

## PEOPLE TO CONTACT

**You must first contact the Occupational Therapists if you think you might be eligible for a grant.**

### **1) Occupational Therapists**

Contact Pat Walker, tel. 443096  
Community OT Offices  
Overdale Hospital  
Westmount  
St Helier, JE2 3LP

The Social Security Department will also be able to give you further information.

### **2) Social Security Department**

Contact William Lakeman, tel. 447402  
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Philip Le Feuvre House  
La Motte Street  
St Helier, JE4 8PE



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# HOUSING ADAPTATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES



## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### **(a) Disability**

You should be permanently disabled.

### **(b) Residential status**

You should normally be residentially qualified and should be permanently resident in Jersey. Adaptations must be at your only or main residence.

### **(c) Functional ability and benefits to be gained**

The proposed adaptations must be supported by professional clinical staff (Occupational Therapists). The adaptation must enable you to remain at home to fulfil normal life roles and take responsibility for yourself.

### **(d) The type and condition of the property**

Not all properties are suitable for adaptation by reasons of age, heritage value or the excessive costs involved and, in some instances, alternative housing may be the only viable solution. The least expensive solution which also meets your needs would be sought.

### **(e) The type of adaptation and costs**

Professional advice must be obtained regarding costs and appropriate adaptations.

*(Adapted from Housing Committee Proposition, 1st December 1998.)*

## ASSESSMENT AND FUNDING

- ▶ You must be clinically assessed by an Occupational Therapist.
- ▶ An Occupational Therapist will determine the type of adaptations that you require and may be able to assist you in seeking quotations from contractors and suppliers.
- ▶ Where permission for building alterations is required, you must obtain the relevant permit(s).
- ▶ You must be willing to disclose your financial circumstances. The Social Security Department will require you to undergo a means test, unless you receive, or you have recently applied for, Income Support in which case the Department will assess you on the basis of that information.
- ▶ You may be offered a partial rather than a full grant in which case you would have to contribute towards the cost of the adaptation.
- ▶ It is expected that you will have tried other sources of funding, including personal loans.

