



Changing Places

The Commonwealth Accessible Australia Initiative

The Commonwealth Accessible Australia initiative (Accessible Australia) provides funding to make it easier for people with disability to access and use public spaces. This includes buildings, playgrounds, beaches and parks.

As part of this, it supports the installation of Changing Places toilet facilities.

What are Changing Places?

Changing Places are toilet facilities designed for people with high support needs who can't use standard accessible toilets.

Changing Places facilities come in two types: **fixed** and **portable**. Both provide the same essential features for people with disability and their carers. This includes a height-adjustable adult change table, a hoist, and enough space for a wheelchair and two carers.

- **Fixed Changing Places** are permanent facilities. They can be built as standalone buildings or included within larger public spaces.
- **Portable Changing Places** are mobile versions, such as Placeable Pods or Marveloos. Portable Changing Places amenities are intended for temporary locations, such as events. They are not intended to be placed in a fixed location.

To be eligible for Accessible Australia funding, Changing Places facilities must be open to the public.

What funding is available for Changing Places?

The Australian Government provides funding to help cover building costs **up to**:

- 50 per cent of the cost for **fixed** Changing Places facilities, including immediate connecting paths or ramps exclusively for the Changing Places facility where there is no existing access point. The maximum amount of Commonwealth funding available per fixed Changing Places facility is \$125,000.
- 100 per cent of the cost for **portable** Changing Places facilities. The maximum amount of Commonwealth funding available per portable Changing Places facility is \$200,000.

Funding is available across 4 annual rounds, from 2024-25 to 2027-28.

What costs are not covered?

Accessible Australia funding helps with the building costs only. Funding recipients must pay for all ongoing maintenance and running costs.

For example, funding does **not** include:

- costs for a Changing Places assessor or accreditation
- demolition costs

- costs that are not directly related to building the Changing Places facility, like fencing, decorations or parts of a bigger project.

The above list is not exhaustive. Accessible Australia reserves the right not to fund items it considers ineligible. Funding recipients must cover any outstanding ineligible costs for an amenity.

When must building be completed?

Funding recipients must start building or buying the Changing Places facility within 12 months of receiving funding. Proof of this will need to be provided.

The facility must be finished within 18 months of starting.

All Changing Places facilities must be accredited by a Changing Places assessor and comply with the [Changing Places Design Specifications 2020](#).

Fixed Changing Places must also be listed on the [National Public Toilet Map](#). Portable facilities don't need to be listed as they move around depending on where they are needed.

A Changing Places facility is considered complete when it is accredited and open for public use.

How do I apply?

To apply for Accessible Australia funding for Changing Places, contact your relevant state or territory government. Contact information can be found on the Accessible Australia webpage [here](#). They will explain the available funding options and guide you through the application process.

You will need to include a detailed quote with your application.

State and territory governments will review:

- the proposed location for the build or installation and how it will benefit the community
- how many people use or visit the area
- how close it is to other accessible facilities.