

Temporary ramps for provision by OT Technician's will only be considered in the following circumstances:

A Portable or Modular Ramp through the Community Equipment Service cannot meet needs.

- The person has a short prognosis for a terminal condition.

The person is eligible for a permanent ramp including financially and one of the following apply

- A permanent ramp is not feasible (not technically possible)
- For private Landlord Tenants: the landlord refuses permission for a permanent ramp.
- In owner occupying/ tenanted property: If the person is awaiting the provision of a means tested Disabled Facilities Grant for a permanent ramp provision and there is no safe way to manage access until this is provided.

We do not provide ramps for people who are not eligible financially for a Disabled Facilities Grant except where they are end of life with a short prognosis. In such situations it is the person's responsibility to fund provision of a ramp.

We do not maintain ramps when they are provided to a private home. These are then the responsibility of the owner occupier/ tenant to maintain. In a rented property this should be negotiated with the landlord as to responsibility (this is usually delegated to the tenant). Tenants should be aware that their landlord may required them to remove the ramp if they vacate the property and may wish to have that discussion at the time of provision. They can request removal from Hull City Council and if possible we will recycle the ramp.

ALL TEMPORARY RAMPS MUST HAVE APPROVAL FROM CITY WIDE TEAM OPERATIONS MANAGER (Michael Hilton) or Principal Occupational Therapist (Victoria Goldsbrough)– before recommendation is made to OT Technicians for provision

Eligibility for permanent ramps are as follows:

The person must be permanently and substantially disabled.

And

**N.B. Ramps
Eligibility Criteria**

1. Person is wheelchair dependent.

Or

2. Person is unable to negotiate the step (s) in/out of the property and is an outdoor wheelchair user.

Or

3. Where a carer is unable to safely negotiate the threshold with the empty wheelchair.

N.B. A ramp will usually only be provided at one entrance unless access to the front or back of the property is restricted. E.g. if a person's medical condition is exacerbated by propelling themselves the distance between the front door and back garden then a second ramp would be considered.

Provision is via Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant, or via Housing Adaptations Team if Council Tenant. People who live in the North Bransholme area of Riverside Housing Association, or in a Pickering and Feren's property are provided for by the Housing Association.

Storage of wheelchairs

Provision does not extend to the provision of storage of wheelchairs. If the person has a transit wheelchair and can access the property using existing facilities or with the provision of a grab rail / half step then the problem would be one of storage and the person would not be eligible for grant for provision.

Scooters

Provision is not available for the storing, charging or access to a property for electric scooters or buggies if purchased privately.

The person may be eligible for DFG if owner occupier / private tenant or for Housing to carry out the works if council tenant for a ramp if the person is offered a powered wheelchair from a statutory wheelchair provider but has chosen to purchase a scooter themselves as a personal preference.

Powered Electric Wheelchair

Eligibility for an Electric Wheelchair is where the person is unable to walk around their home even when using sticks or other aids.

Means Testing and financial eligibility

. There is an online calculator to help determine where someone would be financially eligible.

<https://adaptmyhome.org.uk/meanstest>

An early means test can be requested from Private Housing.

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