

**Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme (MASS)**

# **Application Guidelines for Patient Lifting Devices (Hoists) and Slings**

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## MASS will only provide one transfer aid within the category of Patient Lifting Devices (Hoists) and Slings

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Patient Lifting Devices (Hoists) and Slings subsidised	Maximum MASS subsidy	May be subsidised when
Patient Transfer Platforms	\$2000	<p>As an alternative to a hoist, MASS may subsidise a Patient Transfer Platform where the applicant meets the below criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant is unable to effectively reposition their feet to complete a pivot or similar transfer</li> <li>Applicant can adequately stand with the support provided by the device</li> <li>MASS may not approve subsidy funding if applicant's function may change in the near future i.e. decline in ability to weight bear effectively</li> </ul>
Mobile floor hoist	\$2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant is unable to effectively complete standing or nonstanding transfer using transfer assistance or devices such as a slide board.</li> <li>Carer is unable to assist the applicant to transfer using grab rails, slide boards or similar transfer devices.</li> </ul>
Mobile floor hoist, nonbasic	\$2800	<p>Meets criteria for mobile floor hoist and 1 or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>User weight exceeds 150kg.</li> <li>Increased lift height, leg spread, or boom length is required.</li> </ul>
Mobile floor hoist attachments Standard spreader bar	\$180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A standard spreader bar, the most basic hoist attachment, is to be considered/trialled first.</li> </ul>
pivot frame or alternative lifting attachments	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A pivot frame, 4-point yoke or alternative lifting attachment may be subsidised if a standard spreader bar is unsuitable. Clinical justification must be provided.</li> </ul>
Standing hoist	\$3200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant is unable to stand without mechanical assistance.</li> <li>Applicant demonstrates reliable ability to assist with the standing action being facilitated by the hoist.</li> <li>MASS may not approve subsidy funding if applicant's function may change in the near future i.e. decline in ability to weight bear effectively</li> </ul>

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Patient Lifting Devices (Hoists) and Slings subsidised (continued)	Maximum MASS subsidy	May be subsidised when
Multilift hoist	\$4000	<p>Meets criteria for mobile floor hoist and standing hoist and one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant requires support during standing and full lift for different transfer purposes.</li> <li>• Applicant is able to complete stand transfer with assistance of standing hoist but will experience predicted decline in function (e.g. degenerative neurological condition).</li> <li>• Applicant’s ability to transfer fluctuates between needing full lift or assistance during standing.</li> </ul> <p>Nb the function of the full lift component of the multilift hoist must be considered for current and likely future needs.</p>
Ceiling Hoists (motor only)	\$2800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant must meet criteria for a mobile floor hoist or standing hoist as above.</li> <li>• MASS will not provide back up mobile floor hoists</li> <li>• Installation requirements have been met as per the MASS 27 Ceiling Hoist Checklist</li> </ul>
Sling	Cost of 1 sling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sling is required for a MASS subsidised hoist where ownership and maintenance of the hoist is MASS’ ongoing responsibility.</li> <li>• Sling must be the same brand as the hoist if it is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sling for a standing hoist, or</li> <li>• To be used with a pivot frame, or</li> <li>• A different type of sling attachment other than a standard spreader bar.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Slings may be used with different brand hoists with the written endorsement of the hoist manufacturer.</li> <li>• In exceptional circumstances MASS may subsidise loop slings for use with different brand hoists fitted with a standard spreader bar. If the hoist manufacturer has not provided written endorsement to use the different brand sling, the MASS 25 Hoist and Sling Compatibility Checklist must be completed and submitted with the application.</li> </ul>

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<b>Second sling</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Provide a second sling to all clients eligible for a hoist.</b></li> <li>• <b>A different sling to the primary sling can be requested for a specific transfer.</b></li> </ul>
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For all patient transfer platforms, mobile and patient lifting devices, and slings, items on the Standing Offer Arrangement (SOA) are to be considered first. Refer to <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/mass/prescribe/living/products-suppliers.asp>. Non SOA items can be considered where they have been demonstrated to better meet the applicant's clinical and functional needs. This equipment must meet MASS' purchasing requirements e.g. Australian Standards requirements where relevant.

## Remote Trial Subsidy (Up to \$200 per successful application)

The Remote Trial Subsidy shall be available to suppliers who attend the trial appointment in remote areas with the client and therapist.

### The Remote Trial Subsidy shall be available for the following post codes:

- 4428
- 4454
- 4455
- 4465
- 4467
- 4468
- 4470
- 4472
- 4474
- 4475
- 4477-4482
- 4486
- 4488-4493
- 4707
- 4721-4733
- 4735
- 4736
- 4778
- 4801
- 4802
- 4805
- 4809
- 4816
- 4820-4825
- 4828-4830
- 4871-4876
- 4890-4892
- 4895

### The remote trial subsidy may be available for the following products:

- power wheelchair
- scooter
- power assist
- non basic and custom manual wheelchair
- custom mobile showerchair
- tilt in space manual wheelchair
- tilt in space mobile showerchair
- specialised stroller
- patient lifter and sling
- pressure redistribution mattress/overlay
- sleep positioning system

## Permanent Loan, Repairs, Maintenance and Ownership

Hoists and slings are most often provided on permanent loan, with repairs and maintenance funded by MASS. For further details, refer to the following sections of the General Guidelines:

- **Permanent Loans**
- **Permanent Loans - Repairs and Maintenance**
- **Changes to Ownership of an Aid: this section includes information and the implications where equipment is either transferred from MASS to the client, or MASS takes over the ownership of equipment (eg similar equipment provided by interstate agencies).**

## How to apply

Consult with an eligible prescriber to assist with assessment and selection of appropriate aids and equipment. The prescriber will complete MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment and any extra documentation required; then submit the complete application to MASS - please refer to the list of application forms and documents required below.

## Trial and follow up requirements

All equipment should be adequately trialled in the home environment, or it must be demonstrated how the equipment will be compatible with the home in Part C of the application.

A post delivery follow up visit is to be provided by the prescriber (or is referred onto another health professional) to ensure that:

- all items are delivered as quoted
- the client and carer are familiar with operation and effective use of the equipment, and aware of maintenance and repair process

## Eligible prescribers

Applicants wishing to apply must consult an:

- **Occupational Therapist (OT); or**
- **Physiotherapist (PT); or**
- **Rehabilitation Engineer**

In rural and remote areas, a Registered Nurse may complete the application in consultation with one of the allied health professionals listed above.

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## Application forms and documents required

<b>Mobile hoist</b>	<p><b>Include each of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment, Part A Applicant Details</b></li> <li>• <b>MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment, Part B Prescriber Assessment, Part C Equipment Application</b></li> <li>• <b>Signed MASS 84 Proxy Access to Centrelink Information form or photocopy of both sides of the applicant’s concession card</b></li> <li>• <b>Quote for hoist and sling</b></li> <li>• <b>If required, MASS 25 Hoist and Sling Compatibility Checklist - refer to slings section above</b></li> </ul>
<b>Mobile hoist, non-basic</b>	
<b>Mobile hoist attachments</b>	
<b>Standing hoist</b>	
<b>Sling (for use with hoist on the same application)</b>	
<b>Ceiling Hoist</b>	<p><b>For all ceiling hoist requests, provide above documentation, with addition of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Signed MASS 27 Ceiling Hoist Checklist</b></li> </ul>
<b>Replacement slings and sling only applications (including requests for second sling)</b>	<p><b>If a sling needs immediate replacement (e.g. worn straps, stitching coming apart) and is to be replaced with the same brand/size/model, contact MASS repairs, phone 3136 3545 or 3136 3636, or for north Queensland clients 07 4433 8000. For sling only applications, or to replace with a different size/model of sling, or where replacement is not required immediately:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Complete the Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment Letter Template completing the ‘addition or change’ section or ‘replacement with like item’ section as appropriate</b></li> <li>• <b>Signed MASS 84 Proxy Access to Centrelink Information form or photocopy of both sides of the applicant’s concession card</b></li> <li>• <b>Quote for the item</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Note: if applying for other equipment in the one application, a MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment can be used.</b></p>
<b>Replacement with same brand, model and size equipment (i.e. like for like) that is beyond economical repair but remains suitable</b>	<p><b>Complete the Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment Letter Template</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Signed MASS 84 Proxy Access to Centrelink Information form or photocopy of both sides of the applicant’s concession card</b></li> <li>• <b>Quote for the item</b></li> </ul> <p><b>At MASS’ discretion, equipment deemed beyond economic repair, may be replaced without requiring documentation. This is considered on a case by case basis. To discuss, contact MASS Repairs, phone 3136 3545.</b></p> <p><b>Note: if applying for other equipment in the one application, a MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment can be used.</b></p>