complete
- All incomplete forms will be returned. Please provide reasons if you are unable to complete a section.

1. Client/Worker Details

Client/Worker Name

Type of Claim

 TAC WorkSafe

Agent

Address of Property to be Modified

 Postcode

Claim Number

Telephone Number/Email/Fax

Date of Birth

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Date of Injury/Accident

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Employer

Employer Telephone Number

Pre-injury Occupation

Date of Assessment

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Date Report Submitted

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1a. If currently an inpatient, please outline which hospital, the current discharge plan and the anticipated discharge date

Comments in this section should relate to decisions made about where and who the client/worker will live with after discharge from hospital, and, how long is it expected they will reside in the house which is being assessed for modifications. Detail the client/worker's anticipated household/social situation.

Not applicable

2. Property Details

2a. Home ownership

Please select the ownership status of the property being assessed

Client/worker owned Co-owned Private rental Public rental Family owned

Other, e.g. Senior Masters

Additional comments

Where ownership is other than the client/worker, provide more details, e.g. name of real estate agency and contact number

2a. Home ownership (cont.)

Has the property had previous modifications funded by the TAC or WorkSafe? Yes No

If 'yes', please outline previous modifications completed

Is the owner of the property aware of potential modifications? Yes No

Have you had any discussions or contact with the property owner about potential modifications? Yes No

If 'yes', please outline the nature of the discussions

2b. Structure of property

Please describe the construction type, e.g. brick or weatherboard, colour bond or tiled roof, approx age or era, concrete slab or timber stumps

Not known

2c. Description of property

Please describe the layout and size, e.g. 3 bedroom residence with central bathroom and two living areas, single garage, porch at front and back entrances, medium sized home = approx 20 square metres, block size approx 500 - 600 square metres, level block, etc.

Not known

2d. Special conditions

Please outline any special conditions or considerations, e.g. heritage listed

Not known

3. Further Information about Transport Accident/Work-related Injuries**3a. Updated injury/medical status details**

Provide updated injury, medical information, treatment, or subsequent health condition details in addition to those already provided to the TAC/Worksafe Agent. Please provide the information source, e.g. treating medical practitioner, physiotherapist, etc.

3b. Pre-existing and non-accident/injury related conditions

Document any pre-existing injuries, medical conditions, age related or subsequent non-accident/injury related conditions that you identified during your assessment. Please provide the source of the information, e.g. treating medical practitioner

4. Social Situation

4a. Pre-injury social circumstances

Detail the client/worker’s living arrangements, social background, relationship status and other information relevant to the need for home modifications.

4b. Proposed living arrangements (including post discharge, where appropriate)

Comments in this section will relate to decisions that have been made about where and who the client/worker will live with (including post-discharge, where appropriate) and how long is it expected they will reside in the house which is being considered for modification. Detail the client/worker’s expected long-term household/social situation and household supports as well as the client/worker’s current family support and any known future plans or changes to this.

5. Key Findings of Functional Assessment

- Current functional status, including functional outcomes on discharge, outlining anticipated optimum level of independence and participation in personal care and domestic activities within the home
- Provide details of any supervision, assistance, funded services or gratuitous care that the client/worker requires to perform these activities
- Consider whether training in the use of adaptive techniques, equipment and the provision of services by a community occupational therapist or other healthcare professional are currently in use or would enable the client/worker to increase his/her independence
- Please comment on the impact of any other non-accident/injury related issues on the client/worker’s function
- Please include information regarding the client/worker’s participation in domestic ADL (Activities of Daily Living) prior to the transport accident/work injury.

Example	Current status	Expected future level of independence
Mobility	<i>e.g. cannot walk, uses wheelchair</i>	<i>e.g. Limited walking with bilateral crutches following six months rehabilitation treatment</i>

OT Assessment	Current status	Expected future level of independence
Mobility <i>Including the ability to use stairs and ramps</i>		
Transfers		
Mobility aids, taking into consideration typical footprint and circulation space required		
Upper limb Hand function and reach		
Lifting and carrying		
Functional cognitive status		
General safety		

Personal ADL	Current status Including impact of physical, cognitive or behavioural issues on client/worker’s independence	Expected future level of independence
Toileting		
Dressing		
Showering/bathing		
Grooming		
Other		

5. Key Findings of Functional Assessment (cont)

Domestic ADL	Current status	Expected future optimum level	Who completed this task prior to the accident?
Meal preparation			
Cleaning			
Laundry			
Other			

Community Activities/Access	Current status	Expected future level of independence
Recreation and leisure		
Driving and/or transportation in vehicle/cars		
Work and study issues		

6. Goals of the Proposed Home Modifications

In nominating goals, consider the area of the home and what your recommended specifications for home modifications will achieve

Area of the Home	Goal	Functional Skill
<i>Example: Bathroom</i>	<i>Example: Gina will be able to shower independently and safely after bathroom modifications</i>	<i>Example: Mobility, general safety</i>

7. Recommendations

You should detail the client/worker’s existing home environment and provide clinical justification for any and all home modification recommendation(s). Recommended specifications for access must be consistent with Australian Standards 1428.1 unless specifically referenced as an ‘exception’.

You should include:

- Recommendations, having considered all reasonable options
- Recommendations should reflect consideration of the requirements of the legislation to pay the reasonable costs of home modifications reasonably required as a result of the client/worker’s accident/work injury and TAC/WorkSafe policy
- Clinical justification for each aspect of your recommendations
- Recommendations, having read the Record of Minutes where a site meeting has taken place
- Specific details to ensure recommendations for home modifications are comprehensive and meet the client/worker’s home modification needs
- Where relevant, details of any related modifications or equipment currently being used by the client/worker
- Where appropriate, provide diagrams and/or digital photographs of the home areas requiring modification
- Note the client/worker’s or family preferences separately to the assessor’s recommendations, where applicable
- Under each area/room requiring modification below, please detail any changes required to door widths, fixtures, fittings, floor coverings etc.

Example: Bathroom

Current situation
<i>Existing bathroom has a shower over the bath. No other bathroom in the home provides wheelchair-accessible shower area.</i>
Recommendation
<i>Removal of bath and installation of a level-entry shower recess with hand-held shower hose and thermostatic mixing valve.</i>
Clinical justification
<i>The client is now wheelchair dependent for all mobility and requires use of a mobile shower chair to enable her to shower independently, with no further change in mobility status anticipated. Hand-held shower hose and thermostatic mixing valve are required to ensure safety due to sensory loss.</i>

7. Recommendations (cont.)

External

Front access

Not applicable

Current situation
Recommendation
Clinical justification

Other access

Not applicable

Current situation
Recommendation
Clinical justification

Car parking

Not applicable

Current situation
Recommendation
Clinical justification

Internal

Bedroom suitable for client/worker to use (preferably located on ground floor)

Please include doorways, flooring, lights, fixtures/fittings, door handles and light switches where applicable

Not applicable

Current situation
Recommendation
Clinical justification

7. Recommendations (cont.)

Living areas

Please include doorways, flooring, lights, fixtures/fittings, door handles and light switches where applicable

Not applicable

Current situation
Recommendation
Clinical justification

Hallway/internal steps to enable access to a suitable bedroom and bathroom

Please include doorways, flooring, lights, fixtures/fittings, door handles and light switches where applicable

Not applicable

Current situation
Recommendation
Clinical justification

Bathroom/toilet that would be suitable for client/worker to use (preferably located on ground floor)

Please include doorways, flooring, lights, fixtures/fittings, door handles and light switches, hand rails, tap ware, shower hose, etc. where applicable

Not applicable

Current situation
Recommendation
Clinical justification

7. Recommendations (cont.)

Kitchen

Please include doorways, flooring, lights, fixtures/fittings, door handles and light switches, hand rails, tap ware, etc. where applicable

Not applicable

Current situation
Recommendation
Clinical justification

Laundry

Please include doorways, flooring, lights, fixtures/fittings, door handles and light switches, hand rails, tap ware, etc. where applicable

Not applicable

Current situation
Recommendation
Clinical justification

Other/not included above, please list

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Not applicable

Current situation
Recommendation
Clinical justification

Heating/cooling

Please note, this modification applies only to client/workers with medically diagnosed thermoregulation impairment

Please provide details of current heating and cooling systems

8. Priorities for Discharge, where Appropriate

Is a staged process for building modifications appropriate? Yes No

Comments, e.g. first stage is to enable access for safe discharge from hospital, second stage is modifications to enable long-term use of the house by the client/worker

Please note, all recommendations must consider Australian Disability Standards AS1428.1 unless specifically referenced as an 'Exception'.

9. Additional Comments/Other Attached Information

Other attached information or additional comments, please specify

10. Assessor Occupational Therapist Details

Provider name, address and phone number

Signature

Days/Hours Available

Date

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11. Personal and Health Information

TAC

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