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Disabled Facilities Grants

What is it?

If you have a disability and need to make major changes to your home, a Disabled Facilities Grant could enable you to do this.

Who Qualifies?

You will need to contact Barnsley Council to have an equipment and adaptations assessment first. If they conclude that you qualify, you can apply for a grant if you meet the following criteria:

- You are disabled and live in the home you own or you are a tenant renting
- You live in the home you own or rent and have a disabled person (adult or child) living in your home
- You are a landlord acting on behalf of a disabled tenant

The process is slightly different if you are a Berneslai Homes tenant.

What Can The Grant Be Used For?

The grant can be used to make significant changes to your home to support you to stay in your home and make sure it is fit for purpose. You can use the grant to:

- Install ramps
- Install grab rails
- Widen doors
- Install a stairlift
- Fit a level access shower
- Improve accessbility to the garden

- Build an extension for a downstairs bathroom or bedroom
- Upgrade or adapt your heating system and controls to make them easier to use
- Adapt your lights and controls to make them easier to use

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
How long after the assessment will I hear back from Barnsley Council?	There's a long waiting list but some adaptations, such as stairlifts, are fast-tracked. If your adaptation is fast-tracked, Barnsley Council aims to get in touch with you within 4 weeks.
Will I have to contribute towards the cost of the adaptation work?	It depends. How much you receive and how much you will have to contribute to cover the cost of the adaptations will depend on your income and capital. The first £6,000 of capital savings is disregarded. If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, you will not have to pay towards the work: • Council Tax Support • Employment Support Allowance (income-based) • Housing Benefit • Jobseekers Allowance (income-based) • Pension Credit • Universal Credit • Working Tax Credit or Child Tax Credit calculated on an income of less than £16,480

Is there a limit to the amount I can apply for?	Yes. In the UK, the limit you can apply for is £30,000.
How will the grant be paid?	The grant can be paid in installments or in full once the work has been completed. It can either be paid to you or directly to the contractor.
I am a Berneslai Homes tenant - how do I apply for adaptations?	For minor adaptations, call 01226 787878. If you require a major adaptation (e.g. stairlift, level access shower, ramp) you'll need to contact Barnsley Council, who may arrange a home visit to carry out an assessment.

Contact

To speak to Barnsley Council's equipment and adaptations team, call 01226 775800.

How to Apply

To apply for the assessment, you can ask a professional (e.g. your carer) to contact us on your behalf, or:

- Call the equipment and adaptations service on: 01226 775 800
- Textphone: 07825 454 888 (for British Sign Language users)
- Complete the online form at: www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/adult-social-care/getting-adult-social-care-help-early/equipment-and-adaptations/

How We Can Help

If you live in the Barnsley borough and would like some advice on Disabled Facilities Grants, you can:

- Email us at first.contact@dialbarnsley.org.uk
- Or call our Advice Line on 01226 240273