

Timber Board and Aggregate Steps

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Aim

Good steps help people walk safely up steeper slopes, but they are a barrier to several types of users. Therefore, they are only for use in exceptional situations where the terrain naturally restricts access, and a ramped path cannot reasonably be provided without exceeding ramp gradient limits of 1:12.

Eligibility

Any land is eligible.

The steps must be part of a new or upgraded path.

Requirements

- vertical timber board risers, fixed in place with half-round timber stakes
- step treads back-filled with well-rammed Type 1 granular sub-base
- surfaced with 10 millimetres of whinstone or granite dust
- all timber to be treated
- steps to be level and evenly spaced
- width of steps to extend 150 millimetres either side of path width
- height of risers is no more than 150 millimetres
- edges of treads to be dressed off using soil material, compacted and allowed to seed
- paint treads of steps with non-slip surface paint to manufacturer's recommendations

Payment

You can claim £150 per linear metre.

Inspections

The inspectors will check:

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