

Criteria for the Urgent Gold and Gold Priority Awards

The Home Accessibility Referral Team (HART) is responsible for assessing EdIndex applicants who may be eligible for gold priority, as their current home does not meet and cannot be adapted to meet their mobility needs.

Applications are screened by the Edindex Team to establish if the applicant or anyone in their household may qualify for gold priority based on their responses to the questions on the EdIndex form. If the application indicates that someone may potentially be eligible for gold priority, the assessment is sent to HART for further action. HART officers will assess against the following criteria:

Urgent Gold Priority

The applicant or someone in their household must:

- Be in hospital and assessed by their Consultant as medically fit for discharge
- Be unable to return to the house from which they were admitted to hospital as it no longer meets their mobility needs
- Be assessed as not being likely to make a recovery with regard to mobility

Urgent gold priority is normally only awarded in exceptional circumstances to prevent a long-term hospital or care home admission, providing there is supporting evidence from a Specialist Consultant or Occupational Therapist.

Gold Priority

The applicant or someone in their household must:

- Have assessed mobility issues that mean they need ground floor or accessible accommodation
- Be able to provide proof of their requirement for ground floor accommodation from a Specialist Consultant or an Occupational Therapist (please note that a letter from a GP will not be accepted)
- Have professionally assessed evidence that the mobility issue is enduring and life-long (it must be ongoing with no chance of improvement)
- Have professionally assessed evidence that their current home cannot be adapted to meet their needs

Gold priority will not be awarded if the mobility issue is short term (for example prior to or following a surgery (such as a knee or hip replacement), where recovery is expected after a suitable period of time).

Only Edindex applicants currently living in Edinburgh are eligible to be assessed for gold priority.

For further information on gold priority, contact HART on 0131 529 7661 or email HART@edinburgh.gov.uk.

