

# 7 Things To Consider Before Installing Or Replacing An Air Conditioner

## 1. Do you know what size unit you need?

Bigger is not always better. A unit that is too small will not cool the space properly and will be working overtime, meaning higher electricity usage and quicker wearing out of components. A unit that is too big for the space will cause the unit to short cycle which means it does not go through its cooling cycle properly. This can lead to the unit wearing out faster than it should, not dehumidify air properly and inconsistent temperatures.

## 2. Does your installer have the right qualifications?

Do they have the tick? They need to have an Artick Authority Number – which means they are licenced to work with the gases used in ac units. Also do they have the right air conditioning and electrical qualifications?

## 3. Where do you want it and is it possible?

Think about where you would like the indoor unit to be – best for looks and function. Also consider where you want the outdoor unit. Sure, it may be cheapest to put it outside back-to-back with the indoor unit but consider – is this going to be in the way? Do you want warm air blowing there? Is the unit going to get good airflow?

## 4. Is the installer putting in a dedicated a/c circuit?

All aircons need electricity to run. The easiest way is to find the nearest power supply and tap into that (usually a power point). Again, this may be the cheapest option, but do you want to lose power to essential PowerPoints in your home when your ac has a fault?

#### 5. What brand ac will you use?

Are they a reputable brand that has been around for long? Is there stock available? What is their energy rating? How noisy are they? Are their replacement parts easy and economical to get? What Warranty do they offer?

#### 6. If issues arise after installation, will the installer be around to help?

When choosing an installer, it is important to consider after care. Are they local? Have they been around long? Do they have a good reputation? You want to feel that if you have any issues post installation that your concerns and needs will be heard.

## 7. Am I going to have a mess to clean up at the end?

The most annoying thing is having to clean up after trades have been. Do you trust that the installer will clean up and leave the space at least as tidy as it was?

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