

# factsheet Bathrooms

## Information for Contractors: Bathrooms

### Background Information

The Home and Community Care (HACC) Program funds building work for clients who are frail aged or people with disabilities. The work completed assists clients to remain independent in their own home.

Home Modification and Maintenance Services in NSW are funded under the HACC program and co-ordinate all modification and maintenance work with employed Tradespeople and external Contractors.

Clients who receive bathroom modifications under the HACC program must have their functional needs assessed by an Occupational Therapist before any building work commences. Occupational Therapists (OTs) are highly trained health professionals who assess each client's functional needs within their home environment. All building works completed for clients must be in accordance with OT clinical specifications recommendations. Builders must not deviate from OT clinical specifications without consultation and approval from the referring OT and Nominated Works Supervisor employed by the HMMS.

When completing bathroom modifications for HACC clients, contractors are asked to be mindful of the following:

- Adherence to approved OT written and diagrammatical specifications. Please note any deviations unauthorised by the OT/HMMS will be rectified at the Contractors own cost
- Required fall to floor waste for the entire floor eg. 1:60 for shower recess, 1:80 for the remainder of the floor
- Thermostatic mixing valves/tempering valves must be installed & commissioned and certificates issued
- Installation of grabrails - follow OT specifications & consult with OT if technically not feasible or client requests any changes to the specifications - never assume or rely on the client's advice

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***For further advice consult your local  
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- Toilet setback - appropriate pan and not elevated using mortar base
- Floor coverings - 'R10' rated slip resistant tiles & dimensions are required
- Level access to the bathroom is required. If stepless entry is not possible, minimal (1:8 gradient) threshold wedge into bathroom is required
- All copies of permits/applications, final certificates, compliance certificates from electrical & plumbing and waterproofing are required
- Secure and cordon off work areas, use barricades where appropriate and be sure to leave the site safe
- The site is to be left clean at the end of each work day
- Maintain client confidentiality
- Compliance with WorkCover regulations for asbestos removal

Please refer to the NSW HMMS State Councils' Contractors Information brochure for more advice.

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