

SOCIAL SECURITY MEANS TEST

INCOME:

Do include

Sickness Benefit
Invalidity Benefit
Long Term Incapacity Allowance
Old Age Pensions

Do not include

Income Support and
Protected payments
under Income Support
Invalid Care Allowance

CAPITAL:

Do include

Balances in all accounts
Shares, trusts and bonds

Do not include

Housing assets, unless there is
more than one property owned.
Housing costs
Mortgage tax relief

You will need to contribute to the cost of your adaptation if your total income is £35,000 or more and/or you have savings/investments of £21,000 or more (see table overleaf).

Examples:

A bathroom adaptation is required and £5000 in total has been quoted for the work.

1. The applicant receives benefits totalling £15,000 per year and has £12,000 savings. The full £5,000 will be paid by the panel.
2. The applicant has an annual income of £25,000 and £22,000 savings. The applicant would be required to pay 20% of the cost of the adaptation, in this example £1,000.
3. The applicant has an annual income of £35,000; the applicant would be required to pay the full amount, irrespective of savings.

Savings and/or investments	% to pay
Under £21,000.00	0
£21,000.00	10
£22,000.00	20
£23,000.00	30
£24,000.00	40
£25,000.00	50
£26,000.00	60
£27,000.00	70
£28,000.00	80
£29,000.00	90
£30,000.00 or more	100