

**Compression Garment Funding Criteria:** This Guideline has been developed in consultation with expert clinicians and is designed to specify EnableNSW funding criteria for this group of assistive technology; items provided; eligible prescribers and provide a basis for consistent and transparent decision making.

### COMPRESSION GARMENT

*This list is not exhaustive and EnableNSW reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the provision of equipment that is not specifically included or excluded. Prescribers should check their eligibility to prescribe specific equipment in this category as identified in the table below*

**Request process:**

**Submit a Compression Garment Request or Reorder Form**

1. Compression Garment Request Form for **initial request** through EnableNSW
2. Reorder form every 6 months for **exact duplicate** garments
3. Compression Garment Request Form if there is a **change in garment prescription** for the next order or **amendment** to an existing order

**Contracts in place:**

- NSW Government Contract 963 - Allied Health
- Items on NSW Government contract include ready-to-wear and custom-made garments. These must be considered for clinical suitability before non-contract garments, as per the Premier’s Memorandum

**Allocation:**

- 2 sets of garments per affected limb (2 garments per affected body part) every 6 months, e.g. 2 x day garments  
**OR** 1 x day and 1 x night garment per affected limb every 6 months

Included compression garments	Funding Criteria	Eligible Prescribers/Additional Information
<b>Group 1</b>		
Ready to Wear (RTW) Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) registered compression garments	Person meets the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compression garments are required for the long term management of lymphoedema that limits participation in core activities of daily living, functional limb use, safe transfers or mobility</li> </ol> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Compression garments are required for the long term management of chronic severe venous insufficiency that limits participation in core activities of daily living, functional limb use, safe transfers or mobility</li> </ol>	<p><b>Eligible Prescribers:</b> Registered Occupational Therapist, Registered Physiotherapist, Medical Officer, Registered Nurse</p> <p><b>WITH</b> completion of Level 1 Lymphoedema Training Course, recognised by the Australasian Lymphology Association.</p> <p><u>Please note:</u> Use Contract 963 product code. No quote is required for Contract RTW garments. A quote is required for all non-contract garments.</p> <p>NSW Government Contract 963 items must be considered in the first instance</p>

	<p><b>AND</b> must meet all criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The person's oedema, swelling and limb shape is optimised or is considered to be in a maintenance phase</li> <li>Successful trial of the garment has been completed and person/carer is compliant with recommended use</li> </ul>	
<b>Group 2</b>		
<p>Custom made Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) registered compression garments</p>	<p>Request meets all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ready to wear (Group 1) garment criteria met</li> <li>RTW garments considered / trialled</li> <li>Limb size or shape is not compatible with RTW garments OR compression class not available in RTW range</li> </ul>	<p><b>Eligible Prescribers:</b> Registered Occupational Therapist, Registered Physiotherapist, Medical Officer, Registered Nurse <b>WITH</b> completion of Level 1 Lymphoedema Training Course, recognised by the Australasian Lymphology Association <b>AND</b> with &gt; 1 year experience and more than 3 prescriptions of customised compression garments.</p> <p><u>Please note:</u> Use Contract 963 product code. A quote from the Contract supplier is required for contract custom-made garments. A quote is required for all non-contract garments</p>
<p><b>Excluded equipment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First set of compression garments</li> <li>Compression garments for acute treatment e.g. burns patients or post-surgical garments</li> <li>Compression garments for short term management</li> <li>Compression garments for varicose veins or post-acute/outpatient care</li> <li>Electrical air compression pumps</li> <li>Donning aids</li> <li>Structural therapy garments, hernia supports</li> <li>Therapy splints</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-embolic stockings</li> <li>• Annual cost of garments is less than \$100 for band 1-2 consumers or less than \$800 for band 3 consumers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Additional Features considered</b></p> <p>This table includes components which may be funded by EnableNSW when clinically justified by the prescriber as basic to meeting a person's core functional goals. This list is not exhaustive.</p>	
<b>Components</b>	<b>May be funded when</b>
Additional reinforcement e.g. leather, double stitching	Person is physically active, or is morbidly obese, or has unusual movement patterns which result in increased wear on the garments
Additional zippers	Person is unable to don and doff regular garments, or to avoid shearing forces over ulcerated/fragile skin
Layered garments	Person has difficulty donning garments <b>OR</b> Person requires greater than 70mmHg compression levels
Hydrophobic linings	Person has extreme sensitivity or allergic reaction to garment. Documentation must be provided from a medical practitioner (e.g. GP, Specialist)
Lining for acute joint angle i.e. elbow, ankle, knee	Required for acute joint angles, to reduce friction in persons with fragile/ulcerated skin or where previous garments have caused skin irritation
Features for anatomical / functional fit	Required to assist anatomical fit or functional movement of limb e.g. oblique toe, slipform, bias, T-heels, bar loop, shoulder/body straps, slant inserts, functional zone, ankle piece, dorsal pad
No-contract ready to wear garments	Contract items do not meet person's requirements due to fit, fabric or other clinical need and custom made contract garments are not clinically indicated
Non-contract suppliers of custom made garments	Custom made garments from non-contract suppliers are only considered where contract options are not suitable to meet a person's clinical needs. Exceptions may be considered on a case by case basis due to location of the clinical service, e.g. person lives in an isolated area