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HOUSING MODIFICATION SPECIFICATION FORM
LEVEL ACCESS SHOWER

Person's Name: _____

Assessor's Name: _____

Application No.: _____

Email to emshousing**@accessable.co.nz**

1. The existing floor is constructed of:

☐ Concrete ☐ Timber

☐ The bathroom will need to be combined with toilet

Other, please specify: _____

The following existing items will need to be removed during construction, eg towel rail, shaving point, heater, extractor fan etc.
Please specify those compliant items that need to be re-fitted (the person understands electrical items will be unable to be refitted if they do not meet code):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Existing hot water pressure is: _____ **kpa**

☐ An alternative mixer is required to manage a lower water pressure, please specify;

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☐ Where remedial issues have been identified, eg water pressure or plumbing, rotten walls or floors, please complete and include a Notification of Remedial Works Form.

☐ Disposal of items which will need to be removed during construction has been discussed with the home owner and agreement has been reached about the items they wish to retain**.**

2. ☐ The new level access shower floor size will be 1200mm x 1200mm.

☐ An alternative larger shower floor size or shape is required because the person needs to lie down, or use a tilt in space shower chair, or is likely to need these to be showered in the future, please specify *(Please explain reasons in the application).*

_____ mm x _____ mm

☐ A shower bed fixed to the wall is required, please specify supplier details and include a quote:

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☐ The position of the hand held shower and handrail supplied in the scope of works has been discussed and agreed with the Contractor.

Note: Please consider the implications for meeting building code in terms of what items the hand held shower rose can reach and water spray issues. Any change to length must be considered very carefully in relation to surrounding features in the bathroom. Where a longer length is required, please specify *(Please complete an **application in princ**iple without a quote).*

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☐ An additional handrail (s) is required with this modification, please specify *(Please explain reasons in the application)*:

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☐ The person will be able to mobilise safely within the modified bathroom to access the vanity and/ or toilet.

☐ The person's showering equipment will be compatible with the level access shower size now and in the future.

☐ Where the size of the level access shower is; smaller than 1100mm x 1100mm OR; there is insufficient space in the bathroom to accommodate the required modifications OR there is a reluctance to consider removing a bath or combining with toilet or other room. *(Please complete an **application in principle** without a quote.)*

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Notes about Level Access Showers:

1. The minimum size of a level access shower floor can be 1100mm x 1100mm. Where the floor size is 1100mm on one side it is recommended to elongate the other side where possible eg 1100 x 1400mm.
2. A new 1500mm long hand held shower, slide rail and lowered mixer will be included. The shower curtain will be positioned a minimum of 100mm within the shower floor area and be 2m long to be sufficient length to contact the floor.
3. The mixer and slide rail supplied with the modification is positioned above the horizontal handrail at approx. 1000mm above the floor.
4. One handrail is supplied with the shower modification and is generally positioned horizontally under the slide rail & mixer or as specified by the Assessor.
5. Consider the whole room as a wet area system and the potential risk of water damage:
   - installing a sloped sill on window frames and shower curtain across the window
   - where the level access shower area is within 600mm of the door frame, vanity cabinet, toilet cistern and the installation of a short toughened safety glass nib wall
   - an opposing wall to the shower head being clad in wet wall lining where the edge of the wall is within 1500mm of the opposite shower wall
   - coved vinyl to the entire bathroom floor to manage water flow, and consider management of uneven floors.
6. The EMS Assessor must liaise with the contractor to confirm that the existing plumbing and hot water system has sufficient water pressure/flow, ie 35kpa at the hot water tap. The Contractor can discuss if any suitable alternative mixer options are available which are compatible with the water pressure. If the plumbing system is not compatible with the proposed hand held shower/plumbing modifications, the Contractor, with the support of the EMS Assessor, is to ensure that the property owner is aware of this and that the cost of any remedial work will be the property owner's responsibility.
7. The provision of heating and ventilation is a standard home owner responsibility. The Contractor, with the support of the Assessor, is to ensure that the property owner is aware that where a heated towel rail, shaver point, extractor, heater or other electrical item needs to be removed to allow the modification to proceed, the cost to upgrade the item to comply with the building code is the home owners cost and responsibility. They can talk with the Contractor about installing new compliant items at their cost.
8. The Contractor, with the support of the EMS Assessor, needs to explain the extent of minimal make good / matching with the non-modified areas of the bathroom. Any painting remedial works outside the funded modification area which are required to ensure the bathroom is able to gain a Code Compliance is the home owner's cost and responsibility and must be completed by the Contractor at the construction phase.

Additional Notes:

EMS Assessor Signature _____ **Date** / /

Contractor Signature _____ **Date** / /