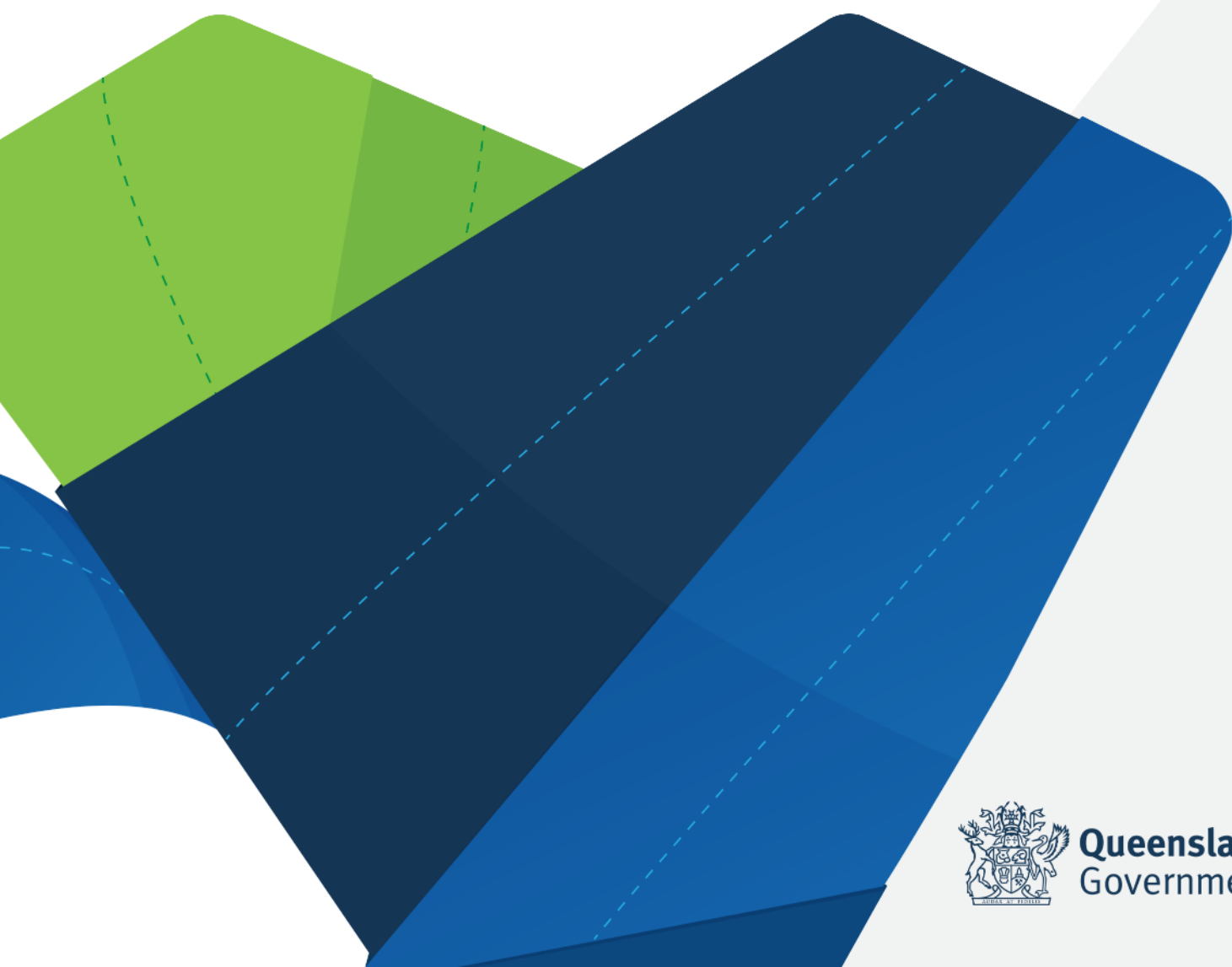


Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme (MASS)

Application Guidelines for Pressure Redistribution Support Surfaces (PRSS)

Pressure Redistribution Mattress/Overlay, Support
surface for Recliner/Lounge/Static Chair, Sleep
Positioning System, Wheelchair cushion.

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Aim of MASS

The aim of MASS is to provide endorsed aids and equipment (assistive products) to eligible Queensland residents with a permanent and stabilised condition or disability. Assistive products are selected to assist people to live in their home environment and avoid premature or inappropriate residential care or hospitalisation. To meet this aim, the assistive products subsidised by MASS must be required for use within the home environment. MASS acknowledges that assistive products may be used for some community access, although the MASS subsidy is not provided for this purpose as it is outside the scope of the scheme.

MASS may provide a maximum of 2 items

- either a pressure redistribution mattress/overlay or a sleep positioning system for the bed and
- either a pressure redistribution support surface for a recliner/lounge/static chair or a pressure redistribution cushion for a wheelchair.

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

Pressure Redistribution Support Surface

Pressure Redistribution Support Surface Subsidised	Maximum MASS subsidy	May be subsidised when
<p>Pressure redistribution support surface for bed and/or recliner/lounge/static chair – basic</p> <p>This subsidy may be used to provide a support surface for a bed and a recliner/lounge/static chair for applicants who are not wheelchair eligible</p>	\$2500 in total	<p>Applicant experiences one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At risk of developing a pressure injury as identified through a formal risk screening tool (e.g. Waterlow, Braden etc) and/or is unable to effectively redistribute pressure. • History of pressure injury. • Current Pressure Injury (lying acquired) and determined not IAD (Incontinence Acquired Dermatitis) • Major fixed skeletal deformity and/or motor/ sensory loss with potential for pressure injury development and is unable to perform adequate pressure redistribution by turning, rolling or repositioning in bed. • Confined to bed for prolonged periods of time and is at risk of developing pressure

Pressure Redistribution Support Surface Subsidised	Maximum MASS subsidy	May be subsidised when
		<p>injury due to one or more of the above reasons.</p> <p>Additional Criteria for support surface for recliner/lounge/static chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Pressure Injury (sitting acquired) and determined not IAD (Incontinence Acquired Dermatitis) • Seated in recliner or lounge chair for prolonged periods and at risk of pressure injury development due to one or more of the above reasons. <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MASS will provide subsidy funding for a single mattress/overlay up to a king single size. If a larger mattress/overlay size is requested the applicant will need to fund the difference between the single/king single size and the size requested. • Prescribers should consider the most basic options that meet the applicant's needs. • If requesting 2 support surfaces (bed and recliner/lounge/static chair), it is the prescriber's responsibility to consider the applicant's needs and how best to prioritise funding whilst keeping requests as cost effective as possible. • This subsidy is not available for pain management only. • MASS may subsidise a pressure redistribution wheelchair cushion for wheelchair eligible applicants (see below category). Applicant is not eligible for a 2nd cushion for a recliner/lounge/static chair under this category. It is expected that the selected wheelchair cushion can be positioned on the recliner/lounge/static chair if required, and trial and selection should take this into account. In extenuating circumstances, please contact the MASS Clinical Advisor to discuss the applicant's specific circumstance.
Pressure redistribution	\$6000	Meets the guidelines above and:

Pressure Redistribution Support Surface Subsidised	Maximum MASS subsidy	May be subsidised when
mattress/overlay – Non Basic		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant has significant history of pressure injury e.g. post surgical management of pressure injury; and/or • Applicant has severe restriction in mobility e.g. high level quadriplegia, locked in syndrome. <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An extensive range of basic pressure redistribution mattresses/overlays should first be trialled. It must be demonstrated that these are inadequate and do not meet applicant's skin integrity needs. Where clinical reasoning precludes trial of basic products, the MASS Clinical Advisor should be consulted prior to proceeding with the trial of/application for a non-basic product. • Non-basic subsidy is available for eligible applicants to manage significant skin integrity issues only. It is not available to manage pain, transfers, bed mobility or to accommodate bed size. • A PRSS for a recliner/lounge/static chair is not an available option under sleep positioning system subsidy funding.
Sleep Positioning System	\$3200	<p>Applicant requires support and positioning in lying to facilitate one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved respiration and/or swallowing. • Prevention of pressure injury through specific positioning needs. • Improved positioning for prevention of contractures and/or deformities. <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subsidy is intended for applicants who require high level support and have complex positioning needs e.g. a neurological condition such as cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury etc. • Sleep positioning systems contain more than one component part such as cushions, foam covered brackets or other forms of contouring which are used with or without a specialised mattress to provide multiple points of postural support and are used in conjunction with an existing bed. This

Pressure Redistribution Support Surface Subsidised	Maximum MASS subsidy	May be subsidised when
		<p>funding cannot be applied to the purchase of a bed or single positioning components.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A PRSS for a recliner/lounge/static chair is not an available option under sleep positioning system subsidy funding.
<p>Pressure redistribution cushion (PRC)</p> <p>NB: not available where applicant has received an overlay/cushion under the PRSS subsidy</p>	\$750	<p>Applicant is eligible for a manual or power wheelchair and experiences one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At risk of developing a pressure injury as identified through a formal risk screening tool (e.g. Waterlow, Braden etc) and/or is unable to effectively redistribute pressure. • History of pressure injury on areas in contact with the seat. • Current Pressure Injury (sitting acquired) and determined not IAD (Incontinence Acquired Dermatitis) • Major fixed skeletal deformity and/or motor/sensory loss with potential for pressure injury development. <p>Note:</p> <p>MASS may subsidise a pressure redistribution mattress/overlay for a bed and a pressure redistribution cushion (PRC) for a wheelchair for wheelchair eligible applicants. Applicant is not eligible for a 2nd cushion for a recliner/lounge/static chair. It is expected that the selected wheelchair cushion can be positioned on the recliner/lounge/static chair if required, and trial and selection should take this into account. In extenuating circumstances, please contact the MASS Clinical Advisor to discuss the applicant's specific circumstance.</p>

For all PRSS, excluding sleep positioning systems, 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> and <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/mass/prescribe/mobility/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.

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 applicant 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

Permanent Loan, Repairs, Maintenance and Ownership

Pressure Redistribution Support Surfaces 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
- 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 applicant, or MASS takes over the ownership of equipment (e.g. similar equipment provided by interstate agencies).

How to apply

Consult with an eligible prescriber to assist with assessment and selection of appropriate assistive technology. The prescriber will complete the [MASS-eApply online application](#) or the [MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment application form](#) and any extra documentation required; then submit the completed 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.

Minimum trial requirements:

1. Pressure redistribution mattress/overlay – 3 nights
2. Sleep positioning systems – overnight. Must demonstrate the applicant was able to sleep and tolerated the system. Trial of at least 1 week is recommended.

When determining if trial of a pressure redistribution support surface has been successful, provide details of outcomes of skin checks.

Post-delivery follow-up is to be provided by the prescriber (or 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 aware of maintenance and repair process.

This should be done by direct home visit where hands-on set up and/or training is required. In other situations, telehealth or similar strategies may be utilised if appropriate.

N.B. a safety switch or residential current device must be installed for items connected to mains power for operating/charging.

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.

MASS-eApply Online Application

MASS-eApply is the preferred method of application for all pressure redistribution support surface requests to MASS.

Online applications are designed to work across multiple platforms: computer/laptop, iPad, Android tablet or smartphone and across all MASS service areas.

As part of the eApply process, applicant's eligibility will be confirmed electronically.

Further Information: health.qld.gov.au/mass/mass-online-applications and [MASS e-Apply Tutorials](#)

To register: forms.health.qld.gov.au/#/vault

To login: forms.health.qld.gov.au/#/login

For enquiries and technical assistance contact: MASS-eApply@health.qld.gov.au

Application forms and documents required for non MASS-eApply applications

Equipment Category	Application Requirements
Pressure redistribution support surface for bed and/or recliner/lounge/static chair; or sleep positioning system	<p>Include each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MASS 20 DLA/MOB Application Form<ul style="list-style-type: none">– 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, and specification form (script) if applicable (customised PRCs) for requested item from the supplier that provided trial of equipment. <p>Note: For mattresses or overlays larger than king single size, a quote or price for a single/king single equivalent must be included to enable the subsidy level to be calculated.</p>
Pressure Redistribution Cushion	
Replacement with same brand, model and size equipment (i.e. like for like) that is beyond economical repair but remains suitable	<p>Include each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 (script) if applicable (customised PRCs) for requested item. <p>Note: For mattresses or overlays larger than king single size, a quote or price for a single/king single equivalent must be included to enable the subsidy level to be calculated</p> <p>At MASS' discretion, equipment deemed beyond economic repair, may be replaced without requiring documentation. This is considered on a case by case basis.</p>

Equipment Category	Application Requirements
	<p>To discuss, contact MASS Repairs, phone 3136 3524.</p> <p>If applying for other equipment in the one application, a MASS 20 DLA/MOB Application Form can be used.</p>

Important Note:

If an item needs immediate replacement or repair (e.g. pump not working, leak in air cells), please contact MASS:

- BRISBANE and TOWNSVILLE Offices: 3136 3524
- MASS-Equipment@health.qld.gov.au or MASS-Equipment-TSV@health.qld.gov.au