

**Dwelling access**

**Performance Statement:**

**There is a safe and continuous pathway from the street entrance and/or parking area to a dwelling entrance that is level.**

**Essential**

a. A safe and continuous pathway from:

1. the front boundary of the allotment; or
2. a car parking space, where provided, which may include the driveway on the allotment,

to an entrance that is level as specified in Dwelling entrance.

This provision does not apply here the average slope of the ground where the path would feature is steeper than 1:14.

b. The path of travel as referred to in (a) should have a minimum clear width of 1000mm. See figures 1 and 1a. And –

1. an even, firm, slip resistant surface;
2. a crossfall of not more than 1:40;
3. a maximum pathway slope of 1:14. (Landings are to be provided at intervals as detailed in AS1428.1 (2009) for gradients between 1:20 – 1:14);
4. a step ramp compliant with AS1428.1 (2009) may be incorporated, with a landing at its head, and foot where there is a change in height of 190mm or less. The landings must have a length of at least 1200mm exclusive of the swing of door or gate that opens onto them. See figure 3.

**Desirable**

As for Essential except replace (b) with a minimum clear pathway width of 1100mm. See figure 2.

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