

## The Disabled Facilities Grants Means Test

1. Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) are means tested grants for disabled people to help towards the costs of making their home accessible.
  - 1.1 The Disabled Facilities Grant means-test is the financial resources (income and savings) of the disabled person (the applicant) and the spouse or partner (if applicable) that are taken into consideration to establish if a contribution to the adaptation works would be required. Financial Resources is the net weekly income (after tax and National Insurance have been deducted), together with benefits and savings over £6,000.
  - 1.2 To enable the Council to carry out a means test, the applicant and the spouse or partner (if applicable) would be required to provide proof of their finances.
  - 1.3 If the applicant is a child or a young person under the age of 19 who is in full time education and not in receipt of a means tested benefit, or if he/she is in receipt of one or more of the following benefits, he / she would qualify automatically for a mandatory grant without the requirement for a means test:
    - Income Support
    - Universal Credit
    - Income-based Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) – (not contribution based ESA)
    - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) – (not contribution-based JSA)
    - Guarantee Pension Credit – (not Savings Pension Credit alone)
    - Working Tax Credit and/or Child Tax Credit – (where your annual income for the purposes of
  - 1.4 An applicant is assessed as being able to contribute towards the cost of the work, then the Council would expect the applicant to pay the contribution and then the Council would top up to cover the cost of works up to £36,000. Therefore, for example, if the cost of work is £15,000 and an applicant is assessed as being able to contribute £2,500 towards the cost of work, the applicant would pay the initial £2,500 and the Council would pay the outstanding £12,500.
  - 1.5 If, however, the applicant is assessed as being able to contribute the full £15,000 or the contribution is higher than the cost of the work then the applicant would not receive any grant.