

## Policy for Lifemark Accreditation in QLCHT Developments - 4.3

Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust  
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### **Background**

HNZC have included the Lifemark programme in the current HIF requirements.

Lifemark is an independent assessment of a building plan, accompanied by the Lifemark seal of approval (when constructed) to confirm whether a home has been designed & built according to the five [Lifetime Design Principles](#): usability, adaptability, accessibility, inclusion and lifetime value.

The characteristics of a Lifemark home are listed on the attached sheet.

The Lifemark is both a certified trade mark and a consumer brand, and lets the public know that the product or design they are buying meets a specific range of design standards. Businesses whose designs and products have been assessed through the [approval process](#) and meet the relevant [LifeStandards](#) are eligible to join the Lifemark Licensing Programme.

HNZC has negotiated the following cost structure for HIF projects:

\$550 + GST: Fee for an independent Lifemark-accredited assessor to review the plan for a house or unit. Once a plan has been assessed, it need not be assessed again.

\$200 +GST per house: Fee for the Lifemark certification, following the completion of the home, through a producer statement confirming that all of the Lifemark features have been built as per the approved plan

For example, the 22 unit Nerin Square may indicatively cost:

\$500: Assessment

\$200 X 10 units (not all units need comply) = \$2500 + GST

### **Policy Adopted Trustee Meeting September 2010**

QLCHT agrees to adopt the *Lifemark* lifetime design principles, and pursue accreditation for prototype houses within new developments to the extent it is feasible having regard to the following house types:

- All single level older persons and family type housing
- Two or multi level housing only where practical and viable.