

Background of the EASE programme

The EASE programme was launched in July 2012 to enhance the safety and comfort of seniors living in HDB flats. Under the EASE programme, homeowners can choose from a range of senior-friendly fittings to help their elderly family members move around in their flats safely and more easily.

Over the years, the EASE programme has been continually reviewed and enhanced to benefit more residents. In December 2018, HDB expanded the EASE programme to include portable and customised ramps for residents living in older flats with multi-step entrances, so seniors living in such flats can move in and out of their homes more easily and safely. In April 2024, HDB introduced a wider range of senior-friendly items under the EASE 2.0 programme, to enhance the safety and well-being for seniors to age in place, such as rocker switches, Home Fire Alarm Devices, bidet sprays, wall-mounted foldable shower seats and foldable U-profile grab bars, lowering of toilet entrance kerbs and widening of toilet entrances.

The Government will pay up to 95% of the cost of the EASE improvement items for Singapore Citizen households, depending on the flat type. Flat owners can choose any combination of the improvements that best meets their needs and pay only for what they have selected.

The table below shows the cost breakdown payable by flat owners (figures in the table below are inclusive of GST).

S/N	EASE Improvement Items	Flat Owner's Share of Cost by Flat-Type (\$)			
		1/2/3-room (5%)	4-room (7.5%)	5-room (10%)	Executive (12.5%)
1	<u>Grab Bars</u>				
	First toilet (1 st set – 8 or 10 grab bars)	26.15	39.20	52.30	65.40
	Second toilet (2 nd set – 6 grab bars)	15.25	22.85	30.50	38.15
2	Slip-resistant treatment (2 toilets)	23.95	35.95	47.95	59.95
3	Lowering of toilet/ bathroom entrance kerb (i)	47.95	71.90	95.90	119.90
	Widening of toilet/ bathroom entrance (ii)	65.40	98.10	130.80	163.50
	Widening and lowering of toilet/ bathroom entrance (i + ii)	77.35	116.05	154.75	193.45
4	Wall-mounted foldable shower seat	15.25	22.85	30.50	38.15
5	Handrail at main entrance with step(s)	31.60	47.40	63.20	79.00
6	<u>Ramps</u>				
	a. 1 single-step ramp	14.15	21.25	28.30	35.40
	b. 1 portable ramp	38.15	57.20	76.30	95.35
	c. 1 customised ramp for 2 to 3 steps	87.20	130.80	174.40	218.00
	d. 1 customised ramp for more than 3 steps	218.00	327.00	436.00	545.00
	e. 1 wheelchair lifter	299.75	449.60	599.50	749.35
7	Bidet spray (2 sets)	6.50	9.80	13.05	16.35
8	Rocker switch (set of 12)	13.60	20.40	27.25	34.05
9	Home Fire Alarm Device (HFAD)	6.00	9.00	12.00	15.00

For the convenience of our residents, the EASE programme is offered in conjunction with the HIP. This allows works for both programmes to be carried out at the same time. Elderly and vulnerable residents who need fittings under the EASE programme earlier, or whose blocks do not qualify for HIP, can apply directly to HDB for the EASE (Direct Application) programme through the e-Service on [HDB InfoWEB](#).