



SWEP Prescriber Registration and Credentialing Framework¹

The State-Wide Equipment Program (SWEP) is committed to the appropriate assessment and prescription of assistive technology (AT) by suitably qualified and skilled prescribers. SWEP is bound to work within the guidelines of our funding bodies which specify which disciplines may prescribe within categories of AT.

Objectives

The objectives of registration and credentialing for SWEP prescribers are:

- Accurate and client-appropriate prescription
- Recognition of advanced prescriber knowledge and skills
- Supported and stream-lined administrative processes
- Prescriber accountability
- Capacity to communicate with all prescribers

Interaction between AT and the client

The SWEP is keenly aware of the knowledge base of the current prescribers, and acknowledges within the registration and credentialing framework the complex interaction between AT, the client, and their support person/s. It is understood that the system must take into account an appreciation of equipment complexity, of client characteristics which impact complexity, and the necessity for higher level assessment skills (often as part of a multi-disciplinary team) as all these elements interact.

SWEP has categorized AT into logical equipment types (Appendix 1), as far as possible aligned to funding Guidelines. The special requirements when prescribing for children have also been taken into account.

The AT types are then sub-categorised by their complexity and, recognising that even basic AT may require higher level assessment when being fitted to highly complex clients, relevant client characteristics impacting assessment outcomes (Appendix 2) are brought into consideration.

The final product is a series of matrices across AT categories which support clinicians and administrative staff in knowing that the right therapist is prescribing the right equipment (Appendix 3).

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Registration and Credentialing

Clinician knowledge and experience has been characterised by division to “Green”, “Amber” and “Red” prescribers.

In order to register with SWEP as a prescribing clinician, prescribers must have a qualification in the discipline designated to prescribe the specific assistive technology under the funding body Operational Policies and:

- Continence nurses to have attained a minimum Graduate Certificate in continence and/or urological nursing (<http://consa.org.au/education-course-info/4586425555>) OR be employed as a Clinical Nurse Advisor (CNA) or Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) in continence or a Urology nurse
- Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists to have attended a SWEP full day education workshop at Central Queensland University (CQU)² (www.cqu.edu.au/swep)
- Orthotists to be a member of (or be eligible for membership of) their professional association (AOPA) and to have attended a SWEP half day education workshop at CQU.
- Podiatrists to have attended a SWEP half day education workshop at CQU
- For Speech Pathologists to have attended a SWEP half day education workshop at CQU

At first registration, all health professionals will be considered as Green prescribers. As long as the clients for whom they prescribe have been assessed as needing Green equipment and have only some of the complicating characteristics identified for each category, their prescriptions will be processed at SWEP according to the priority of access parameters outlined on the SWEP web-site and dependent upon the program under which the equipment is being requested.

Amber and Red prescribers are those recognised by SWEP as having higher levels of skill and experience. Once they gain higher level recognition, they are “credentialed” to prescribe in the AT categories (and for the client complexity levels) which they nominate and which their documentation supports.

Amber prescribers will have at least 1 year experience prescribing for their nominated AT categories. Additional requirements for Amber health professionals are:

- Continence nurses to have attained a minimum Graduate Certificate in continence and/or urological nursing (<http://consa.org.au/education-course-info/4586425555>) OR be employed as a Clinical Nurse Advisor (CNA) or Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) in continence or a Urology nurse for a minimum of 1 year.
- Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists to have participated in relevant advanced professional development and have undergone recognised competency assessment. Training which meets the requirements for credentialing at this level

² Please note that CQU education is conducted at the Melbourne campus (opposite Spencer Street Station) and can be arranged at local regional centres if sufficient numbers are reached.

has been developed by the SWEP Clinical Advisors and education specialists and is available through the CQU-SWEP Assistive Technology Continuing Professional Development Program (www.cqu.edu.au/swep). SWEP will consider recognition of equivalent training on application. It is a requirement for maintenance of Amber status that this training (or its equivalent) should be undertaken within each 3 year period

AND

Participate in a SWEP prescription review process³.

- Orthotists to be a member of their professional association (AOPA) – annual certificate of membership renewal is required OR provide evidence of annual attendance at relevant professional development.

AND

Participate in a SWEP prescription review process³.

- Podiatrists to have participated in relevant advanced professional development and have undergone recognised competency assessment. It is a requirement for maintenance of Amber status that evidence of training should be provided within each 3 year period

AND

Participate in a SWEP prescription review process³.

- For Speech Pathologists to have participated in relevant advanced professional development and have undergone recognised competency assessment. It is a requirement for maintenance of Amber status that evidence of training should be provided within each 3 year period

AND

Participate in a SWEP prescription review process³.

Amber prescribers can prescribe green or amber classified AT, and prescribe for clients with more complicating characteristics.

Red prescribers will have at least 5 years experience prescribing for their nominated AT categories Additional requirements for Red health professionals are:

- Continence nurses to have attained minimum Graduate Certificate in continence and/or urological nursing (<http://consa.org.au/education-course-info/4586425555>) OR be employed as a Clinical Nurse Advisor (CNA) in continence or as Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) in continence or as a Urology nurse for a minimum of 5 years.
- Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists to have participated in relevant advanced professional development and have undergone recognised competency assessment. Training which meets the requirements for credentialing at this level has been developed by the SWEP Clinical Advisors and education specialists and is available through the CQU-SWEP Assistive Technology Continuing Professional Development Program. SWEP will consider recognition of equivalent training on application. It is a requirement for maintenance of Red status that this training (or its equivalent) should be undertaken within each 3 year period.

³ Prescription review is undertaken through audit of 3 scripts at the level requested

AND

Participate in a SWEP prescription review process.

- Orthotists be a member of their professional association (AOPA) – annual certificate of membership renewal is required OR provide evidence of annual attendance at relevant professional development.

AND

Participate in a SWEP prescription review process.

- Podiatrists to have participated in relevant advanced professional development and have undergone recognised competency assessment. It is a requirement for maintenance of Red status that evidence of training should be provided within each 3 year period.

AND

Participate in a SWEP prescription review process.

- Speech Pathologists to have participated in relevant advanced professional development and have undergone recognised competency assessment. It is a requirement for maintenance of Red status that evidence of training should be provided within each 3 year period.

AND

Participate in a SWEP prescription review process.

Red prescribers can prescribe any level of equipment in the nominated AT category for any client, no matter how complex or complicated.

SWEP understands that there are Red prescribers who are involved regularly in the assessment and AT prescribing process for very complex clients using highly complex and/or customised AT. It is assumed these prescribers are maintaining their expertise through their national or international activities in the field. These prescribers can apply for exemption from the PD requirement.

SWEP requires proof of qualifications, association memberships (where relevant), registration through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) (where relevant), appointment to relevant positions (eg CNC continence), and attendance at the relevant training or competency based professional development.

Prescriber support

SWEP is aware that clinicians should not have a greater administrative burden to prescribe AT to their clients, and in some instances may need support to ensure all required elements of an assessment have been taken into account when prescribing.

Prescription forms which match to AT categories are lodged securely via the SWEP web portal, and prescriber manuals and useful links to assist prescribers are also accessible via the SWEP web-site. These are to ensure that all elements of assessment required for client-appropriate prescription have been taken into account and include examples of checklists and assessment forms.

Clinical Advisors

SWEP has contracted a number of Clinical Advisors to assist in the development of the Registration and Credentialing process, and to provide on-going advice and support to SWEP. SWEP Clinical Advisors can be found at <https://swep.bhs.org.au/clinical-advisors.php>.

Prescribing above the credentialed level

Prescribers may prescribe AT which is at a more complex level than the level at which they are credentialed. In these cases, the prescription must be signed off by a SWEP recognised higher level prescriber. This sign-off ensures that all appropriate assessments and client considerations have been covered in the prescription. Validation by a higher level prescriber is intended to ensure appropriate clinical reasoning and assessment has been undertaken. Validation does not imply that the validating health professional has responsibility for the AT prescription, nor that they have assessed the client. The responsibility for the prescription rests with the prescribing therapist.

If prescribers are in rural or remote areas, or are sole practitioners and cannot access a higher level prescriber to sign off a prescription, SWEP may ask a Clinical Advisor to review the prescription and sign it off if appropriate. In these instances, the Clinical Advisor may make contact with the prescriber to discuss elements of their prescription.

Documents/Systems reviewed

EnableNSW Health Support Services Professional Criteria for Prescribers:

<http://www.enable.health.nsw.gov.au/>

Queensland Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme Prescriber Procedures Manual:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/mass/>

South Australian Government DFC Approved Provider model: <http://www.dfc.sa.gov.au/>

Victorian Transport Accident Commission Benefit and Support Service Assessor:

<http://www.tac.vic.gov.au/jsp/content/NavigationController.do?areaID=22&tierID=1&navID=BA2614FA7F0000010104A4B6515D91FF&navLink=null&pageID=1841>

Department of Veterans Affairs RAP National Guidelines:

http://www.dva.gov.au/service_providers/rap/Documents/RAPNationalGuidelines.pdf

Health Workforce Australia National Competencies Framework:

<http://www.hwa.gov.au/programs/research-and-data/competencies-framework>

New Zealand Ministry of Health Equipment and Modification Services Assessor

Accreditation Framework:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/ems-assessor-accreditation-framework-dss1044c-feb2015.pdf>

Assist UK Trusted Assessor Project: <http://www.assist-uk.org/>

Appendix 1: Categories of Assistive Technology

Category	Discipline currently permitted to prescribe
Beds, pressure care mattresses and bed accessories (includes other pressure care products)	Occupational Therapy Physiotherapy
Continence products	Division 1 Registered Nurse (Continence Nurse)
Electronic voice aids and voice prostheses (does NOT include electronic communication devices, voice output communication software and related mounts or switches needed to access an ECD)	Speech Pathology
Environmental Control Units	Occupational Therapy
Home Modifications	Occupational Therapy
Orthoses and custom/extra depth shoes	Occupational Therapy, Orthotics/Prosthetics, Physiotherapy, Podiatry
Specialised bathing/toileting equipment – (includes hydraulic change tables (SAEAS))	Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy (excludes some items)
Specialised Seating	Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy
Transfer equipment/Hoists & Slings	Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy
Vehicle Modifications – Driver	Vic Roads Accredited OT - Driver Assessor
Vehicle Modifications – Passenger	Occupational Therapy
Walking aids and standing equipment	Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy
Wheelchairs, Scooters, Strollers, Seating systems and Pressure care cushions	Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy
All other personal use items (includes safety helmets and portable ramps)	Occupational Therapy

Appendix 2: Schedule of Relevant Client Characteristics

General Characteristics which impact the prescription

1. Skin integrity risks or pressure ulcers
2. Cognitive impairment
3. Behaviours of concern
4. Client's condition changing rapidly (includes growth or weight change)
5. Support person required to help use this equipment

Specific Characteristics which impact the prescription (Beds/Mattresses)

6. Postural abnormality (severe for adults)
7. Complex postural needs (includes head/trunk control issues)

Specific Characteristics which impact the prescription (Continence Aids)

6. Management requested by a Urologist
7. Weight over 200kg

Specific Characteristics which impact the prescription (Electronic Voice Aids)

6. Aged under 18 years

Specific Characteristics which impact the prescription (Environmental Control Units)

6. Compromised support person capacity or availability to set-up or assist
7. Device requires inter-connection with other devices

Specific Characteristics which impact the prescription (Home Modifications)

6. Lives alone
7. Specific Cultural Requirements
8. Key life transition status (eg moving away from home)

Specific Characteristics which impact the prescription (Orthotics)

6. History of poor compliance
7. High or low tone in relevant muscle group
8. GMFCS of III or IV

Specific Characteristics which impact the prescription (Specialised Bathing/Showering/Toileting)

6. Postural abnormality (severe for adults)
7. Complex postural needs (includes head/trunk control issues)
8. High or low tone in relevant muscle group

Specific Characteristics which impact the prescription (Specialised Seating)

6. Postural abnormality (severe for adults)
7. Complex postural needs (includes head/trunk control issues)

Specific Characteristics which impact the prescription (Transfers/hoists/slings)

6. Complex postural needs (includes head/trunk control issues)
7. High or low tone in relevant muscle group

Specific Characteristics which impact the prescription (Vehicle Modifications)

6. Complex postural needs (includes head/trunk control issues)
7. High or low tone in relevant muscle group
8. Limited joint range
9. Limited capacity to transfer to normal car seat

Specific Characteristics which impact the prescription (Walking aids and standing Equipment)

6. GMFCS of IV - V

Specific Characteristics which impact the prescription (Wheelchairs)

6. Complex postural needs (includes head/trunk control issues)
7. High or low tone in relevant muscle group
8. Limited joint range

Appendix 3: Assistive Technology Matrices

Beds and Mattresses (includes Pressure Care products) - (Adults and Children)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	<p>Standard off the shelf beds with no customisations</p> <p>Basic bed extras</p> <p>Pressure redistribution mattress replacements (min 15cm depth), that fit the prescribed bed frame to minimize entrapment zones</p>	<p><120kg (adult) < 80kg (children)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND/OR</p> <p>Height less than 180cm (5'11")</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND/OR</p> <p>Skin Integrity risk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>No impact by any other "Relevant Characteristics"</p>	<p>Qualification in Occupational Therapy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Qualification in Physiotherapy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Attendance at a full day SWEP induction</p>
AMBER	<p>Non standard beds</p> <p>Non standard bed extras with consideration of possible entrapment zones or impalement</p> <p>Pressure redistribution mattress replacement</p> <p>Other pressure ulcer prevention items</p>	<p>120kg – 200kg (adult) < 80kg (children)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND/OR</p> <p>Impacted by < 4 other "Relevant Characteristics"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>not including postural abnormality (children)</p>	<p>Qualification in Occupational Therapy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Qualification in Physiotherapy (mattress only)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on beds and mattress prescription</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Participation in a SWEP prescription review process</p>

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
RED	<p>Customised beds</p> <p>Bed extras which are added to a bed or could entrap a bed user</p> <p>Pressure redistribution full mattress replacements</p>	<p>> 200kg (adult) > 80kg (children)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND/OR</p> <p>Pressure Ulcers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND/OR</p> <p>Impacted by 4 or more relevant characteristics</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Postural abnormality (children) Severe postural abnormality (adult)</p>	<p>Qualification in Occupational Therapy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Qualification in Physiotherapy (mattress only)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Attendance at a recognised, competency based education session on beds and mattress prescription</p>

Continence Aids (Adults and Children)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	Protectors for the environment Washable continence items	No impact by "Relevant Characteristics"	AHPRA Registered Nurse (Division 1) AND Graduate Certificate in continence and/or urological nursing http://consa.org.au/education-course-info/458642555 AND/OR Employed as a Continence Nurse Advisor (CNA) or CNC (Continence) or Urology Nurse
AMBER	Urinary catheters & accessories External drainage bags/bottles/valves	Impacted < 4 "Relevant Characteristics" AND/OR Treated by a Urologist and specific management required	AHPRA Registered Nurse (Division 1) AND Graduate Certificate in continence and/or urological nursing http://consa.org.au/education-course-info/458642555 AND/OR Employed as a Continence Nurse Advisor (CNA) or CNC (Continence) or Urology Nurse AND Minimum of 1 years' experience prescribing continence aids

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
RED	<p>Anal Plugs and Irrigation</p> <p>Intra vaginal devices</p>	<p>Impacted by 4 or more "Relevant Characteristics"</p>	<p>AHPRA Registered Nurse (Division 1) AND</p> <p>Graduate Certificate in continence and/or urological nursing (http://consa.org.au/education-course-info/458642555)</p> <p>AND/OR</p> <p>Employed as a Continence Nurse Advisor (CNA) or CNC (Continence) or Urology Nurse AND</p> <p>Minimum of 5 years' experience prescribing continence aids</p>

Electronic Voice Aids (Adults and Children)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	All electronic voice aids	Impact by < 2 "Relevant Characteristics" AND At least 18 years of age	Qualification in Speech Pathology AND Attendance at a half day SWEP induction
AMBER	Standard voice prostheses	Impacted by < 2-3 "Relevant Characteristics" AND At least 18 years of age	Qualification in Speech Pathology AND At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category AND/OR Attendance at a recognised education session such as Blom or Provox education sessions AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process
RED	Indwelling voice prostheses Modified voice prostheses	Impacted by 4 or more "Relevant Characteristics" AND/OR Less than 18 years of age	Qualification in Speech Pathology AND At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised education session such as Blom or Provox education sessions. AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process

Environmental Control Units (Adults and Children)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	<p>Simple operation of single function (eg. on/off).</p> <p>Switch accessed via hand press.</p> <p>Anticipated unlikely to require significant change over time.</p>	<p>Impacted by no "Relevant Characteristics"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Support person available to setup and supervise</p>	<p>Qualification in Occupational Therapy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Attendance at a full day SWEP induction</p>
AMBER	<p>Operation involving choice from 2 or more functions in same category (eg lights or bed control or TV).</p> <p>Multiple functions, multiple switches accessed by hand press OR single layer menu, switch and scan with switch activated by hand press or voice.</p> <p>Anticipated unlikely to require significant change over time.</p>	<p>Impacted by < 4 "Relevant Characteristics"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Support person has compromised capacity or availability to assist with setup and changes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Device requires integration with other assistive technology</p>	<p>Qualification in Occupational Therapy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND/OR</p> <p>Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of environmental controls</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Participation in a SWEP prescription review process</p>
RED	<p>Multiple functions operated by switch or voice</p> <p>Complex controls including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switch mounting • Layered menus • Integration into other controller • Part of home modification • Alternative access (eg switch and scanning, voice switch) • Complex programming • Computer based (via USB IR module) 	<p>Impacted by 4 or more "Relevant Characteristics"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Support person has compromised capacity or availability to assist with setup and changes as necessary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Device requires integration with other assistive technology</p>	<p>Qualification in Occupational Therapy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of environmental controls</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Participation in a SWEP prescription review process</p>

Home Modifications (Adults and Children)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	All modifications ≤ \$1,000 Fittings for a single area < \$1,000	Impacted by “Relevant Characteristics” 1-3 only (see script) AND/OR Child < 80kg Adult <120kg	Qualification in Occupational Therapy AND Attendance at a full day SWEP induction
AMBER	All modifications > \$1,000 and ≤ \$10,000	Impacted by “Relevant Characteristics” 4-5 (see script) AND/OR Child < 80kg Adult >120kg and <200kg	Qualification in Occupational Therapy AND At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category AND/OR Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of home modifications AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process
RED	Complex modifications \$10,000+ Any ramp that is not compliant with Australian Standard 1428.1 Stair lifts	Impacted by “Relevant Characteristics” 6-7 (see script) AND/OR Child > 80kg Adult >200kg	Qualification in Occupational Therapy AND At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of home modifications AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process

Orthotics (Adults and Children)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	Basic lower limb orthoses Ankle Foot Orthoses (AFO) Knee orthoses (KO) Foot Orthoses (FO) Basic upper limb orthoses Wrist Hand Orthoses (WHO) Elbow Orthoses (EO) Resting WHO/EO Static custom WHO/EO Basic spinal orthoses Non corrective Extra-depth/width footwear	Impacted by <2 "Relevant Characteristic"	Qualification in Prosthetics & Orthotics OR Qualification in Podiatry (foot orthoses and footwear only) AND Attendance at a half day SWEP induction -- OR Qualification in Occupational Therapy (upper limb orthoses only) OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND Attendance at a full day SWEP induction
AMBER	Dynamic upper limb orthoses Wilmer orthosis Custom made footwear Knee Ankle Foot Orthoses (KAFO) Unilateral Charcot Restraint Orthotic Walker (CROW) Dynamic Ankle Foot Orthosis (DAFO) Ground Reaction Force AFO	Impacted by 2 "Relevant Characteristic"	Qualification in Prosthetics & Orthotics AND Membership of AOPA or equivalent AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process AND At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category -- OR Qualification in Podiatry (foot orthoses and footwear only) AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session AND

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
			<p>Participation in a SWEP prescription review process AND At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category -- OR Qualification in Occupational Therapy (upper limb orthoses only) AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process AND At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category -- OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process AND At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category</p>

RED	Functional Electrical Stimulation devices* WalkAid NESS L300	Impacted by 3 or more "Relevant Characteristics" AND/OR Pressure Ulcers	Qualification in Prosthetics & Orthotics AND Membership of AOPA or equivalent AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process AND At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category ~ ~ OR Qualification in Podiatry (foot orthoses and footwear only) AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process AND At least 5 year of experience prescribing in this category ~ ~ OR Qualification in Occupational Therapy (upper limb orthoses only) AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process AND At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category ~ ~ OR Qualification in Physiotherapy
	Stance phase control devices UTX Horton* E-knee – Becker Orthopedic* Free Walk – Otto Bock Swing Phase Lock – BASKO Ultra Safe Step - Becker		
	Paraplegic ambulatory device* Reciprocating Gait Orthosis (RGO) ORLAU Parawalker		
	Brachial plexus devices Stanmore Flail Arm orthosis		
	Bilateral KAFOs		

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
			<p>AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session</p> <p>AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process</p> <p>AND At least 5 year of experience prescribing in this category</p>

Specialised Bathing, toileting equipment (Adults and Children)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	Basic shower and bath chairs and benches Overtoilet frames Toilet surround Raised toilet seats	< 120kg (adults) < 80kg (children) AND No impact by "Relevant Characteristics"	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND Attendance at a full day SWEP induction
AMBER	More complex bathing seats Toilet supports	120kg – 200kg (adults) < 80kg (children) AND/OR Impacted by < 4 "Relevant Characteristics"	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of complex bathing/showering/toileting equipment. AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process
RED	Customised commodes Complex commodes *Change tables *note only available under SAEAS	> 200kg (adults) > 80kg (children) AND/OR Impacted by 4 or more "Relevant Characteristics" AND/OR High or low tone in relevant muscle group OR Severe postural abnormality (adults) Postural abnormality (children)	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of complex bathing/showering/toileting equipment. AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process

Specialised Seating/ Chairs (Adults)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	Basic adult chairs and seats	<120kg AND No impact by "Relevant Characteristics"	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND Attendance at a full day SWEP induction
AMBER	Supportive chair with additional extras that can assist with posture control. Off the shelf postural supports added to chairs such as harness, backrest or thoracic support Tilt in space chairs Powered lift reclining chairs (single and dual motor) Pressure care lift recliner	120kg – 200kg AND/OR Impacted by < 4 "Relevant Characteristics" not including severe postural abnormality	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of adult seating equipment AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process
RED	Custom made chairs and seats Modular seating systems/ tilt in space Pressure cushion inserts in seating	> 200kg AND/OR Impacted by > 4 "Relevant Characteristics" OR Severe postural abnormality	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of adult seating equipment AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process

Specialised Seating/ Chairs (Children)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	Basic specialised children’s chairs and seats	< 80 kg AND Not impacted by relevant characteristics	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND Attendance at a full day SWEP induction
AMBER	Supportive chair with additional extras that can assist with posture control. Off the shelf postural supports added to chairs (egharness, backrest, thoracic support) Tilt in space chairs Powered lift reclining chairs (single and dual motor) Pressure care lift recliner Seating that has inbuilt postural support such as moulded foam seats	< 80 kg AND/OR Impacted by 4 or more relevant characteristics not including postural abnormality	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of children’s seating equipment AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process
RED	Custom made seating/ chairs Adjustable growth modular seating Seating systems that can be used on multiple bases	> 80 kg AND/OR Impacted by 4 or more relevant characteristics AND/OR Pressure Ulcers AND/OR Postural abnormality	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of children’s seating equipment AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process

Transfers, hoists and slings (Adults and Children)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	Basic Transfer Equipment	40 - 120kg AND No impact by "Relevant Characteristics"	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND Attendance at a full day SWEP induction
AMBER	All motorised mobile hoists Standard Slings Basic ceiling hoists (fixed or portable)	< 40kg OR 120kg – 200kg AND/OR Impacted by < 3 "Relevant Characteristics"	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of transfer equipment AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process
RED	Ceiling Hoists (fixed or portable): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that involve junctions and turntables • that involve modifications to the home (tracks through doorways) • that require 2 motors to meet load capacity • Multifunctional hoists Specialised slings (eg. customised and stretcher slings)	> 200kg AND/OR High or low tone in relevant muscle group AND/OR Impacted by 3 or more "Relevant Characteristics"	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of transfer equipment AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process

Vehicle Modifications (Driver)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	No driver modifications are considered "Green"	No driver modifications are considered "Green"	Red Passenger OT may undertake development of the script as long as Red Driver OT validation is obtained
AMBER	Specialised seating modifications All modifications to primary and secondary controls	Impacted by < 4 "Relevant Characteristics" OR Support person has compromised capacity or availability to assist with setup and changes OR Device requires integration with other assistive technology	Qualification in Occupational Therapy AND At least 1 years of experience prescribing in this category AND A VicRoads accredited Driver Assessing Occupational Therapist
RED	All major structural modifications to facilitate driving	Impacted by 4 or more "Relevant Characteristics" AND Support person has compromised capacity or availability to assist with setup and changes as necessary. OR Device requires integration with other assistive technology	Qualification in Occupational Therapy AND At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category AND A VicRoads accredited Driver Assessing Occupational Therapist AND Attendance at a recognised education session on prescription of vehicle modifications

Vehicle Modifications (Passenger)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	Roof Hoists Trailers Basic Wheelchair Carriers Air Conditioning Boot Cranes	< 120Kg AND Impacted by no "Relevant Characteristics" AND Support person available to setup and supervise	Qualification in Occupational Therapy AND Attendance at a full day SWEP induction
AMBER	Basic access modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd or 3rd row wheelchair access Passenger Wheelchair and Occupant Restraint Systems Passenger Sling Lifts Passenger Seating Modifications	< 200kg OR Impacted by < 4 "Relevant Characteristics" AND Support person has compromised capacity or availability to assist with setup and changes OR Device requires integration with other assistive technology	Qualification in Occupational Therapy AND At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category AND/OR Attendance at a recognised education session on prescription of vehicle modifications
RED	Complex access modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st row wheelchair access modifications 	Impacted by 4 or more "Relevant Characteristics" AND Support person has compromised capacity or availability to assist with setup and changes as necessary. OR Device requires integration with other assistive technology	Qualification in Occupational Therapy AND At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised education session on prescription of vehicle modifications

Walking Aids and Standing Equipment (Adults and Children)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	Basic frames and gutter crutches 4 wheel walkers (adults)	< 120kg AND No impact by "Relevant Characteristics"	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND Attendance at a full day SWEP induction
AMBER	Standing frames and specialised walkers (adult) All children's standing frames and posterior walkers.	120kg – 200kg AND/OR Impacted < 4 "Relevant Characteristics"	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of walking aids and standing equipment AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process
RED	Hart Walker	> 200kg AND/OR Cerebral Palsy (GMFCS Level IV – V) AND/OR Impacted by 4 or more "Relevant Characteristics"	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of walking aids and standing equipment AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process

Wheelchairs, Scooters, Seating and Pressure Cushions (Adult)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	Basic community access wheelchair Basic self-drive powered wheelchair Scooters Pressure redistribution cushions - 5.0 – 7.5cm foam / variable foam density/ hardness 5.0cm air / gel/ fluid /combinations Fibre filled No positioning parts	40 - 120kg AND/OR No impact by “Relevant Characteristics” OTHER THAN Skin Integrity risk	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND Attendance at a full day SWEP induction
AMBER	All customisations for manual & powered wheelchairs Seating systems including pressure cushions and back and head support Pressure redistribution cushions - Adjustable air – 5.0 – 10.0cm 7.5 – 10.0cm foam / contoured 5.0 – 10.0cm Combinations – air/ foam / fluid / gel/ some adjustment required Contoured bases	< 40Kg OR 120kg – 200kg AND/OR Impacted by < 4 other “Relevant Characteristics”	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of adult wheelchairs scooters, seating and pressure cushions AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process

RED	<p>All custom made wheelchairs</p> <p>Pressure redistribution cushions - Custom made - moulded cushions- inserts of air/ gel / fluid</p> <p>High profile air/ foam / fluid combinations</p> <p>Customised wedges / blocks / obliquity pads</p> <p>*note that for all red equipment where possible, a multi-disciplinary assessment is conducted.</p>	<p>< 40Kg</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>> 200kg</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND/OR</p> <p>Pressure Ulcers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND/OR</p> <p>Severe Postural Abnormality</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND/OR</p> <p>Impacted by 4 or more "Relevant Characteristics"</p>	<p>Qualification in Occupational Therapy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Qualification in Physiotherapy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of adult wheelchairs scooters, seating and pressure cushions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Participation in a SWEP prescription review process</p>
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Wheelchairs, Scooters, Strollers, Seating and Pressure Cushions (Children)

	EQUIPMENT	CLIENT	PRESCRIBER
GREEN	Basic community access wheelchair Basic custom stroller (children < 5 years old) Pressure redistribution cushions - 500 – 750mm foam / variable foam density/ hardness 500mm air / gel/ fluid /combinations Fibre filled No positioning parts Special Covers: continence low shear, air exchange	<80kg No impact by “Relevant Characteristics” OTHER THAN Skin integrity risk	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND Attendance at a full day SWEP induction
AMBER	Powered wheelchair for children > 10 years old Strollers for children > 5 years old All customisations for manual and powered wheelchairs – includes seating systems, pressure cushions and back and head supports Pressure redistribution cushions - Adjustable air – 500 – 1000mm 750 – 1000mm foam / contoured 500 – 1000mm Combinations – air/ foam / fluid / gel/ some adjustment required Contoured bases	< 80kg AND/OR Impacted by < 4 “Relevant Characteristics” not including postural abnormality	Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND At least 1 year of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of children’s wheelchairs, scooters, strollers, seating and pressure cushions AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process

RED	<p>All custom made wheelchairs Powered wheelchairs for children < 10 years Motorised scooters</p> <p>Pressure redistribution cushions - Custom made - molded cushions- inserts of air/ gel / fluid High profile air/ foam / fluid combinations Customized Wedges / blocks / obliquity pads, other additions to cushions that are removable *note that for all red equipment where possible, a multi-disciplinary assessment is conducted.</p>	<p>80kg + AND/OR</p> <p>Pressure Ulcers AND/OR</p> <p>Postural abnormality AND/OR</p> <p>Impacted by 4 or more relevant characteristics</p>	<p>Qualification in Occupational Therapy OR Qualification in Physiotherapy AND At least 5 years of experience prescribing in this category AND Attendance at a recognised competency based education session on prescription of children's wheelchairs, scooters, strollers, seating and pressure cushions AND Participation in a SWEP prescription review process</p>
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