



**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL**  
**BUILDING STANDARDS**

**Professional Policy Note**  
**Ramp Landings to Dwellings**

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## **Purpose**

The Highland Council Building Standards Professional Policy Notes are produced to inform and create uniformity and consistency of interpretation throughout the Highland Council area, thus promoting good practice and customer care for the benefit of our Stakeholders. Please note that this guidance note is based upon information available at the time of issue, and may be subject to change.

## **General**

The entrance of a new building should be accessible to everyone irrespective of their age, ability or gender and offer a safe and convenient passage regardless of whether they arrive on foot or in a wheelchair.

An inclusive approach to design should be taken to ensure that buildings are as accessible to as wide a range of people as possible. Solutions should be integral to a design rather than an afterthought added in order to meet duties under Building Standards or any other legislation.

As steeper gradients are more difficult to negotiate, level or gently sloping routes should be used wherever possible, however where this is not possible, ramps should be designed and constructed so that any person who is likely to use them can do so comfortably and safely, with the minimum amount of difficulty.

## **Policy**

- A ramp landing should be provided at the top and bottom of every ramp flight with an unobstructed length of not less than 1.5 m. (see Clause 4.3.13).
- Where the accessible entrance to a single dwelling is by way of a ramp, an unobstructed landing of at least 1.5m long x 1.2m wide should be provided at the top of the ramp.
- Where the accessible entrance to a single dwelling is by way of a level or gently sloping route i.e. an accessible route with a slope less than 1:20, an unobstructed entrance platt of at least 1.2 m x 1.2 m should be provided. (see Clause 4.1.7).