

Livable Housing Australia FAQ's

WHAT IS LIVABLE HOUSING AUSTRALIA?

A 'Livable' home is designed and built to meet your changing needs. A LHA 'Livable' home is designed and built with minimal spatial standards and features, so it can suit a changing lifestyle and changing needs.

A livable home is designed to be:



Easy to enter



Minimum spatial standards
Room to move



Accommodating your
changing lifestyle and
changing needs



Mark of quality

WHO IS LIVABLE HOUSING AUSTRALIA (LHA)?

LHA is an organisation which champions the mainstream adoption of livable housing design standards in new homes, making them more comfortable, safer and easier to access for everybody, every day, at all stages of life.

THE BENEFITS:

A 'Livable' home is a mark of quality. The LHA Design standards makes easy everyday living. Easier to:

- Invite friends and family to visit – with step-free entry and access from street.
- Welcome guest or getting the shopping in the front doors, with a generous entry
- Manoeuvre a pram, sporting equipment or furniture with wider corridors
- Bathe the kids or relax in a more generous bathroom
- Stay at home due to a temporary injury, disability or life stage.

WHY IS STOCKLAND DELIVERING LHA HOMES?

LHA aligns with our purpose of a better way to live, by ensuring homes are built for everybody, providing for comfort, safety and ease. Stockland's overall commitments to deliver 20% of town homes to LHA Silver standard and 100% Silver standard for Retirement Living.

Waterlea: A 6 Star Green Star-rated community located in Rowville VIC is delivering 40 homes certified to Silver LHA standard.

stockland.com.au/waterlea

Aura: The display village in QLD features several Silver LHA standard homes to tour and see firsthand the differences in design.

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WHAT ARE THE CORE DESIGN ELEMENTS FOR SILVER LHA?

The seven core Silver LHA design feature elements are:

1. A safe, continuous and step-free path of travel from the street entrance and/or parking area to a dwelling entrance that is level.
2. At least one, level (step-free) entrance into the dwelling.
3. Wide internal doors and corridors that facilitate comfortable and unimpeded movement between spaces.
4. A toilet on the ground (or entry) level that provides easy access.
5. A bathroom that contains a hobless (step-free) shower recess.
6. Reinforced walls around the toilet, shower and bath to support the safe installation of grabrails at a later date.
7. A continuous handrail on one side of any stairway where there is a rise of more than one metre.

WHAT ARE THE LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION?

There are 3 levels of certification – Platinum, Gold and Silver.



Platinum: All 16 design elements

Gold: More than 13 design elements

Silver: 7 core design elements

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Check if your current home design is livable by visiting:
portal.livablehousingaustralia.org.au/SelfAssessment/Start
- How can I incorporate Livable Housing Design into my new or existing home?
Download your FREE guide here:
livablehousingaustralia.org.au/library

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