

Costs and Considerations when Purchasing an Elevate Transportable Home

The price of an Elevate Building - [see current price list](#) - is GST inclusive and includes the actual cost of the building from our yard in Cambridge, Building Consent and Code of Compliance.

Your home is complete with floor coverings, lighting, bathrooms, kitchen/ scullery, entertainment wall/ shelving (where applicable). All wiring and plumbing are ready for connection once the home is onsite.

When planning your overall project budget, allow for the following additional costs:

Onsite Consents:

Your Elevate home comes with a Building Consent for its construction in our Cambridge yard. A separate onsite Building Consent is also required from the council in the region where your home will be located. This confirms that the project meets local planning and building requirements, including boundary setbacks, foundations and service connections. Our inhouse architectural team generally manage the onsite consent process for you, or you may choose to engage a local architectural practice.

Indicative costs:

Onsite building consent architectural fee	From \$7,000 (dependent on site complexity & layout requirements)
Onsite council building consent fees	Approximately \$3,000

Transport and Standard Foundations:

The cost of transporting your Elevate home from our Cambridge yard and installing it on standard foundations will vary depending on the size and weight of the home, its destination, the approved transport route and the access and ground conditions of the site.

For most standard deliveries, we recommend allowing:

Home size	Indicative transport and foundation costs
Smaller homes, up to 114m ²	From \$35,000
Larger homes, up to 154m ²	Approximately \$50,000–\$70,000

These figures include GST, standard foundations and installation on a relatively flat, accessible site. They are intended as a preliminary budgeting guide only.

Some deliveries may cost more than the typical estimates above. This may apply to larger or heavier homes, two-piece modular moves, distant destinations, restricted transport routes, island deliveries involving ferry transport, or sites requiring specialist equipment, additional protection or complex access arrangements.

Once you have selected your preferred home and site, we can arrange an address-specific estimate based on the home, approved transport route and site conditions.

Some routes, particularly narrow roads or those with overhanging trees and foliage, may require additional protection for the home. Depending on the route, this may include edge protection or a full timber frame. Allow approximately \$1,500–\$8,000, depending on the level of protection required.

We recommend transport insurance, which is approximately 1% of the cost of the home.

Onsite Services and Project Management:

Service connection requirements and costs vary by location. Urban sites usually have water, wastewater, stormwater, power and telecommunications services nearby. Rural sites may require a septic system and water tank, with power and telecommunications connections further from the home. These costs are additional to the price of your Elevate home.

Use the following indicative figures as a guide when preparing your overall project budget:

Urban site:

- Engineering: geotechnical investigation	\$1,500
- Engineering: stormwater design	\$1,500
- Foundation design, if required due to poor ground conditions or difficult topography	\$2,000
- Power connection, depending on distance	\$2,000
- Paint touch-ups and minor cracking following transport	\$2,000
- Connections to council water, wastewater and stormwater services	\$15,000
- Decks and baseboards	\$30,000
- Driveway and landscaping: allow an additional site-specific amount	

Rural site:

- Engineering: geotechnical investigation	\$1,500
- Engineering: stormwater design	\$1,500
- Septic system design	\$1,500
- Foundation design, if required due to poor ground conditions or difficult topography	\$2,000
- Septic system	\$12,000
- Water tank and pump (one 25,000L tank)	\$8,000
- Power connection, depending on distance	\$2,000
- Paint touch-ups and minor cracking following transport	\$2,000
- Decks and baseboards	\$30,000
- Driveway and landscaping: allow an additional site-specific amount	

We recommend engaging a local builder or project manager to coordinate site preparation before delivery and the remaining onsite work afterwards. Elevate can provide a checklist of onsite requirements for your builder.

Please note: All costs in this guide are estimates for preliminary budgeting only. Actual costs will vary by site, location and contractor. Your local contractors will need to provide confirmed quotes before work begins.