



Desirable design features checklist

This checklist includes or extends to essential design features

Walkway to entrance

- ☐ At least one 1100mm minimum width.

Entrance

- ☐ Flush entry.
- ☐ 850mm door clear width.
- ☐ Level landing 1350mm x 1350mm.

Internal doors & corridors

- ☐ Doors 850mm minimum clear width.
- ☐ Hallways 1200mm minimum width.
- ☐ Door hardware installed at between 900mm – 1100mm above the finished floor.

Accessible toilet on entry level

- ☐ 1200mm x 1200mm minimum clear width between walls if located in a separate room.

Accessible shower on entry level

- ☐ Hobless.
- ☐ Shower recess minimum dimensions of 900mm x 900mm.
- ☐ Provide a clear space of 1200mm x 1200mm forward of the shower recess entry.

Reinforced walls in bathroom and toilet

- ☐ Except for walls constructed of solid masonry or concrete, the walls around the shower, bath (if provided) and toilet should be reinforced to provide a fixing surface for the safe installation of grab rails.

Car parking provision

- ☐ Minimum dimensions of at least 3200mm (width) x 5400mm (length).
- ☐ Even, firm and slip resistant surface.
- ☐ Level surface (1:40 maximum gradient, 1:33 maximum gradient for bitumen).
- ☐ A vertical clearance over the parking space of 2500mm and protection from the weather.

Kitchen space

- ☐ 1200mm clearance in front of fixed benches and appliances.
- ☐ Slip resistant flooring.

- Ensure all flooring extends to under cabinetry so cupboards can be moved in future without affecting flooring.

Laundry space

- 1200mm clearance in front of fixed benches and appliances.
- Slip resistant flooring.
- Ensure all flooring extends to under cabinetry so cupboards can be moved in future without affecting flooring.

Bedroom space

- Space or room of 10sq metres, one wall minimum length of 3 metres.
- 1000mm clearance on at least one side of the bed.

Internal stairways

- 1000mm minimum clear width.
- Slip resistance finish on steps.
- Straight in design.
- Positioned adjoining a load bearing wall.
- Continuous handrail on at least one side.

Switches and power points

- Light switches to be located 900mm – 1100mm above the finished floor.
- Power points installed not lower than 300mm above the finished floor.

Door hardware

- Installed between 900mm – 1100mm above finished floor.

Family/Living room

- Provide clear circulation space of 2250mm in diameter.

Window sills

- 1000mm height above the finished floor.

Flooring

- Level transition and slip resistant.

For more detail see the Technical fact sheets.

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