



# Transitional Modifications – Frequently Asked Questions

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## What are transitional home modifications?

Transitional modifications are the essential modifications that are needed so you can return to your home whilst in rehabilitation, this could be day or weekend leave, or discharge from hospital. They are modifications which can be completed reasonably quickly. They will often (but not always) include:

- access into your home
- access to a bathroom and toilet (sometimes this may involve use of a portable bathroom/toilet facility)
- access to the living area of your home.

## What is the purpose of transitional home modifications?

The main purpose of transitional home modifications is to help you get back to your own home as quickly as possible. They also provide the opportunity to settle back into your home and community environments and gain a clearer understanding of what you may need in a home modification.

If you do need further modifications you can request a review of your home modification needs at any time following your discharge from hospital. You can request this directly by contacting your icare contact.

## When are transitional home modifications completed?

When you are ready to discuss home modifications, one of the home modifications team will meet with you to discuss your possible home modification needs and options. Once we have had this meeting, if you are in agreement, we will organise for an assessment of your home to see if it is possible to complete transitional modifications.

It is not possible to provide an exact time frame for how long it may take for transitional modifications to be completed as it depends on what specific transitional modifications are needed.

We'll work closely with you and your treating team to ensure the transitional modifications are completed as quickly as possible to enable you to go on day or weekend leave and to discharge from hospital.

## Who will organise and complete transitional modifications?

After one of the home modifications team have met with you in hospital, they and your icare contact will organise for an icare Senior Home Modifications Advisor (SHMA), who is an occupational therapist with extensive experience in home modifications, and a Senior Home Modifications Officer (SHMO) a builder who has extensive experience in home modifications, to liaise with you and your treating team and assess your home for transitional modifications.

They will discuss their recommendations for transitional modifications with you. If you agree we will organise for builders to quote for and complete the modifications.

All work is completed by licenced builders only and we will monitor the work to make sure it is completed to a high-quality standard and meets your injury related needs.

## Who do I speak with if I have any concerns about my transitional modifications?

You can discuss your concerns with your icare contact at any time during the process.

## Further information

If you'd like further information about transitional home modifications, contact us through one of the options below. There is also more information and a series of videos about the home modifications process available on our website. View the videos here:

[www.icare.nsw.gov.au](http://www.icare.nsw.gov.au) Go to: injured or ill people > motor accident injuries > services and support > home and vehicle modifications.

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