

Additions and Alterations

Unity Housing Company Ltd (Unity) recognises that tenants may want to improve their homes.

Common improvements include:

- Installing air conditioners/ceiling fans;
- Installing additional power points and lights;
- Erecting carports, verandas, garages, sheds and pergolas;
- Installing under sink water purifiers;
- Paving;
- Removing/installing floor coverings.

If you want to improve your home:

- Fill in an application form detailing the type of work you want to undertake. Forms can be obtained from any Unity office or by contacting 1800 551 814.
- Send the completed form to your Unity office.
- A Unity representative may inspect your home to assess your request.
- If required, you may need to get building approval from your Local Council.
- Unity will send you a letter advising the outcome of your application.

You must not start any work before receiving approval from Unity.

Before you start any work, Unity must ensure:

- the changes you want to make to your home are safe;
- you do not get exposed to materials which only qualified tradespeople are allowed to work on (such as asbestos); and
- you do not build over underground pipes or cables.

After you have completed the work

- A Unity representative may inspect the work to ensure everything has been done properly.
- You may have to pay Unity to fix works which are not approved or not done properly.

If you have a disability

- Unity may carry out alterations or additions to a home to assist you to live independently.
- A Unity representative will assess your request and if you are eligible, Unity may do this work at no cost to you.
- In some cases a Unity representative may need to inspect your home with an Occupational Therapist.
- If you are not eligible for Unity to modify your home, you may request permission to make your own alterations.