



# Construction Zone:

## Building Your EMS Housing Advice

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## Overview

9.00am	Introductions
9.05am	EMS Intent & Resources
9.15am	Completing an EMS Advice
9.35am	Tips for the Service Request
9.45am	Q and A

# EMS Intent and Resources



# Mandatory Advice in Relation to Guiding Principles



New Zealand Government

## Consultation with an EMS Advisor

### 2. Housing Modifications

When the following housing modifications are being considered the EMS Assessor will need to consult with an EMS Advisor:



# Guiding Principles

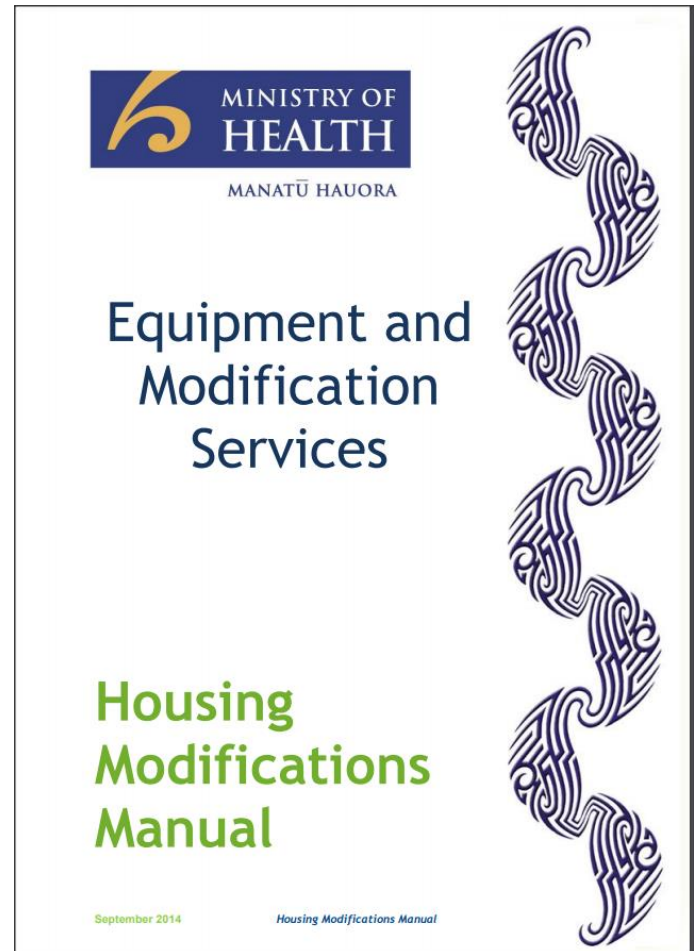
Fair allocation of resources is guided by

- an effective **contribution towards helping a person live as others do**
- value for money, now and in the future
- **consistent**, principled and **equitable approach** across a diverse range of people
- decisions which reflect a **long term perspective**, noting people grow, age, develop, change over time

Ministry is not able to meet *all* the identified needs of disabled people.



# EMS Housing Modifications Manual



# Find Your Way Around Your Housing Manual

## Section 2 Eligibility and Access criteria

- 2.1 defines '**essential**'
- 2.2 and 2.3 determine whether or not the person can be **considered** for EMS funding
- 2.3 outlines the **three access criteria** for services for funded modifications



# Advisory Role

Accessable administers the budget on behalf of the Ministry, and works with Assessors to establish:

- a clear MOH **disability diagnosis**
- an 'essential' need
- a **sustainable** care situation
- a property/house that can be made suitable for the person long term (at least **2-3 years**)
- a clear plan that reflects the **Assessor's clinical findings**
- **cost effectiveness**

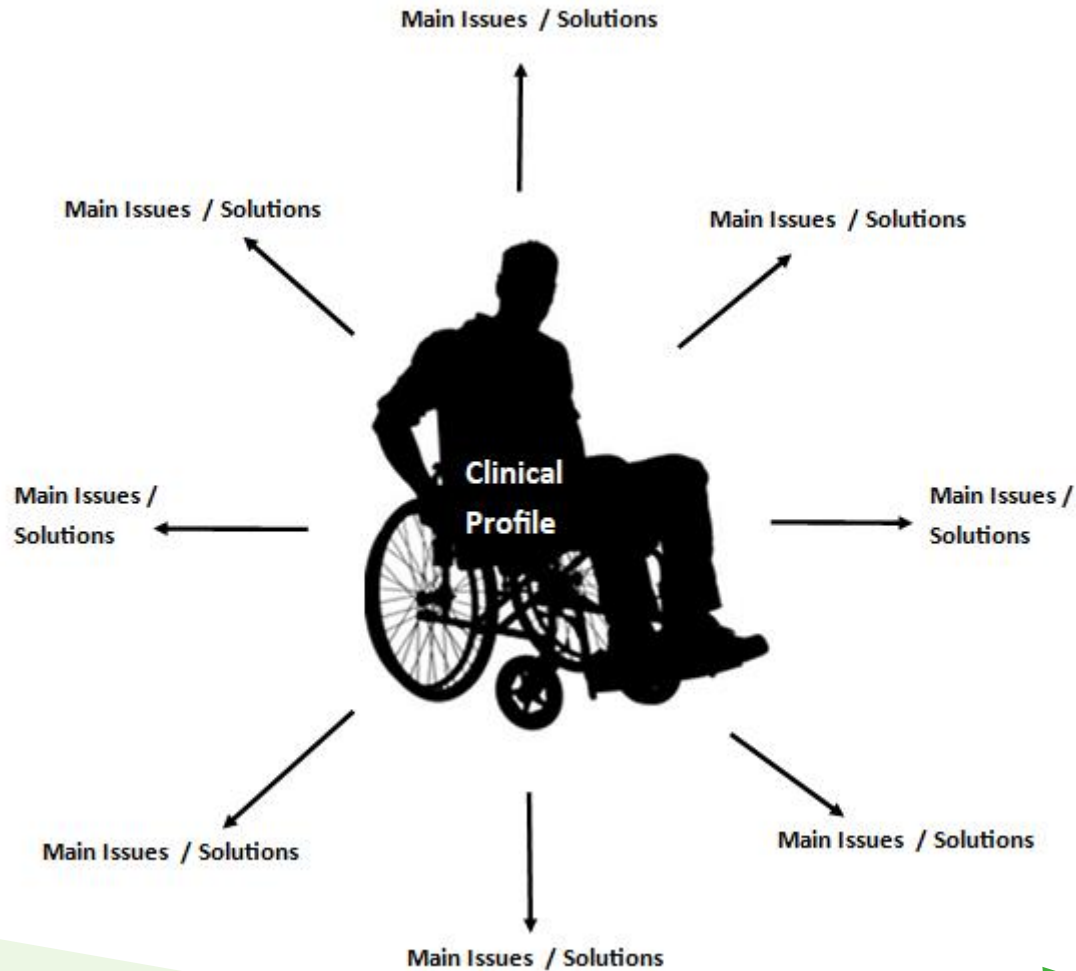



# Completing an EMS Advice



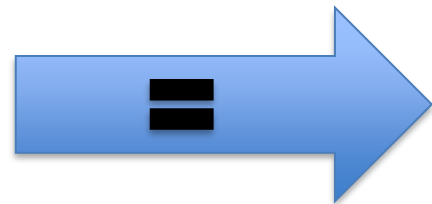


# EMS Advice Fields



 **CLIENT**

 **HOUSE**

 **PLAN**

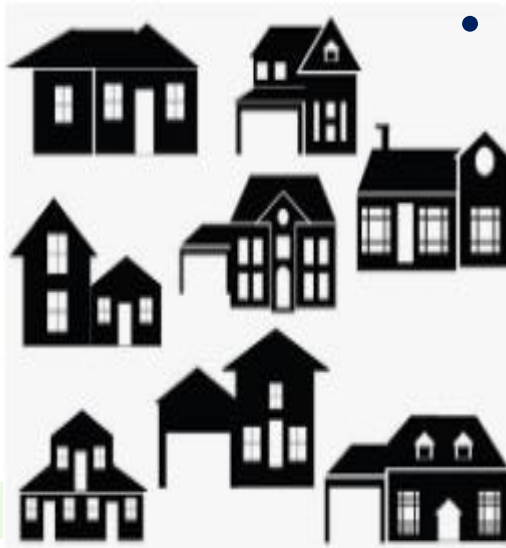
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- **Clinical Profile Information**
- **Main Issues** [related to this request]
  - *Describe* functional issues
  - Are there any 'Cultural Considerations'?

# HOUSE Fields

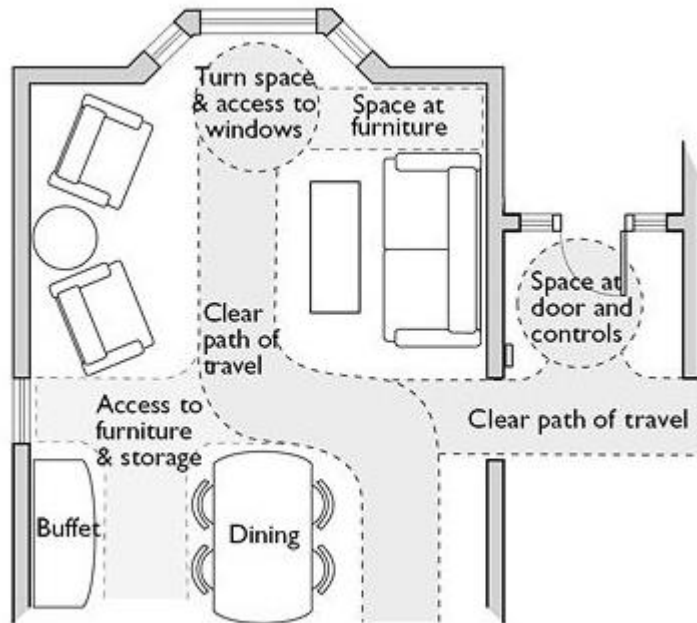
- **‘Home Features’ (main issues section/tab)**
  - Housing descriptions
  - Owner
  - Sustainability/Suitability of home and care situation



- **‘Supporting Documents’**
  - Photos
  - Existing sketch plans (incl. an overarching bird’s-eye sketch)
  - Measurements

*accessible*

# PLAN Fields



- **‘Main Issues’**
  - Solutions
  - Alternatives considered
- **‘Supporting Documents’**
  - Proposed sketch plans
  - Measurements

# Assessor Checklist for Housing Advices:

- Clear primary diagnosis (& prognosis where relevant)
  - If not disability, confirm funding stream
- Establish 'essential' need (risk of harm; no viable alternative)
- Confirm Sustainability - at least 2-3 years, preferably longer
  - care situation – NASC, if needed
  - house – can it be modified/set-up to meet all foreseeable changes in need?
- Identify any property issues – ownership, rectification
- A clear plan/request – separate essential from desirable



# Important Tips for Completing the Service Request



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- Purpose of Service Request
- Signatures – Trusts, Companies, Property Managers, Kāinga Ora, etc.
- Property Owner form needs to be fully completed
- Disclaimers on T and C not allowed
- Attachments
- DPA



# Q & A



**Thank You!**

