

Home and Vehicle Modification Program (HVMP)

Eligible Home Modifications (Construction)

Home Modification (Construction) Projects:



- Widening of doors and/or replacement of conventional doors with sliding or folding doors
- Rearrangement, lowering or raising of kitchen equipment and cupboards
- Wet room with universal design principles

Eligible Wet Room Requests includes:

- door widening
- zero-threshold shower (**no step-in or lip; applicant must be able to roll into shower with a wheelchair**)
- waterproof shower panels (**no tiles or grout**)
- grab bars
- handheld shower on a slide bar
- anti-slip flooring (**vinyl or ceramic tiles only**)
- wheelchair accessible sink
- accessible toilet

Funding is only available for zero-threshold, roll-in showers. If your bathroom can't fit this type of shower, the program will instead cover portable bathing equipment, such as a roll-in shower unit or a tub sliding system.

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Ineligible Home Modifications (Construction)

Ineligible Requests:



- the purchase of a home
- modifications to newly built homes
- cosmetic improvements, upgrades and/or repairs
- the construction of additional rooms
- a second accessible exit (not required by the Ontario Building Code)
- suction grab bars
- walk-in tubs
- step-in / walk-in shower (only zero thresholds will be funded)
- tiling and grout work (only shower panels will be funded)
- glass shower doors
- restocking fees and return fees
- replacing an existing barrier with a barrier (bathtubs or stairs)
- washrooms on the second floor without a current stairlift access in place

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Wet Room Overview

When devices and adaptations are not possible, as a last resort and as recommended by an Occupational Therapist, the Program will consider bathroom modifications for a wet room for basic and essential bathing and toileting.

The modifications proposed must use universal design principles so that it can be accessed and used to the greatest extent possible by all people regardless of their age, size, and ability.

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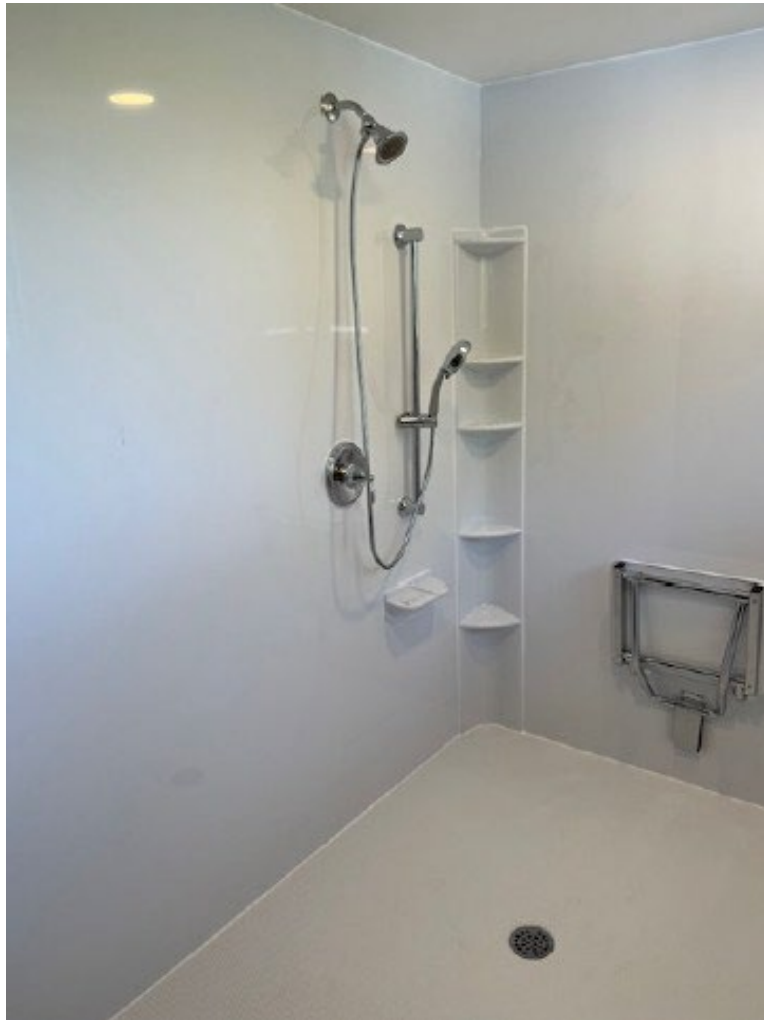
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Vendor or Contractor Quotes for Home Modifications

Quotes for Home Modifications:

- Two competitive price quotes are required which detail the same scope of work being requested.
- For Bathrooms, a contractor may provide their own quote or can refer to the “Bathroom Scope of Work” resource available online or by contacting the Program.

All quotes must include:

- the contractor or supplier’s name, address and contact information.
- specifications or drawings (including measurements).
- a thorough description of the project with details of the work to be done.
- separate line for applicable permit fees, if required.
- separate line for each commercial product supplied, quantity, unit cost and applicable taxes.
- separate line for all materials required, quantity, unit cost and applicable taxes.
- separate line for all WSIB-certified subcontracted trades that will be required with cost and applicable taxes.

Vendor or Contractor Quotes for Home Modifications Continued

Quotes for Home Modifications:

- separate line for labour charges and applicable taxes.
- a clear description of any warranties.
- a work schedule, including start and completion dates.
- who is responsible for clean up after the job is finished.
- **All quotes for construction work must include WSIB certificates from those completing the work. MODC acts as a third-party payee; therefore, there is no exemption for residential construction work because the homeowner is not paying the contractor; MODC is issuing payment as a third-party payee.**
- Any electrical work being completed must be done by a Licensed Electrical Contractor. This can be verified on the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) website.
- All contractors must be able to be paid via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

Home and Vehicle Modification Program (HVMP) Occupational Therapist

An Occupational Therapist (OT) must complete either an assessment letter **OR** a Verification of Disability Form available on our website

(www.marchofdimes.ca/hvmp). The letter must also include the following information:

- The client's disability.
- What primary mobility device(s) the client is using in the home.
- A description of how their disability impacts their ability to independently complete activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, toileting, transferring and mobility.
- The recommendation of devices, adaptations and/or modifications and how they will remove the barrier.
- Why this recommendation is the most basic and essential solution for the client and what has been trialed (**for constructions only**).