

EnableNSW Schedule of Assistive Technology

The schedule outlines a list of the categories and types of assistive technology provided by EnableNSW as well as exclusions.

EnableNSW provides assistive technology in four categories:

- Communication
- Mobility
- Respiratory function and
- Self-Care.

This document should be read in conjunction with:

- The NSW Health Assistive Technology Policy Directive PD2020_026
- The EnableNSW Funding Criteria for specific assistive technology categories and;
- The Professional Criteria for Prescribers.

Prescribers are required to identify the most appropriate, cost-effective solution to meet a person's clinical and functional needs. This includes consideration of readily available EnableNSW stock and/or government contract items. These lists are not exhaustive. EnableNSW will make the final decision regarding the provision of assistive technology that is not specifically included or excluded in this schedule or the funding criteria.

General exclusions

EnableNSW does not provide the following:

- Reimbursements for items self-purchased by people
- Items costing under \$100
- Part funding towards different or preferred models/brands. However, people may self-fund additional accessories
- Items that do not comply with Australian Standards or are not registered with the Therapeutic Goods Administration, as applicable
- Items that when in use will restrict the rights or freedom of movement of a person
- Non-disability specific items that are commercially available, such as computers, mobile phone, tablets or furniture
- Installation and ongoing telecommunication/internet costs
- Vehicle modifications
- Cochlear implants, bone anchored hearing aids, hearing aids and assistive listening equipment
- Prosthetic eyes, ears, nose and breasts
- Surgically implanted electromedical items
- Cardiorespiratory monitoring systems
- Power generators.

Communication

Assistive technology that assist a person to communicate.

Specific functional and funding criteria and allocation amounts apply for each type of assistive technology.

Inclusions	Exclusions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech generating equipment including disability specific software for speech generating equipment • Voice amplifiers • Blindness and low vision equipment including portable and desk top video magnifiers; screen magnifier software; braille • Electrolarynx • Mounting systems • Voice prostheses and accessories/consumables** • Tracheostomy tube speaking valves** • Specific software that enable alternate access to reading, producing and storing text and other visual format information • Assistive listening equipment and disability specific alarms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular batteries (including re-chargeable) • Installation and associated costs • Rental costs for telecommunication access • Equipment primarily for sport/recreation • Prosthetic eyes and ears • Spectacles • Guide dogs • Commercially available equipment such as computers, printers, tablets, mobile phones • Hearing aids or cochlear implants

** Refer to Respiratory function category

Mobility

Assistive technology that assist a person to mobilise and/or transfer in their home and community.

Specific functional and funding criteria and allocation amounts apply for each type of assistive technology.

Inclusions	Exclusions
Ambulant mobility	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking frames 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Axillary and elbow crutches Equipment primarily for sport/recreation Kitchen trolleys
Prostheses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upper and lower limb prostheses (complete trans-metatarsal and trans-metacarpal levels or higher) Consumables such as stump socks and liners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second prosthesis, except in-line with funding criteria Adult prosthetic limbs primarily for sport/recreation Prosthetic eyes, ears, nose and breasts
Footwear	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefabricated Medical Grade Footwear Custom made Medical Grade Footwear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular footwear such as off the shelf or retail footwear Footwear to support treatment or clinical intervention such as wound healing or post-operative treatment
Orthoses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upper and lower limb orthoses Calipers Braces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orthoses to support treatment or clinical interventions (surgical and pharmaceutical)
Seated mobility	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manual wheelchairs and accessories, including power assist equipment Power wheelchair and accessories Mobility scooter Specialised strollers Postural seating supports, including backrests, pressure cushions and seating systems (equipment is the primary means of positioning) Alternative controls for powered wheelchairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheelchairs or accessories primarily for sport/recreation Three-wheeled scooters Motorbikes, cars, motorised tricycles Vehicle modifications or vehicle seats Child car seats/child restraints (commercially available off the shelf)

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Transfer equipment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile and standing hoists • Ceiling hoists • Slings • Non-powered sit-to-stand equipment • Slide boards and turntables • Hoists and portable ramps (for transfer of people and/or unoccupied wheelchairs into a vehicle) • Power lift chairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Platform-style vehicular hoists • Installation of ceiling or vehicle hoists • Stair climbers and platform lifts • Domestic lifts

Respiratory function

Assistive technology that assist a person to manage their respiratory health conditions at home.

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Inclusions	Exclusions
Home oxygen therapy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oxygen concentrator (with standard supply of nasal cannulae and extension tubing) Portable oxygen cylinders (C size) Backup cylinders (D size) in certain circumstances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portable oxygen cylinders Additional nasal cannulae and extension tubing Oxygen face masks Humidified oxygen delivery systems Cost of refilling portable cylinders and delivery charges Short term oxygen therapy (one month supplied by discharging hospital) Neonatal oxygen therapy (infants under six months and/or eligible for or receiving services from the Neonatal Oxygen Program) Palliative care oxygen therapy (three months supplied by discharging hospital)
Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixed pressure CPAP machines (pressure range 4-20cm with basic ramp feature) Integrated humidification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autotitrating CPAP machines and oral appliances for obstructive sleep apnoea Circuit (tubing) Masks (e.g. nasal, oronasal, nasal pillows) Chinstraps Filters Battery, charger and related adaptors
Nocturnal bi-level ventilation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nocturnal bi-level ventilation equipment (spontaneous, spontaneous/timed and adaptive servo ventilation models) Integrated humidifier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circuits (including tubing, oxygen connectors and expiratory ports) Masks (e.g. nasal, oronasal, nasal pillows) and mouthpieces Filters Ventilators solely for transport Battery, charger and related adaptors

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Ventilation for continuous ventilatory support	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community appropriate ventilators (TGA approved for continuous ventilation/life support) In use bag, batteries and charger Contractual equipment maintenance and repairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks and filters Stand
Secretion management and respiratory consumables	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suction unit (community appropriate) Manual resucitiator and manometer Humidifier and related accessories (continuous ventilation and invasive ventilation) Consumables including ventilator circuits, connectors and adapters (for continuous and invasive ventilation), heat moisture exchangers (HME), suction catheters, tracheostomy tubes and related accessories Contractual equipment maintenance and repairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nebulisers Masks, filters, dressings and yankauer-suckers
Voice Prosthesis and Laryngectomy consumables	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice prosthesis and accessories Laryngectomy tubes and other associated consumables Tracheostoma/hands free speech valve kits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plug inserts for voice prostheses; cloth stoma covers; shower covers; silicone adhesive; adhesive barrier and remover products; lubricant
Attendant care for people on Home Ventilation Program	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal care attendants for people on the Adult and Children's Home Ventilation Programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School based care Reimbursements for family carers
Home Mechanical In-exsufflation (MIE)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mechanical in-exsufflation device with battery Circuits and filters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stand

Self-Care

Assistive technology that assist a person to live independently in their home and community, as well as aiding carers to support people with self-care activities.

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Inclusions	Exclusions
Personal alarms and monitors	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alarm system units and set-up Smoke alarm features Blood pressure and blood glucose monitors with alternative access, to assist people with sensory impairments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continence, movement, seizure and SIDS alarms Installation and ongoing rental costs Scales Standard smoke alarms Baby monitors, with/without additional sound or light features
Beds	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjustable beds and bed accessories Pressure mattresses (mattress replacement systems and overlays) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial beds and mattresses Eggshell mattresses and sheepskins Beds larger than king single width Companion beds
Nutrition equipment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giving sets (for enteral feeding), containers, syringes and gastrostomy tubes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foodstuffs, formulae, nutritional supplements and thickeners Pumps and disposable equipment for temporary enteral feeding
Orthoses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upper limb orthoses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orthoses to support treatment or clinical intervention (surgical and/or pharmaceutical)
Day positioning equipment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sleep positioning system Care chairs/positioning chairs with pressure relieving features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercially available furniture such as recliner chairs, height adjustable/utility chairs, footrests, tables or kitchen stools
Pressure cushions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pressure cushions for use on seated mobility equipment Pressure cushions for use on a positioning chair (where a wheelchair is not required) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercially available cushions, covers and foam

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Inclusions	Exclusions
Compression garments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compression garments for lymphoedema management for the upper body 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compression garments for burns patients • Compression garments for varicose veins or post-acute/out-patient • Compression garments for short term management/post-surgery • Electrical air compression pumps • Garments, pumps and bandages for treatment of ulcers
Toileting and shower equipment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seats to assist with toileting and showering • Bedside commodes • Mobile shower commodes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bidets • Bathroom fittings • Grab rails • Personal hygiene equipment
Environmental control units (ECUs)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability specific ECUs • Modifications to commercially available equipment • Systems for accessing ECUs including scanners and switches • Mounting equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercially available air conditioning units, door openers • Installation • Commercially available alarms, door bells, door openers, CCTV for monitoring people and entrances
Contenance	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposable and non-disposable equipment including catheters; drainage bags and associated accessories; and pads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment for mild and/or transient incontinence • Nappies for children under 3 years of age • Underwear • Gloves, cleaning solutions, gels, creams, dressings, enemas, dressing packs, stoma products
Other self-care equipment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wigs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wigs for people attending oncology clinics