

Lifetime Participation

What is lifetime participation?

You are accepted into the Lifetime Support Scheme as an 'interim participant' for up to two years, unless the Lifetime Support Authority (LSA) becomes satisfied that your motor accident injury has not stabilised, in which case, this period may be extended for up to a further year.

You can be accepted as a permanent participant in the Scheme at any time during the interim period. This can occur by asking the LSA whether you can join the Scheme or where it is clear to the LSA, on medical advice, that due to the nature of your injuries you require lifetime care. If you need this, your status will change from being an 'interim participant' to a 'lifetime participant'.

Lifetime participation in the Scheme means the LSA will pay for the necessary and reasonable treatment, care and support you need, provided it is related to your motor vehicle injury, for the rest of your life.

How do I become a lifetime participant?

As an interim participant, you can be accepted into the Scheme as a lifetime participant at any time in one of two ways:

- by asking the LSA whether you can join the Scheme for life; or
- where the LSA decides, on medical advice, that lifetime care will be required.

Who decides whether I am a lifetime participant?

The LSA makes a decision on lifetime participation at any time where the lifetime impact of the injury is apparent and in accordance with the LSS Rules. The LSS Rules are available on the LSA website at www.lifetimesupport.sa.gov.au.

The LSA will write to you to let you know whether you have been accepted into the Scheme for life.

What happens if I am eligible?

If you're accepted into the Scheme as a lifetime participant the LSA will pay for your necessary and reasonable motor accident injury related treatment, care and support for the rest of your life.

What happens if I am not eligible?

If your injuries stabilise and improve to the extent that you are no longer eligible for treatment, care and support under the Scheme, your Service Planner will help you transition to alternate services.

If you have an insurance claim (for example, a compulsory third party claim) you may be eligible to have your ongoing treatment, care and support costs paid for by the insurer.

If you have a private health insurance policy with a suitable level of cover, your treatment, care and support may be paid for by the private health fund. Alternatively, government-funded health services may be available. Your Service Planner will help with your transition.

What if I don't agree with the LSA's decision?

If you disagree with the LSA's decision about eligibility for lifetime participation, you can dispute the decision. For more information see *Information Sheet DC1: Resolving Disputes about Eligibility*.

For more information contact the Lifetime Support Authority.