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| **Assessor / Prescriber** | **Prescriber Level** | **Delegate approval required** |
| Occupational Therapist | Occupational Therapist | Yes |

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| **Definition:** Major modification to the kitchen to compensate for a permanent functional loss. Usually involves alterations to height of benches and sink to allow access from a wheelchair. |

**Modifications Completed** **(as clinically required):**

• Alter existing bench height

• Alter cupboards to allow clearance underneath bench

• Install pull-out bench

• Re-site sink

• Install one row of tiles above the sink

• Re-site plumbing as required for sink are taps

• Installation of suitable tap-ware if existing taps are not clinically suitable

• Re-site cook-top and oven and required electricity or gas outlets

• Install accessible storage shelf for regular use items only

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| **Features not provided:**  • Whitegoods or appliances including oven, cook-top, microwave, refrigerator  • Kitchen sink  • Decorative tiles or painting  • Repairs or upgrades to any existing structures or systems e.g. electrical wiring, floorboards, hot water system |

Clinical indicators for provision of Major Kitchen Modifications:

Only provided with authorisation from the specified delegate(s) and when it can be demonstrated that the following task impacts on any of the *Key Approval Criteria for Home Modifications:*

* Tasks of daily living:The client, with or without carer assistance is unable to complete food preparation without a kitchen modification.

***AND*** when**:**

* All General home modification and Major home modification criteria are met ***AND***
* Food preparation is the client’s role and kitchen modifications are the most cost effective solution for providing independence in this role.

Home modifications will adhere to Australian Standard 1428.1 as far as reasonably possible. If space restrictions or unique and specific needs of the client do not allow for adherence with AS 1428.1, this must be thoroughly documented by the prescribing clinician.