

Eligible strategies

# Flood-resilient wall linings



## 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 wall lining with flood-resilient wall lining

## 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 wall linings

Flood-resilient wall linings allow for easier cleaning and helps prevent mould following a flood. Non-resilient wall linings, such as plasterboard, MDF or masonite, are prone to swelling and damage if impacted by flood water.

Flood-resilient wall linings, such as fibre cement, are far more durable as they are often used in external situations.

A mould-resistant paint should also be applied to stud work to prevent future mould growth.

### Maintaining flood-resilient walls

You must be able to clean out a wall cavity after a flood to help prevent mould and future damage. This can be achieved by screw fixings or single skin construction where the wall lining is only applied to one side of the studs.

To clean out a wall cavity, remove the sheeting and skirting, then wash or hose out the area as quickly as possible. Allow the studs to dry before reinstalling the wall lining.

## 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 will need to submit:

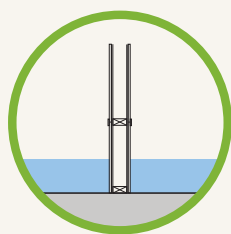
- Before and after photos of each eligible resilience strategy.
- Forms/certificates from your contractor, as

appropriate:

- Form 4 for sanitary plumbing works
- Electrical Safety Certificate for any electrical works
- Form 30 aspect certificate for other work

## Eligible strategies

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



### Flood-resilient wall lining

Replace plasterboard or non-resilient wall linings with flood-resilient wall linings, like fibre cement. Fix the fibre cement using screws so sheet panels are removable after a flood. Fixings can be covered by skirting boards or picture rails.

## More information

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

Website: [www.qld.gov.au/strongerhomesgrant](http://www.qld.gov.au/strongerhomesgrant)

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)

