**Bathing and Toileting Aids**

**Aim of MASS**

The aim of MASS is to provide endorsed aids and equipment to eligible Queensland residents with a permanent and stabilised condition or disability. Aids and equipment are selected to assist people to live at home and avoid premature or inappropriate residential care or hospitalisation. To meet this aim the aids and equipment subsidised by MASS must be required for use within the home.

MASS will only fund the items listed below, for the purpose of facilitating safe transfers, or providing remote toilet access. MASS does not fund static shower chairs, standard bathboards, bath seats or static over- toilet aids.

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.

If a suitable aid is held in MASS stock, MASS will allocate this item and arrange delivery to the requested address.

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| Non-standard bathboard (raised, extended, backrest or padded) | $270 | • Applicant cannot effectively transfer into a bath or shower over bath.  
• A standard bathboard is not suitable. |
| Static commode or 3-in-1 commode      | $250 | • 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 MSC 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 | • Applicant cannot effectively transfer into a bath or shower.  
• A standard shower commode or bathboard is not suitable. |
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| Mobile shower commode (MSC)          | $1200                | • Applicant cannot effectively walk or transfer to the toilet and/or shower.  
• Static commode is not suitable.  
• Where applicable the MSC can be positioned over the toilet to be used as an over-toilet chair, or a pan/bowl can be fitted for use as a commode.  
**Note:**  
• There is sufficient space in the bathroom or suitable waterproofed/wet area of the home.  
• The applicant or carer can propel the commode, including over changes in floor level.  
• 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.  
• Height modified frames may be subsidised when adjustable height MSCs have been trialled or considered and found to be unsuitable.  
• If a height modified frame is provided, MASS will not subsidise any further funding for subsequent requests to change the height, nor replace the MSC with a different height model (including allocation from MASS stock). |

| Tilt-in-space mobile shower commode  | $2500                | Applicant meets MSC criteria and requires tilted position to:  
• 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                | MSC and tilt-in-space criteria above, and  
• Showering is not possible in a MSC with tilt-in-space.  
• MASS will subsidise 1 item of equipment only - MSC 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 [www.health.qld.gov.au/mass/prescribe/living/products-suppliers](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/mass/prescribe/living/products-suppliers). 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 MASS General Guidelines:

- Permanent Loans - Repairs and Maintenance;
- Permanent Loans: this section includes a list of exempt items where ownership and the responsibility for repairs and maintenance is deemed to the applicant (i.e. Non-standard bathboards, static commodes, bath transfer benches, bath swivel seats and bath lifts);
- Changes to Ownership of an Aid: this section includes information and the implications where equipment is either transferred from MASS to the applicant, or MASS takes over the ownership of equipment (e.g. similar equipment provided by interstate agencies).

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<td>Additional braking castors</td>
<td>$70 per pair</td>
<td>Stability; access to brakes (also known as wheel locks)</td>
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<td>Adjustable bracketry (allowing growth and reuse for backrests and seats)</td>
<td>$250</td>
<td>To allow growth and fitting/reuse of accessories e.g. backrests, seats, headrests</td>
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<tr>
<td>Amputee brackets</td>
<td>$95 per pair</td>
<td>To relocate rear wheels to increase stability</td>
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<tr>
<td>Anti-tips</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td>To prevent chair tipping</td>
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<tr>
<td>Armrest options: removable, drop down, lock down, front locking, safety flip-up or similar</td>
<td>$250 per pair</td>
<td>Increased postural control, safety or security required during hygiene</td>
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<td>Armrest modifications</td>
<td>$250 per pair</td>
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<td>Backrest: Slung</td>
<td>Included in cost of MSC</td>
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| Backrest: Basic • Tension adjustable • Padded • Flat • Extended • Mesh • Other | $250                  | • 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 |
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<td><strong>Backrest: Non-Basic</strong></td>
<td>$1000</td>
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<td>Shallow Curve</td>
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<td>Deep Curve</td>
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<td>Asymmetrical profile</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Bed pan, bowl or bucket and carrier</strong></td>
<td>$140</td>
<td>To allow use as a commode</td>
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<td><strong>Bowel management frame modifications</strong></td>
<td>$185</td>
<td>To allow access for hygiene</td>
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<td><strong>Brake extension handles</strong></td>
<td>$30 per pair</td>
<td>For client or carer to operate brakes (also known as wheel locks)</td>
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<td><strong>Footplates modified/extended</strong></td>
<td>$260</td>
<td>To provide adequate foot support or assist with transfers or hygiene</td>
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<td><strong>Frame modifications</strong></td>
<td>$300</td>
<td>To allow transfers, fit the user or enable function</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Hand rims, capstan</strong></td>
<td>$550</td>
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<td><strong>Hand rims, plastic coated</strong></td>
<td>$150</td>
<td>To allow self propulsion</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Hand rims, standard</strong></td>
<td>$240</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Headrest</strong></td>
<td>$365</td>
<td>To provide adequate head support during hygiene</td>
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<td><strong>Legrests: elevating, vertical</strong></td>
<td>$350 per pair</td>
<td>To provide adequate support during hygiene</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Push handles, extended or alternative</strong></td>
<td>$75</td>
<td>To improve function and safety</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Pressure redistribution seat</strong></td>
<td>$750</td>
<td>To reduce risk of pressure injury where the risk can be demonstrated to be high</td>
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<td><strong>Seat, Standard handmade</strong></td>
<td>$250</td>
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<td><strong>Seat, nonstandard size</strong></td>
<td>$300</td>
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<td><strong>Seat, postural control</strong></td>
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<td>Securements: Flexible</td>
<td>$200 per securement</td>
<td>To provide adequate support during hygiene</td>
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<td>Securements: Rigid</td>
<td>$250 per securement</td>
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<tr>
<td>Splash guard or similar toileting fixture</td>
<td>$160</td>
<td>To improve containment</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stump supports</td>
<td>$190 each</td>
<td>To support stump with below knee amputation</td>
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<td>Tray</td>
<td>$225</td>
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### 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
- non-basic and custom manual wheelchair
- tilt-in-space manual wheelchair
- specialised stroller
- custom mobile shower commode
- tilt-in-space mobile shower commode
- 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 DLA/MOB Application Form and any extra documentation required; then submit the complete application to MASS-Equipment@health.qld.gov.au

Please refer to the list of application forms and documents required on Page 8.

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 applicant and carer are familiar with operation and effective use of the equipment, and are aware of the 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.
### Application forms and documents

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<th>Non-standard bathboard</th>
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| 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)  
                          | b) Quote for the item                                               |
| Bath transfer bench/   | Note: if applying for other equipment in the one application, a MASS 20 DLA/MOB Application Form may be used. |
| swivel bath seat/bath lift or similar purpose device |                                                                 |
| Mobile Shower Commode including accessories/ modifications | Include each of the following:  
• MASS 20 DLA/MOB Application Form;  
• Part A Applicant Details  
• 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 |
| Shower Trolley |                                                                 |
| Replacement with same brand, model and size equipment (i.e. like for like) that is beyond economical repair but remains suitable; or | Include each of the following:  
• DLA/MOB Equipment Letter Template  
• 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 for the item (e.g. Customised Mobile Shower Commode)  
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. |
| Accessories and/or modifications to MASS subsidised Mobile Shower Commode | Note: if applying for other equipment in the one application, a MASS 20 DLA/MOB Application Form may be used. |

**Important Note:**

If an item needs immediate replacement or repair (e.g. broken waist strap, footrests, etc), please contact MASS:

**BRISBANE:** 3136 3524 or 3136 3636  
MASS-Repairs@health.qld.gov.au  
**TOWNSVILLE:** 07 4433 8000  
MASS-Equipment-TSV@health.qld.gov.au