

# Home Adaptations for Seniors' Independence Program (HASI) On-Reserve



## What is the Home Adaptations for Seniors' Independence Program (HASI) On-Reserve?

HASI On-Reserve helps First Nations and First Nation members pay for minor home adaptations to on-reserve properties to extend the time seniors can live in their own homes independently.

## Who is eligible?

First Nations and First Nation members living on-reserve may qualify for assistance as long as the occupant of the dwelling where the adaptations will be made meets the following eligibility criteria:

- is 65 and over;
- has difficulty with daily living activities brought on by ageing;
- total household income is at or below a specified limit;
- dwelling unit is a permanent residence.

## What assistance is available?

Assistance is a forgivable loan of up to \$10,000\*. The loan does not have to be repaid as long as the occupant agrees to continue to occupy the unit for six months following the completion of the adaptation work.

*\*For northern or remote areas the maximum total amount may be increased by an additional 25 percent.*

## What adaptations can be done?

The adaptations should be minor items that meet the needs of seniors with an age-related disability. They could be:

- handrails;
- easy-to-reach work and storage areas in the kitchen;
- lever handles on doors;
- walk-in showers with grab bars;
- bathtub grab bars and seats.

All adaptations should be permanent and fixed to the dwelling.

**IMPORTANT:** Any work carried out before application is approved in writing is not eligible.

## Where can I get more information?

Contact your CMHC Consultant or local CMHC office. You can also contact CMHC at 1-800-668-2642.

Other CMHC programs are available on-reserve to assist with repairs to substandard housing, accessibility modifications and adaptations for persons with disabilities and seniors.

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