

Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme (MASS)

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MASS may provide one item to assist with bathing (e.g. bath transfer bench) and one to assist with toileting (e.g. static commode).

Where one item can perform bathing and toileting (e.g. mobile shower commode) only one item will usually be subsidised.

Bathing and toileting aids subsidised	Maximum MASS subsidy	May be subsidised when
Nonstandard bath board (raised, extended, backrest or padded)	\$270	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant cannot effectively transfer into a bath or shower over bath effectively. A standard bath board is not suitable.
Static commode* or 3-in-1 commode	\$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant cannot effectively walk and/or transfer to the toilet in the home. The item is required for bedroom use or close proximity toilet use. Where the applicant meets the above criteria, a 3-in-1 commode can be prescribed and in addition to the above can be positioned over the toilet/or in the shower. MASS will subsidise 1 item of equipment only. Applicant does not have a mobile shower commode that can be fitted with a pan.
Bath Transfer bench*/swivel bathseat/bath lift or similar purpose device	\$500 \$70 per pair of suction feet, or leg extensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant cannot transfer into a bath or shower effectively. A standard shower chair or bath board is not suitable.
Mobile shower commode (MSC)	\$1200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant cannot effectively walk or transfer to the toilet and/or shower. Applicant cannot effectively walk or transfer to a static commode. There is sufficient space in the bathroom or suitable waterproofed/wet area of the home. Where applicable the MSC can be positioned over the toilet to be used as an over-toilet chair, or, a pan/collection can be fitted for use as a commode. The applicant or carer can propel the chair, including changes in floor level. Height modified frames may be subsidised when adjustable height MSCs have been trialled or considered and found to be unsuitable.

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Mobile shower commode (MSC) <i>continued</i>	\$1200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Folding frames may be requested - MASS subsidy may be applied for the equivalent non folding option. The client will be requested to contribute the difference.
Tilt in space mobile shower commode (TIS MSC)	\$2500	<p>Applicant meets MSC criteria and requires tilted position to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve or maintain a suitable posture for hygiene. Redistribute pressure so less pressure is concentrated in areas of soft tissue on the seat. Better manage respiration, gastrointestinal function and facilitate hoist transfers.
Accessories and/or modifications to MASS subsidised Mobile Shower Commode	Refer to the separate table below	See description for each item in the separate table below.
Shower trolley	\$2500	<p>MSC and tilt in space criteria above, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showering is not possible in a tilt in space mobile shower commode. MASS will subsidise 1 item of equipment only - mobile shower commode or shower trolley

For all mobile shower commodes, static or 3-in-1 commodes, bath transfer benches and swivel bathseats, 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.

Permanent Loan, Repairs and Maintenance, Ownership

Mobile shower commodes 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: this section includes a list of exempt items where ownership and the responsibility for repairs and maintenance is deemed to the client (i.e. Nonstandard bath boards, static commodes, bath transfer benches, bath swivel seats and bath lifts).
- 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 (e.g. similar equipment provided by interstate agencies).

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Accessories and Modifications

Accessories and/or modifications to Mobile Shower Commodes	Maximum MASS subsidy	May be subsidised when the purpose is
Additional braking castors	\$70 per pair	Stability; access to brakes
Adjustable bracketry (allowing growth and reuse for backrests and seats)	\$250	To allow growth and fitting/reuse of accessories e.g. backrests, seats, headrests
Amputee brackets	\$95 per pair	To relocate rear wheels to increase stability
Anti-tips	\$100	To prevent chair tipping
Armrest options: removable, drop down, lock down, front locking, safety flip-up or similar	\$250 per pair	Increased postural control, safety or security required during hygiene
Armrest modifications	\$250 per pair	
Backrest: Slung	Included in cost of MSC	
Backrest: Basic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tension adjustable • Padded • Flat • Extended • Mesh • Other 	\$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body shape that requires adjustability in the backrest to provide extra support • requires minimal prompts to maintain sitting posture • back pain management • flat backrest required in conjunction with lateral supports • higher backrest required to provide support
Backrest: Non-Basic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shallow Curve • Deep Curve • Asymmetrical profile 	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requires lateral/postural support to sustain sitting posture • trunk posture negatively impacts function, skin integrity or comfort • requires tilt-in-space

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Accessories and/or modifications to Manual or Power wheelchairs	Maximum MASS subsidy	May be subsidised when the purpose is
Bed pan, bowl or bucket and carrier	\$140	To allow use as a commode
Bowel management frame modifications	\$185	To allow access for hygiene
Brake extension handles	\$30 per pair	For client or carer to operate brakes (also known as wheel locks)
Footplates modified/extended	\$260	To provide adequate foot support or assist with transfers or hygiene
Frame modifications	\$300	To allow transfers, fit the user or enable function
Hand rims, capstan	\$550	To allow self propulsion
Hand rims, plastic coated	\$150	
Hand rims, standard	\$240	
Headrest	\$365	To provide adequate head support during hygiene
Legrests: elevating, vertical	\$350 per pair	To provide adequate support during hygiene
Push handles, extended or alternative	\$75	To improve function and safety
Pressure redistribution seat	\$750	To reduce risk of pressure injury where the risk can be demonstrated to be high

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Seat, Standard handmade	\$250	To provide adequate support during hygiene
Seat, nonstandard size	\$300	
Seat, postural control	\$350	
Securements: Flexible	\$200 per securement	
Securements: Rigid	\$250 per securement	
Splash guard or similar toileting	\$160	To improve containment
Stump supports	\$190 each	To support stump with below knee amputation
Tray	\$225	To provide adequate support during hygiene

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

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
- Registered nurse - static and 3-in1 commodes only

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

Nonstandard bathboard	MASS 23 Bathboard Specification form, in addition to a) and b) below.
Static/3-in-1 commode	a) MASS 20 BTA (i.e. Static Commode/3-in-1 Commode, Bath Transfer Bench/ Swivel Bathseat/Bath lift or similar purpose device, non standard bathboard)
Bath transfer bench/ swivel bath seat/bath lift or similar purpose device	b) Quote for the item Note: if applying for other equipment in the one application, a MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment can be used.
Mobile Shower Commode	Include each of the following:
Shower Trolley Accessories and/ or modifications to MASS subsidised Mobile Shower Commode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment, Part A Applicant Details • MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment, Part B Prescriber Assessment, Part C Equipment Application • Signed MASS 84 Proxy Access to Centrelink Information form or photocopy of both sides of the applicant’s concession card • Quote for the item <p>If an item needs immediate replacement (e.g. broken waist strap, footrests, etc) contact MASS, phone 3136 3524 or 3136 3636, or for north Queensland clients 07 4433 8000.</p> <p>For planned changes or items not needing immediate replacement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment Letter Template • Signed MASS 84 Proxy Access to Centrelink Information form or photocopy of both sides of the applicant’s concession card • Quote for the item <p>Note: if applying for other equipment in the one application, a MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment can be used.</p>
Replacement with same brand, model and size equipment (i.e. like for like) that is beyond economical repair but remains suitable	<p>Complete the Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment Letter Template</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed MASS 84 Proxy Access to Centrelink Information form or photocopy of both sides of the applicant’s concession card • Quote and specification form if applicable (e.g. Customised Mobile Shower Commode) for the item <p>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, phone 3136 3524.</p> <p>Note: if applying for other equipment in the one application, a MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment can be used.</p>