

Seniors and Accessibility Renovation Assistance

The Queensland Government is investing an extra \$10 million in supporting older Queenslanders and people of any age with a disability to live safely at home and deliver local opportunities for trades and contractors across the state.

The Seniors and Accessibility Renovation Assistance initiative builds on the Queensland Government's Home Assist Secure program delivered across Queensland, to fund a range of urgent, larger one-off works to address higher cost health and safety issues for older Queenslanders.

From electrical upgrades and plumbing repairs, to improved accessibility measures to help customers age-in-place, the Seniors and Accessibility Renovation Assistance stimulus will provide a maximum subsidy of \$5000 to around 2,000 older Queenslanders or people with a disability to help them stay safe and secure in their own homes.

Improving safety and security

The Seniors and Accessibility Renovation Assistance initiative is targeted to support people who cannot afford the larger, one-off costs for a range of work designed to improve the safety and security of a home

These projects include:

- ✓ electrical work, including upgrading electrical safety boxes and smoke alarms to meet required safety standards
- ✓ plumbing works that ensure plumbing is working and minimises water wastage, including replacement of hot water systems
- ✓ building works which improve access by building or repairing ramps and steps and looking at driveway and entrance access to the land/property
- ✓ replacing unsafe floor coverings
- ✓ installing internal stair/chair lifts, and security doors and screens
- ✓ major items such as repairs to roofing, guttering replacement, stump replacement (of unsafe stumps) and replacement of rotting timbers on floors and decks
- ✓ modifications to kitchens and bathrooms may also be considered where necessary.

Accessing Seniors and Accessibility Renovation Assistance

Home Assist Secure providers are available across the state.

The Seniors and Accessibility Renovation Assistance provides people with the opportunity to tackle those larger projects that may be currently beyond financial reach.

Providers will:

- ✓ work with eligible individuals to understand the need

- ✓ submit a scope of works and quote - with a maximum subsidy of \$5000 for assessment through a streamlined approval process

The Home Assist Secure provider will work with local tradespeople, in line with building licencing requirements, to deliver the necessary work.

Eligibility

The Home Assist Secure program provides safety-related information, referrals and subsidised assistance for people who cannot undertake or pay for critical home maintenance without assistance.

It is designed to help eligible older people (over 60 years of age and a Pensioner Concession Card holder) and people with a disability to remain in their home.

Consistent with all Home Assist Secure services, the Seniors Accessibility and Renovation Assistance will not provide services that are the responsibility of, or are funded through, other Commonwealth or State agencies including the Commonwealth Home Support Program or the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

More information

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