

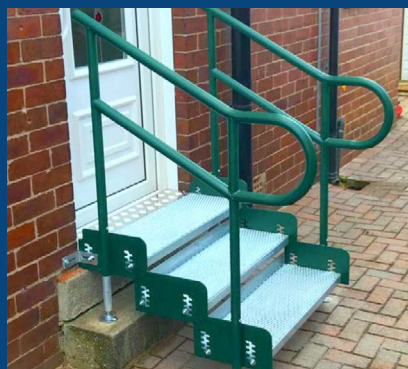
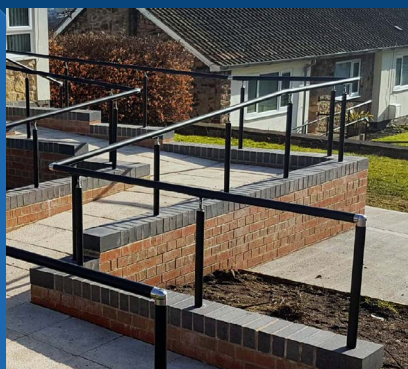
Accessible Housing Register

Gloucestershire

The County Council and the Integrated Care System in our County has asked all the larger affordable housing organisations to survey their homes to determine how accessible they are. This includes information about the number of steps to access a dwelling, the type of adaptations that might already be present and whether it is suitable for a wheelchair user.

The information is used to assign a category to the home, from A, for the most accessible, to G for those not yet assessed. The name register is a little misleading as the categories are not held centrally on a list but will be held by the landlord and then the relevant category will be advertised on Home seekers plus when they become vacant.

The categories are determined using the system set out in the London Accessible Housing Register and enable you to make an informed choice about how well an advertised dwelling will meet your individual needs. There are a number of benefits, from improving your wellbeing, to reducing the amount of care you need and making the best use of the limited accessible housing that is available.



Categories:

A Fully wheelchair accessible - The home will be designed to meet wheelchair housing standards that were current in 2010 including level, wide access and circulation space internally in the living areas. May also include homes built to later wheelchair housing standard guidelines.

B Partially wheelchair accessible - A wheelchair user will be able to access the main facilities but not all the bedrooms/whole property. This can be a property that has been previously extended to provide ground floor facilities with ramped access.

C Lifetime homes - Level access at the front door, wider corridors, stairs that can accommodate a stairlift and are more spacious and adaptable. This category would suit those with a larger mobility aid and possibly part time wheelchair users who can get on and off a stairlift to access another level of the home.

D Easy Access - Level access at the entrance door with many similar features as Category C internally.

E Step free - No steps at the entrance door however there are no other requirements for internal spaces to be larger than usual. This category would suit those who may struggle with negotiating steps who walk with a stick or a small walking frame.

E* Minimal Steps - There will be no more than 4 steps to enter the property but no other requirements for any internal spaces to be any larger than usual. This category may be suitable for those with limited mobility who can manage a few steps and may mobilise with a stick, for example.

F General needs Housing - These properties do not meet any above accessibility standards so may have more than 4 steps to enter, a steep ramp or slope, a change in floor level on one storey or poor internal access or space. Suitable for those who can manage a flight of stairs.

G Not yet assessed - The accessibility category is not available because the property has not been assessed.

A fuller description of the above categories and the requirements for each, can be found at:
[The London Accessible Housing Register | London City Hall](#)

It is recognised that accessible homes are in limited supply. For example, if you are a wheelchair user, it is advisable to bid on and view lower standard categories than the one you require, even where it may need adaptations. Please seek advice from the housing provider about its adaptability. Your local community Occupational Therapist can also support if required.

The accuracy of the category is dependent on the accuracy of the information gathered by the landlord for each dwelling. Neither the County Council or the Integrated Care System can be held responsible or liable for information supplied in good faith that is incorrect. If the relevant landlord has not yet agreed to participate or not yet assessed the home it will be advertised as Category G.

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