

Eligible strategies

# Flood-resilient floors



## Who is this advice for?

If your home was inundated during the January/February 2025 North and Far North Queensland flood event, you may be eligible for a Stronger Homes Grant.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to make your home more resilient to future flood events. You can choose more than one strategy, as long as your application does not exceed the grant amount.

Eligible strategies include:

- Raising utilities and services above the 2025 flood event level
- Replacing non-resilient flooring with flood-resilient flooring
- Replacing non-resilient wall lining with flood-resilient wall lining

This fact sheet includes information about:  
**Replacing non-resilient flooring with flood-resilient flooring.**

## Learn More

To learn more about the Stronger Homes Grant, check your eligibility or start your application, visit [www.qld.gov.au/strongerhomesgrant](http://www.qld.gov.au/strongerhomesgrant)

For more detailed technical guidance on flood-resilient strategies, visit [qra.qld.gov.au/resilient-homes](http://qra.qld.gov.au/resilient-homes)

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## What you need to know about flood-resilient floors

Replacing non-resilient flooring with flood-resilient flooring will make flooded areas easier to clean and dry out when the flood water subsides.

When replacing flooring, non-resilient substrates (subsurface materials) should be replaced with flood resilient substrates. This minimises warping, rot and damage to the flooring.

For tiled floors, a flood-resilient, or 'epoxy' grout, is applied. It's less porous than regular grout and ensures the materials beneath the tiles are protected from water damage.

### What flooring coverings are flood resilient?

- Polished or painted solid timber floorboards
- Polished and sealed concrete
- Tiling using a water-resistant adhesive and epoxy grout

### What floor coverings are not resilient?

- Carpet
- Floating timber floors
- Cork
- Vinyl on a non-resilient substrate

## Quoting resilience works

When applying for the Stronger Homes Grant, you will need a detailed, itemised quote from a suitably licensed contractor.

Each line item in the quote needs to include:

- a description of the task
- the material being used including product name
- the quantity (in unit number or by square metre) of the material
- the cost associated with that line item.



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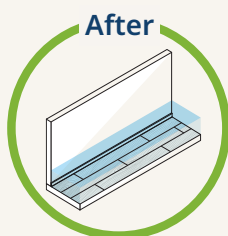
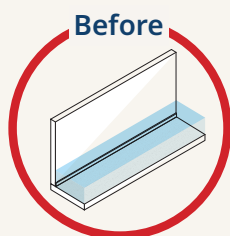
## Evidence and documentation

On completion of works you as the homeowner will need to submit:

- Before and after photos of each eligible resilience strategy.
- Forms/certificates from your contractor, as appropriate:
  - Form 4 for sanitary plumbing works
  - Electrical Safety Certificate for any electrical works
  - Form 30 aspect certificate for other work

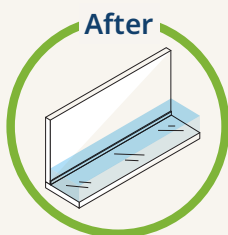
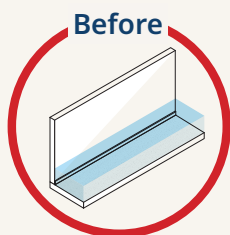
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**Important:** Please note that only the strategies listed below are eligible for flood-resilient floorings. For information about flood-resilient walls and raising services, view our other fact sheets.



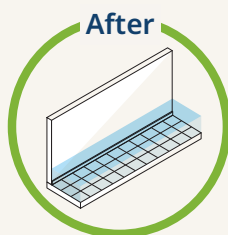
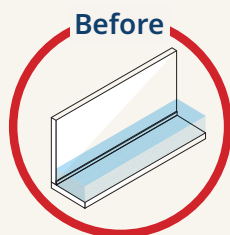
### Hardwood timber

Polished hardwood timber floors can withstand flooding without significant warping. The timber must be part of a suspended floor, not fixed directly to a concrete slab. Hardwood timber boards should be polished and sealed.



### Polished

Polished concrete floors are durable and low maintenance. Polishing concrete involves sanding/grinding the surface down then applying a sealer to protect the surface and make it easy to clean. An epoxy sealer can also be used.



### Tiles

Tiles are durable, water resistant and require little maintenance. Tiles should use a flood-resilient or 'epoxy' or 'semi-epoxy' grout to ensure the material beneath the tiles is protected from water damage and mould.

## More information

**For support or more information about the Stronger Homes Grant:**

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Email: [strongerhomesgrant@housing.qld.gov.au](mailto:strongerhomesgrant@housing.qld.gov.au)

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Technical guidance: [www.qra.qld.gov.au/resilient-homes](http://www.qra.qld.gov.au/resilient-homes)

