



Home Adaptations



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Overview

At Orbit we can arrange for our contractors to fit and install minor adaptations to your home. This won't cost you anything. We've listed these in the 'minor adaptations' section of this brochure.

Occupational Therapist (OT) reports aren't always needed for minor adaptations. However, we may sometimes need an OT report to check the specifications are correct before we fit or install anything. If you feel you need an adaptation, please contact the Customer Hub to ask for advice or support to make an OT referral on **0800 678 1221**.

If you need a major adaptation to your home, such as a level access shower or wet room, wider doorways, or a stairlift, this will usually come via a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG). You can apply for this via your local authority or Home Improvement Agency, after an occupational therapist has carried out an assessment of your needs. You can find details for your local council at **www.gov.uk/find-local-council**.



Minor Adaptations



Shower seat

If your mobility or balance make it hard to shower independently, a shower seat may help.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Bed sensor

Fire Alarm service contract

- ✗ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral not required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Toilet Cistern Adaptation

Adding a handle or push button to may make it easier to flush the toilet. Either is available depending on your requirements.

- ✗ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral not required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Provide a ramp

We can install some ramps, depending on their cost and type. However, if they are quoted as being more than £1000, this will require a DFG.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Level access doorway

A level access doorway removes the 'lip' from a doorframe. If you use a walking aid or wheelchair, it can help you to get in and out of the house more easily.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Vibrating pillow fire alarm

Fire Alarm service contract

- ✗ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral not required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Lower/Higher Toilet

A toilet that is higher or lower can make it easier to use if you have balance or mobility issues.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Over bath shower

An over bath shower can make it easier to bathe if you can get into the bath, but can't sit there.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Bath

If you can't stand in the shower due to your balance or mobility levels, a bath could be installed instead.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Additional Steps

Adding in steps reduces the height of the existing steps and can make it easier to get up and down the stairs.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Window Winder

If the standard handles are too difficult to use, these can make it easier to open and close windows independently.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Electric Socket

If you have equipment such as a bed sensor or breathing equipment, an additional socket can be installed.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Flashing Beacon for smoke alarm

Fire Alarm service contract

- ✗ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral not required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Resite door entry handset

A handset can help you answer the door independently.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Grab rails

We can install various types of grab rails for baths and showers, toilets, rails outside your home, freestanding and mopstick rails.

- ✗ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral not required
- ✗ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required





Grab rail to toilet

A grab rail can help with balance and mobility.

- ✘ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral not required
- ✘ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Lever taps

We can install lever taps on your washbasin, bath, and/or kitchen sink. It can make it easier for you to use your taps.

- ✘ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral not required
- ✘ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required



Kitchen cupboard handles

Installing different handles can make it easier for you to open your kitchen cupboards.

- ✘ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral not required
- ✘ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not required

Major Adaptations



Closomat Toilet

This toilet combines a bidet and drier in one unit, which makes it easier to go to the toilet independently if you have mobility issues.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
- ✓ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) required



Drop Kerb

A drop kerb allows you to park on your driveway so you don't have to travel as far to get to your home.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
- ✓ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) required



Stairlifts

Stairlifts can help you get up and down the stairs, so you can access your whole home.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
- ✓ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) required



Structural work

This work could be an extension to the property, walls being knocked down to make bigger rooms, or adding partitions to use the existing space to add in an extra room.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
 - ✓ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) required
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Level access shower/wet room

This is where an existing bathroom is redesigned with level flooring. It means anyone with any level of mobility can enter the shower.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
 - ✓ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) required
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Through floor lift

Allows anyone who uses a wheelchair to access rooms upstairs.

- ✓ Occupational Therapist (OT) referral required
- ✓ Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) required





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