

Home Lift Cost in Singapore: Starting Prices and the Full Budget

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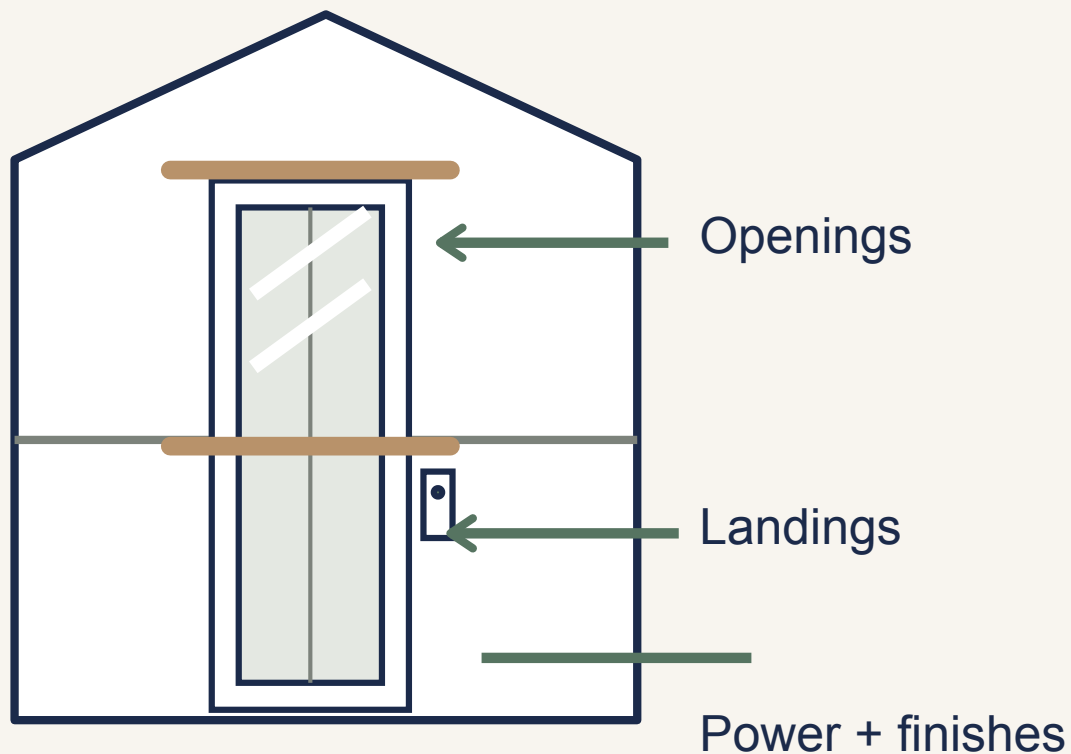
A residential platform lift in Singapore can start at [S\\$26,000](#), while a separate starting offer for a platform lift in a three-storey inter-terrace is [S\\$55,000](#). The difference does not tell you which is better value: the stops, size and included work must match. Build your budget around the lift your household can use, then add the work needed to install and operate it.

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Price the lift and the house around it



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Floor openings, landing junctions and power connect the lift package to separate building work. Include each necessary item in the project total.

For a home lift installation, first decide which floors and people the lift must serve. A compact platform for a standing passenger and a cabin that must accept a wheelchair with an attendant are different purchases. The cheaper arrangement is good value only if the household can actually use it.

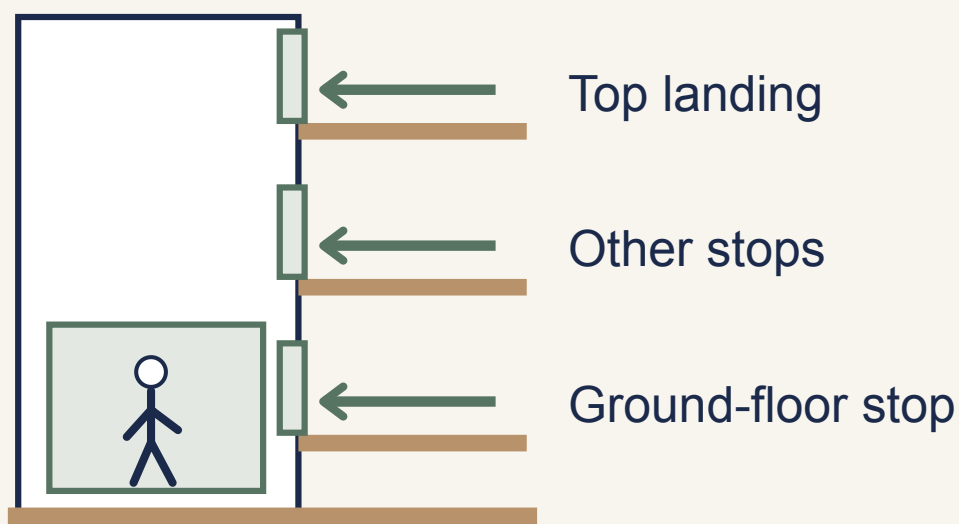
Key takeaways

At a glance

Item	Details	Scope
Model and stops	Equipment	Rated load, access and required features
Measured fit	Site works	Structure, shaft, power and finishing
Service and compliance	Ownership	Separate recurring duties and excluded parts

- Compare the same lift model, stops and installed scope before comparing prices.
- Separate equipment from associated building works, professional services, official fees and finishing.
- An existing shaft must be measured and assessed for the proposed lift; it does not guarantee a fixed saving.
- Budget for the required maintenance schedule, annual inspection and testing, PTO-related work, call-outs and excluded parts.

What Determines Home Lift Pricing?



Each extra landing connects the lift to another floor; drive, enclosure and finishes also affect the quotation.

The cost of a [home lift](#) depends on the equipment that provides the required access and the work needed to install it. Begin with the floors to be reached, users and available space. A quotation becomes comparable once those requirements and the associated building scope are clear.

The main variables include the number of stops, selected drive model, [shaft](#) or enclosure work and finishing. Serving additional floors or creating new openings adds work, while a suitable existing provision can simplify parts of the installation. Compare those actual scopes instead of assuming a fixed difference between two- and four-stop lifts.

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Compare Like-for-Like Equipment and Installed Scope

Compare current project quotations for equivalent usable access and scope.

Comparison	Include in the quote	Why it matters
Equipment	Exact model, cabin, doors and stops	Compare lifts that meet the same need
Structural fit	Openings, supports and enclosure	Brochure footprint is not the whole installation
Handover	Testing, approvals and owner training	A fitted lift is not automatically ready for use

Separate Singapore starting offers, checked 16 September 2026; not a like-for-like price range

Advertised example	Starting amount	What the figure establishes
Residential platform lift	S\$26,000	Entry offer; no fixed model, stops, tax treatment or itemised building scope stated.
Platform lift for a landed home	S\$40,000	Starting offer on a page updated March 2025; site visit and detailed proposal still determine scope.
Platform lift for a three-storey inter-terrace	S\$55,000	Starting figure depends on stops, size, customisation, installation, delivery and site conditions.

Use these amounts to recognise the scale of the equipment decision, then price the house around it. They do not show that the first configuration provides the same cabin, stops or work as the other two. None is a [DirectHome](#) quotation, and none establishes an all-in ceiling for a retrofit.

These starting offers do not establish which drive system is cheapest. A lift with an integrated enclosure may avoid some separate shaft construction, while still needing floor openings and landing alterations. A larger conventional cabin may better serve a wheelchair and helper. Compare the complete arrangements that meet your access need before spending on decorative finishes.

Compare quotations for equipment that meets the household's needs: usable cabin, door opening, rated load and stops. Hydraulic, traction, screw-driven and pneumatic models have different layouts and specifications. The drive label alone does not establish the lowest complete installed price.

For a retrofit, include floor openings, supports, enclosure and associated finishing. A model marketed without a conventional pit or machine room still needs its site and approval requirements checked. Ask what is included in the quoted installation and what remains provisional.

Installation Costs Beyond the Lift

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Additional item	What to clarify
Professional services	Appointments and submission responsibilities
Official fees	Current authority fee basis
Building and electrical work	Measured site scope and exclusions
Finishing	Walls, floors and making good

For a worked budget, suppose a site-specific lift package is S\$55,000, separately priced building work is S\$18,000 and professional and handover work is S\$7,000, all excluding GST. The subtotal is S\$80,000. If all three charges attract 9% GST and none already includes it, the payable total is S\$87,200. These three inputs are hypothetical quotations for arithmetic, not local market rates; the S\$55,000 input does not turn the starting offer above into a confirmed package.

Illustrative project total: replace every input with your own written scope

Budget item	Assumed amount, before GST	Treatment
Selected lift package	S\$55,000	Assumed site quotation, not the advertised starting scope.
Building work	S\$18,000	Assumed separate work, excluding anything already in the package.

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Professional and handover work	S\$7,000	Assumed separate charge; identify official fees within it.
Subtotal	S\$80,000	55,000 + 18,000 + 7,000.
GST, if 9% applies to all items	S\$7,200	Do not add again to GST-inclusive prices.
Illustrative payable total	S\$87,200	Excludes later ownership costs and any still-unpriced work.

This example shows why a S\$55,000 headline cannot answer whether an S\$80,000 household budget is sufficient. The answer changes with tax treatment and the work outside the lift package. Keep unresolved structural work visible as an unpriced item; assigning it zero would make the total look settled when it is not.

Keep the lift equipment separate from professional appointments, official application fees, investigations, associated building works, electrical work and finishes. Ask which items are bundled and which are provisional. A broad 'BCA costs' allowance can otherwise mix public fees with private services.

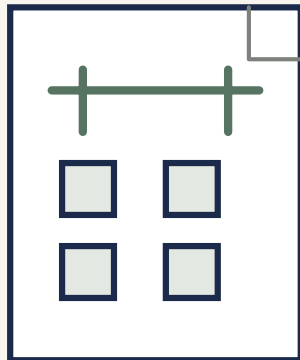
An existing shaft or provision may reduce some work if it fits the proposed model and remains structurally suitable. Have it measured and assessed rather than assuming a fixed saving. A mismatch in pit, overhead, openings or supports can require changes even where the home was designed for a lift.

Keep in mind

Give the installer and responsible professionals the existing drawings. A lift provision can help, but its dimensions and condition must be checked for the proposed model.

Annual Maintenance Costs

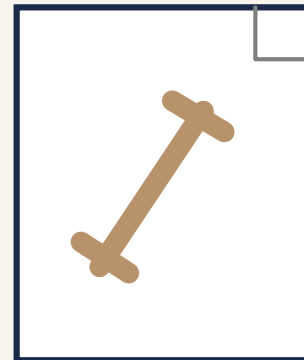
Three separate ownership cost categories



Service



Inspection



Repairs

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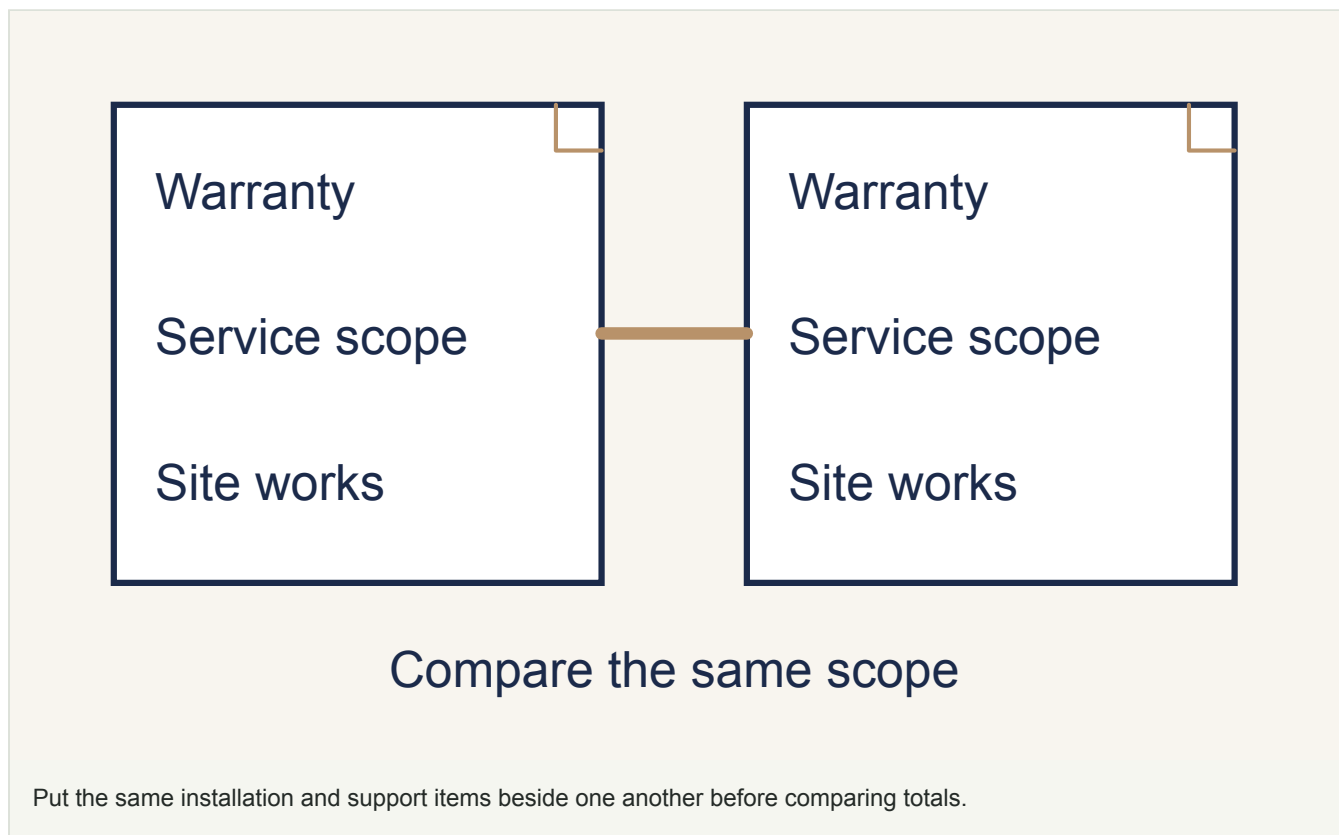
Routine service, inspection and testing, and repairs are different cost categories. Check which are bundled before adding them to the ownership budget.

A current non-comprehensive home-lift maintenance offer starts at S\$1,000 a year for quarterly servicing, with S\$400 separately stated for PTO renewal work for annual-maintenance clients. That gives a S\$1,400 starting subtotal for those stated commercial items. It does not include every ownership cost, and S\$400 is not an official BCA fee. Confirm inspection, testing, parts and tax treatment before using it in your own budget.

For a lift serving a single residential unit, [BCA specifies maintenance](#) according to the manufacturer's recommendation, or every three months if no recommendation is provided. Obtain the schedule for the installed model and a written scope covering service visits, labour, call-outs and parts. Annual inspection and testing are separate and involve a registered FI service contractor with an independent SPE/FI Inspector present.

Request comparable maintenance quotations for the proposed models. Parts availability, service scope, call-out coverage and warranty conditions all affect ownership cost; a drive-system label alone does not establish which will be cheaper to maintain.

Getting the Best Value



We recommend getting at least three quotes from established installers. Look beyond the headline price. Check what's included in the warranty, the [maintenance contract](#) terms, and the installer's track record with BCA compliance.

Send [DirectHome](#) the available plans, floors to be served and required access to discuss the project. Confirm the actual contractor and professional responsibilities in writing. A coordinated scope helps expose missing work, but the contract must establish what is included.

To discuss a home-lift assessment, WhatsApp [DirectHome](#) with the property details and household requirements. Confirm availability, assessment charges and the information needed before booking.

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