**STEPS SPECIFICATIONS:**

**General**

* Front / Rear access to be modified as per diagrams and the following specifications.
* Construct landing at doorway, (insert dimensions) x (insert dimensions) mm. Include this specification only if required.

**Construct Steps**

* Install steps as per diagram:
  1. Clear opening of steps between structures (eg: between handrails or between handrail and wall) to be 1000 mm. **OR** Step of width XX mm to be constructed.
  2. Rise of steps to be (insert dimensions) mm. OT to refer to AS1428.2. Steps with open risers shall not be provided.
  3. Tread depth to be (insert dimensions) mm. (Between 275 and 300 mm. OT to specify.)

**Base (label to be same as diagram label) landing (if required):**

* Landing at the base of steps to be constructed. Size of landing to be (insert dimensions) x (insert dimensions) mm minimum.

**Handrails**

Stainless steel OR Galvanized steel OR Aluminium handrail to be installed bilaterally / on left / on right hand side as ascending at the front / rear / other (specify) access:

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| **Height of top edge of handrail** | **Handrail to extend past the bottom riser** | **Handrail attachment point at bottom** | **Handrail to extend horizontally past the top riser** | **Handrail attachment point at top** |
| mm above nose of step | mm | concrete path / ground / pavers / weatherboard / wall of the house | mm | concrete path / ground / pavers / weatherboard / wall of the house |

* Handrails to be constructed and fixed so that there is no obstruction to the passage of the hand along the rail. A 50 mm clear space will exist between the external edge of the handrail and any obstruction. This clearance shall extend above the top of the handrail by not less than 600 mm.
* Cross section of the rails to be circular, and 30– 52 mm external diameter.
* The top 270° of the arc shall be unobstructed for the full length of the handrail.
* Handrails shall be securely fixed and rigid, and their ends shall be turned through a total of 180°, or to the ground, or returned fully to end post or wall face.
* Handrail must be able to withstand force of user who weighs (insert weight) kgs. (Only if over 100kgs).
* if steps greater than 1000mm from ground height to be 1000mm above nose of steps, with vertical balustrades. If a balustrade is required at a height greater than the handrail, both shall be provided.

Delete below sections if not required

Other considerations for OT to include:

* Outward opening door to be reswung so that it opens on the left / right side and the hinges are on the right / left side.

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