



We are a Lifemark® Accredited Partner

Lifemark® is an independent certification system based on the design standards of accessibility, adaptability, usability, safety and lifetime value. Lifemark® rated homes are designed to be usable and safe for people of all ages and stages. They are easy to live in – for a lifetime.



The Lifemark® Official Star Ratings

A new home design is rated against the Lifemark® Standards and awarded points based on how adaptable, safe and usable the home is. The better the rating (3, 4 or 5 Stars), the more it will suit your family's needs throughout life as they change.



3-Star Rating

The home has met mandatory Lifemark® Standards for quality design now, with features built-in for easy adaptation in the future.



4-Star Rating

A high percentage of the design features are built in, plus the home can be adapted further if required.



5-Star Rating

The ultimate award for a home that has virtually all requirements in place to be usable, adaptable and safe.

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The Lifemark® Principles

The Lifemark® Principles are based on the concepts of Universal Design. They have been carefully considered so they can be easily incorporated into a dwelling's design and construction early on with only a small, if any cost.

Adaptable



An **adaptable home** can be easily adapted to the changing needs of the occupants as they progress through life. A change in a person's circumstances won't require an expensive retrofit in order for them to continue to live easily, safely and independently. Includes bathroom and kitchen features which may not be noticeable but will facilitate adaptation at a later stage for low/no cost.

Usable



A **usable home** is a dwelling that has thoughtful design features that meet the needs of people of different ages and abilities over time. A Lifemark® certified home has features that make home life easier including reachable power points and easy to use taps, window latches and light switches.

Accessible



An **accessible home** is one that enables an occupant or visitors to the home to be able to access it easily, safely and independently. Nobody is excluded from participating in home life because they are ageing or have a disability. This includes level entry, wider doorways and corridors, a kitchen, bathroom and laundry that are designed to be easier to use.

Safe



A **safe home** is one that uses intelligent design features that are proven to prevent injuries in the home, especially from slips, trips and falls. Improved lighting, non-slip surfaces in wet areas, better designed stairs, appropriate alarm systems and window latches are some of the features that prevent injuries yet can be easily integrated into your home.

Lifetime Value



A **Lifemark® Certified home** is not intended to be complicated or expensive for designers to design, builders to build or most importantly for people to live in. If added at a later stage, the cost to include these principles is often very high and can require a long and onerous retrofit.

Lockwood have a range of 5 Star Lifemark® Accredited Plans available.

Alternatively, talk to us about our Design and Build service and how we can have your unique home Lifemark® Accredited.