



Newsletter

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Editor's Note

Welcome to the instalment of the HMinfo Newsletter for the period July-December 2025. The 1st November commencement of the new Aged Care Act, Support at Home and CHSP has meant changes for many within the sector, and a release of new documents. This quarterly update includes another round up of the latest relevant documents.

We also have some new resources on home modification for families and caregivers of children with ADHD, and another on modifying rental properties for you to check out, as well as some summer preparedness related resources, and some resources about Dementia.

NEW HMinfo RESOURCES

Evidence Based Practice Review: Home Modification for Families and Caregivers of Children with ADHD

Have you seen our new resources on Home Modification by Dr Sima Alizadeh?



There is one is for Families and Caregivers of Children with ADHD. It provides research-based guidance for parents, grandparents, and caregivers on how to create home environments that support the needs of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

[Download this resource from the HMinfo website](#)

Consumer Factsheet: Modifying Rental Properties: Legal and Practical Considerations for Tenants with Disabilities

Our other new publication is about the legal and practical considerations for tenants with disabilities when modifying rental properties



[Download this resource from the HMinfo website](#)

Social Media

Dr Maximilienne Whitby has been getting the ball rolling on the relaunch of our social media content to help us get information about home modifications and inclusive and accessible design out to a broader audience. Keep an eye out for us when you are scrolling.

Changes to key Regulations, Grants and Policy related to home modifications.

National Construction Codes (NCC)

Submissions to the next round of updates to the National Construction Codes (NCC) are now open, <https://treasury.gov.au/publication/p2025-722601https://consult.treasury.gov.au/c2025-722616>.

This is important because, as per Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

<https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/disability/people-with-disability-in-australia/contents/housing/housing-related-needs> and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

2018 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC). <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/disability-ageing-and-carers-australia>.

"Of people living in private dwellings:

- 1 in 8 (12% or 511,000) with disability, and 1 in 4 (26% or 314,000) with severe or profound disability, have had modifications to their home because of their condition or age
- 1 in 5 (20% or 359,000) aged 65 and over with disability, and 2 in 5 (41% or 210,000) aged 65 and over with severe or profound disability, have done so
- those with disability aged under 25 (5.0% or 32,000) or 25-64 (7.0% or 124,000) are less likely to have done so than those aged 65 and over (20% or 359,000)"

It would be great to have insights and submissions from within the home modification sector. Submissions close on the 6th February 2026.

Aged Care Act

With the commencement of the new Aged Care Act on 1st November 2025, there has been a changing landscape of documentation and timelines this year. In particular, Support at Home program (SaH) and Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) providers continue to navigate changes related to budget caps for home modifications and consumer contributions. There have also been two new Senate Inquiries announced related to the new Aged Care Act, Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) and Support at Home program (SaH). The links below provide a round up of the most recent versions for anyone who is still unsure as to the current state of play.

New Aged Care Act resources for aged care providers

<https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/aged-care-act/resources/providers>

About the Aged Care Act 2024 plain language fact sheet

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/about-the-aged-care-act-2024-plain-language-fact-sheet>

Video explaining about new Aged Care Act

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/videos/new-aged-care-act-starts-1-november>

Key dates - New Aged Care Roadmap

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/new-aged-care-act-roadmap?language=en>

Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)

Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) 2025-27 Manual (from 1 November 2025)

<https://www.health.gov.au/node/56679?language=en>

Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) key changes information

<https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/chsp/reforms?language=en>

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

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/commonwealth-home-support-program-chsp-changes-from-1-november-2025-information-for-providers?language=en>

This document shows the types of services provided as part of the CHSP for 2025-27.

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/chsp-service-catalogue-2025-27?language=en>

Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) 2025-27 extension resources

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/chsp-2025-27-extension-resources?language=en>

Support at Home

Support at Home manual

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/support-at-home-program-manual-a-guide-for-registered-providers?language=en>

New Support at Home pricing guidance

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/new-support-at-home-pricing-guidance?language=en>

Senate Inquiries

<https://greens.org.au/news/media-release/greens-chair-aged-care-inquiries-cost-care-and-future-system>

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Community_Affairs/SupportatHomeProgram

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Community_Affairs/CHSPTransition

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Community_Affairs/Agedcare_service

HMInfo Resources

With the Bureau of Meteorology forecasting both increased rainfall and increased temperatures over Spring and Summer for NSW and QLD, some of our resources may be pertinent to preparing for the weather ahead. Unfortunately, due to adverse weather events this year, our consumer factsheet related to flooding and storms remains relevant.

Fire Safety - Escape

<https://www.homemods.info/resources/hminfo-research-publications/consumer-factsheets/fire-safety-escape>

Home Fire Safety Egress

<https://www.homemods.info/resources/hminfo-research-publications/summary/home-fire-safety-egress-summary-bulletin>

Preparedness for extreme heat

<https://www.homemods.info/resources/hminfo-research-publications/industry/preparedness-for-extreme-heat>

Consumer Factsheet: Staying safe during a flood

<https://www.homemods.info/resources/hminfo-research-publications/consumer-factsheets/staying-safe-during-a-flood>

Other RESOURCES

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

Cha S. M. (2025). A Systematic Review of Home Modifications for Aging in Place in Older Adults. *Healthcare (Basel, Switzerland)*, 13(7), 752. <https://doi.org/10.3390/healthcare13070752>

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC11988477/>

Understanding home modification outcomes from the perspective of older people and people with a disability: informing home modification evaluation

Ainsworth, E., Aplin, T., de Jonge, D., & Bennett, S. (2022). Understanding home modification outcomes from the perspective of older people and people with a disability: informing home modification evaluation. *Disability and Rehabilitation*, 45(24), 4101-4110.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/09638288.2022.2146765>

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09638288.2022.2146765>

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

Seo, B. K., Tam, K. Y., Dang, Y., & Lee, K. (2025). The Effects of Proactive Home Modifications for Aging in Place: Evidence from Hong Kong. *Journal of Aging and Environment*, 1-18.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/26892618.2025.2478405>

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/26892618.2025.2478405>

Examining the effects of home modifications on perceptions of exertion and safety among people with mobility disabilities

Goddard, K. S., Hall, J. P., Greiman, L., Koon, L. M., & Gray, R. C. (2024). Examining the effects of home modifications on perceptions of exertion and safety among people with mobility disabilities. *Disability and Health Journal*, 101590. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dhjo.2024.101590>

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1936657424000128?pes=vor&utm_source=tfo&getft_integrator=tfo

Living the everyday of dementia friendliness: Navigating care in public spaces

Brittain, K., & Degnen, C. Living the everyday of dementia friendliness: Navigating care in public spaces. *Sociology of Health & Illness*. 2022;44:416-431. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-9566.13442>

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/1467-9566.13442>

Green spaces, dementia and a meaningful life in the community: A mixed studies review

Mmako NJ, Courtney-Pratt H, Marsh P. Green spaces, dementia and a meaningful life in the community: A mixed studies review. *Health Place*. 2020 May;63:102344. doi: 10.1016/j.healthplace.2020.102344. Epub 2020 Apr 28. PMID: 32543430.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32543430/>

EVENTS

Positive Ageing Summit 2026

May 20, 2026 - May 21, 2026 in Adelaide. This event will have key note speakers, panel discussions, case studies and workshops focusing on how reablement, mental health, nutrition, and innovative ideas for better practice and business growth will shape the future of aged care.

[Event Link](#)

National 2026 AIBS Symposium on NCC 2025

Virtually on Thursday 19 March 2026, Tuesday 24 March 2026 and Thursday 26 March 2026. This series of virtual events seeks to support professionals involved in the built environment to interpret and apply the new National Construction Codes prior to 1 May 2026.

[Event Link](#)

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