

# Equipment

**The Lifetime Support Authority (LSA) will fund necessary and reasonable equipment to help you to do tasks that are harder, or that you can no longer do, as a result of your motor vehicle injury.**

This may include equipment that:

- gives you independence or more independence
- gives you more opportunities to participate at home, in the community and work/school tasks.
- improves your mobility
- helps you communicate better
- eases pain and discomfort
- keeps you healthy
- helps you get back to work, educational or leisure activities
- helps keep you, your family and carers safe.



## How can I get the equipment I need?

All equipment that you require must be 'prescribed' by an appropriately qualified health professional. The health professional will make recommendations based on an assessment of your needs. They will discuss with you your needs and whether you agree that the equipment will be helpful for you.

If you are in hospital, you can discuss your equipment needs with your treating team. Once you are home, your equipment can be reviewed as your needs change. You can speak with your Service Planner or treating clinicians to discuss your equipment needs.

## What equipment can the LSA fund?

As per the Lifetime Support Scheme (LSS) Rules (Part 9), the LSA will fund equipment that you need as a result of your motor vehicle injury. Equipment can range from simple to very complex. Some examples of equipment that may be funded include.

- Off the shelf items such as dressing aids, kitchen and bathroom aids, walking frames.
- Customised items such as wheelchairs, prostheses.
- Medical aids, Continence equipment and supplies, respiratory equipment.
- General household and personal items may be funded when the need for a different general household or personal item is directly related to the motor vehicle injury, for example beds and mattresses: The LSA will fund a bed or mattress if you need a new one with particular features because of the motor vehicle injury. You may have to contribute to the cost of the bed or mattress depending on the age and condition of your existing bed.
- Information, communication and assistive technology
- Environmental control equipment.
- Pressure care equipment.
- Orthoses and medical footwear.

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## Equipment for exercise and fitness

If you have been prescribed fitness equipment by an appropriately qualified health practitioner, then the LSA may fund it. The LSA will need to be given reasons why the equipment is needed in terms of your motor vehicle injury and what other options have been considered.

The LSA will not fund equipment that you are able to use elsewhere such as at a gym, or that you use only in one place, such as in a physiotherapist's room.

## Equipment for recreation or leisure purposes

The LSA will fund the necessary and reasonable equipment or modifications to equipment you already have so that you can get back to a recreational activity that:

- you did before the motor vehicle accident
- you want to do as a substitute for something you did before the motor vehicle accident
- is developmentally appropriate and you would like to do now.

## What about repairs to the equipment?

The LSA will fund maintenance and repairs to equipment that gets damaged due to ordinary wear and tear, as well as routine maintenance and adjustments where your needs change.

## Can I get my existing equipment modified or replaced?

The LSA will fund the necessary and reasonable cost of upgrading or modifying existing household or leisure equipment that you used before the motor vehicle accident to enable you to access that equipment again following your injury.

The LSA will consider replacement of an equipment item if it is necessary and reasonable when;

- You still require the equipment
- Your needs have changed due to growth, change in function (and modification is not feasible)
- Replacement is due to age of equipment and/or normal wear & tear.

## What if my needs and circumstances change?

Your needs and circumstances will be reviewed regularly to ensure you are receiving the equipment services you need. If your goals or needs change, speak to your Service Planner.

***For more information about equipment refer to [part 9 of the LSS rules on the website.](#)***