

# Home modification specification documents survey snapshot

To gather feedback on DVA's complex home modification specification documents, we invited Occupational Therapy (OT) providers to complete a survey.



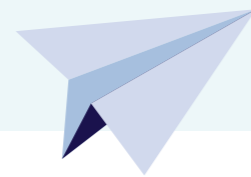
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The survey was sent to **208 OT providers**

and to Occupational Therapy Australia

through their National Environmental Home Modifications Special Interest Group.

A total of **43 (20.6%)** responses were received.



## Usefulness of the home modification specification documents

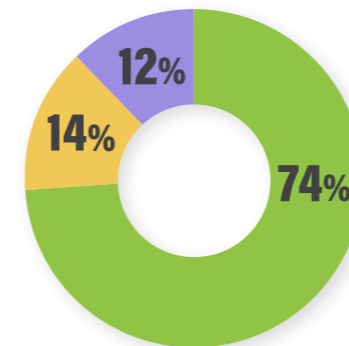
Of the 43 survey participants, **74% found the documents to be useful.**

**Comment from survey participant:**

"Gives clear guidelines on what needs to be looked at/considered"

Did you find the specification document/s useful?

74% Yes  
14% No  
12% No response

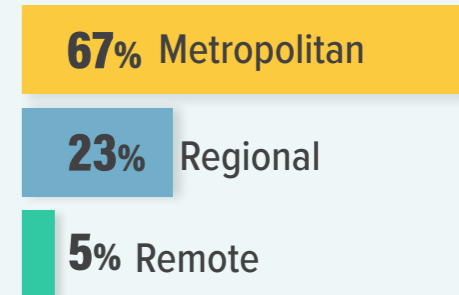


## Demographics

**14%** of survey participants indicated **less than 5 years** of experience prescribing complex home modifications.

Are you practising in a regional, remote or metropolitan city area?

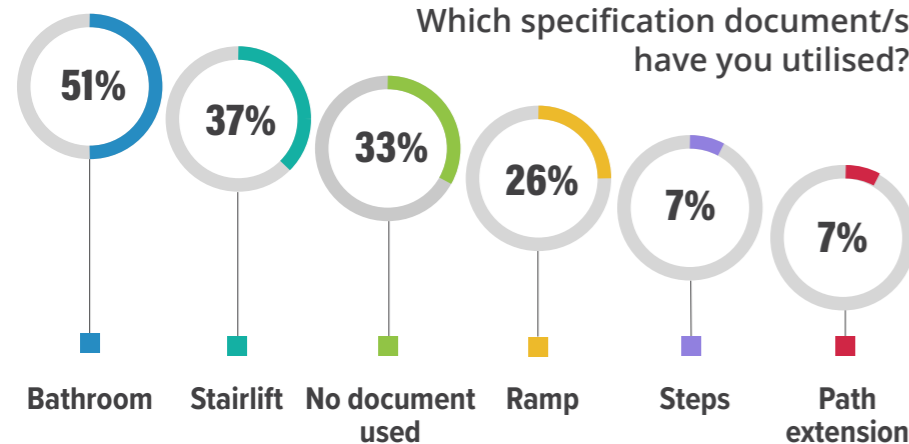
67% Metropolitan  
23% Regional  
5% Remote



## Here's what we found out

Bathroom, stairlift and ramp documents were the most commonly used. This is reflected in applications received by RAP.

Which specification document/s have you utilised?

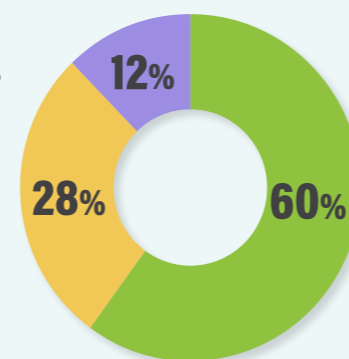


## Knowledge Gained

Of the 43 survey participants, **60% indicated their knowledge improved regarding DVA RAP requirements.**

Did the specification document/s help you to gain more knowledge about the requirements for your complex home modification RAP application?

60% Yes  
28% No  
12% No response



## Next Steps

- DVA OT Advisers will continue to offer support to OT providers in relation to prescribing home modifications
- Formal survey results will be given to Occupational Therapy Australia's National Environmental Home Modifications Special Interest Group

We encourage you to keep the feedback coming by emailing: [RAP.Program.Management@dva.gov.au](mailto:RAP.Program.Management@dva.gov.au).

To find out more about the RAP program visit [The Rehabilitation Appliances Program \(RAP\) | Department of Veterans' Affairs \(dva.gov.au\)](https://www.dva.gov.au/the-rehabilitation-appliances-program-rap)

[Resources for accessing health providers](#)

## Feedback comments about the home modification specification documents



"The documents are a good resource for justification and clinical reasoning. They have been particularly useful for new grads and OT's new to complex home mods"

**"I like the prompts and suggestions which will make it easy. I plan to refer to these the next time I am doing one of these modifications"**

"The specifications documents were a handy reference to use to ensure I had covered all aspects of the modification"

**"Very helpful. We will incorporate into day to day usage"**

"Will likely prevent further home visits as the necessary information could be obtained at a single visit"

**"Simple and practical"**