

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	<p>a. A safe and continuous pathway from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the front boundary of the allotment; or ii. a car parking space, where provided, which may include the driveway on the allotment, <p>to a entrance that is level as specified in Dwelling entrance. This provision does not apply where the average slope of the ground where the path would feature is steeper than 1:14.</p> <p>b. The path of travel as referred to in (a) should have a minimum clear width of 1000mm. See figures 1 and 1a. And –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. an even, firm, slip resistant surface; ii. a crossfall of not more than 1:40; iii. 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); iv. 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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