



Newsletter

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Editor's Note

Welcome to the first instalment of the HMinfo Newsletter for 2025. In this newsletter, we briefly discuss the HMinfo resources and other activities relevant to home modifications for the period January-April 2025.

We are delighted to announce that the end of 2024 saw the return of Professor Catherine Bridge as Director of HMinfo, and the addition of two new staff members Dr Maximilienne Whitby and Dr Sima Alizadeh. Sadly for the team, long time staff member Dr Konstantina Vasilakopoulou has left HMinfo for an exciting new Fellowship at RMIT.

NEW HMinfo RESOURCES

Review of early HMinfo publications to ensure currency with Building Codes

Since the inception of the Home Modification Clearinghouse in 2002, well over one hundred publications has been produced but the process of ensuring currency is never ending and at the end of last year the team confirmed that forty-two previously published documents required review and updating to cite the most current National Building Code and the associated building standards. Each of the forty-two publications that need updating will have the existing website publication download page updated to identify which standards are outdated and the relevant new standards to consult. All publications with outdated standards will also have a warning note attached to the publication, so users are aware that the document requires changes. These changes will be effective within a month.

The update process will proceed in a structured and prioritised manner, beginning with those referencing the oldest building standards—some dating back a decade such as documents like "access solutions to ramping" which need now to reflect the AS 1428.1:2021 Design for access and mobility, Part 1: General requirements for access - New building work. Major revisions may be required in some publications, although some updates may be very simple because although standards have been updated the part being referenced may remain unchanged, so it may require only a reference change. However, the more complex revisions will require both technical review and a new edition to be created.

The process of updating both website and the published documents must be completed alongside many other tasks by staff that are all part time. In terms of process, all republications will utilise our existing style guide and templates, with a focus on revising outdated content, correcting references, and ensuring consistency with current legislation and practices and subject matter experts will be consulted to confirm technical accuracy when needed.

Updates will be undertaken at a rate of approximately 3-4 publications per month. This pace allows for careful revision, internal review, and quality assurance before finalisation. It is expected that the full update process will take around 10 to 11 months.

Other RESOURCES

Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) service catalogue 2025–27

Department of Health and Aged Care

This factsheet shows updates to the types of services provided as part of the CHSP for 2025-27

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Support at Home pricing guidance for in-home service providers

Department of Health and Aged Care

The Department of Health and Aged Care has released new Support at Home pricing guidance for in-home service providers. The pricing guidance which was developed in consultation with in-home aged care providers includes a [Pricing guidance fact sheet](#) and a [Summary of indicative prices](#).

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New capability framework for occupational therapists

Occupational Therapy Australia

There is a new capability framework for occupational therapists working with environmental modifications.

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Guidelines for occupational therapists supporting home modifications

NSW Government

The NSW government website has a page of resources and guidelines for occupational therapists supporting home modifications.

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A Systematic Review of Home Modifications for Aging in Place in Older Adults.

Su-Min Cha

This new systematic review of research pertaining to home modifications focussed on understanding the scope of current knowledge about comprehensive impact of home modifications on aging in place. It explored types and specific applications of home modifications for older adults, and the ways that those home modifications effect and impact aging in place and health.

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The Effects of Proactive Home Modifications for Aging in Place: Evidence from Hong Kong.

Bo Kyong Seo, Kin Yuen Tam, Yichen Dang & Karen Lee

This study explored the experiences of low-income older adults in Hong Kong who live at home. It sought to better understand the effectiveness of home modifications on their daily lives. Findings included the impact of home modifications on reducing older adults' fear of falling, improved life satisfaction, and confidence about independent living.

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The “fight” for adaptations: exploring the drivers and barriers to implementing home and environment modifications that support healthy ageing.

Vikki McCall, Kenneth Gibb, Yang Wang

A paper which discusses barriers receiving and delivering home modifications experienced by older people and front-line workers involved throughout the process.

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Age Self Care, a program to improve aging in place through group learning and incremental behavior change: Preliminary data.

Tracy Nguyen, Belinda Tang, Krista L. Harrison PhD, Susanne Stadler, Louise C. Walter, Kate Hoepke, Louise Aronson, Theresa A. Allison

Researchers explored how participants of Age Self Care (a group session-based program providing evidence-based information to older adults) helped to facilitate support aging in place.

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EVENTS

Support at Home Conference 2025

29-30 April 2025

The National Support at Home Conference 2025 will focus on the changes and challenges ahead with both Support at Home and the new Strengthened Standards. It will explore the themes of; Financials & Viability, Compliance & Quality, Workforce & Structure, Leadership & Governance, Systems & Software, and Participants & Communication.

[Link](#)

Commonwealth Home Support Programme 2025–27 extension and reforms update – Webinar

For anyone who missed the Commonwealth Home Support Programme 2025-27 extension and reforms update - Webinar, the video is available on the Department of Health and Aged Care website.

[Link](#)

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