

## Threshold credentials and additional practitioner requirements for credentialing categories and levels

| Assistive Technology (AT) category – title and description   | Threshold credentials for this AT category   |   |
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| <b>Bath and Toilet</b><br><i>(shower chairs, commodes, bath and toilet aids, change tables and related pressures care)</i> | Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist<br><b>OR</b> Physiotherapist   |   |
| <b>Bedding</b><br><i>(beds, pressure reducing mattresses and accessories)</i>  | Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist<br><b>OR</b> Physiotherapist   |   |
| <b>Compression garments</b><br><i>(off the shelf and made to measure, upper and lower limb garments and wrap systems)</i>  | <b><u>Established</u> professions in this category for SWEP</b><br>(i.e., professions previously eligible for SWEP registration and credentialing, before Jan 2022)<br>Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist<br><b>or</b> Physiotherapist<br><b>or</b> Registered Nurse<br><b>or</b> Nurse Practitioner<br><b>or</b> Medical Practitioner<br><b><u>with</u></b><br>with completion of an Australasian Lymphology Association (ALA) endorsed course (consistent with the scope of practice of your primary health profession, your role and chosen scope of practice) |   |
|  | <b><u>Emerging</u> eligible practitioners in this category</b><br><i>(i.e., includes practitioners from professions that were not previously eligible for SWEP registration and credentialing, before Jan 2022)</i>  | <div data-bbox="1205 1002 2110 1094" style="background-color: #1a3d54; color: white; padding: 5px;">           Additional eligibility requirements for meeting amber and red credentialing in this AT category         </div> <div data-bbox="1205 1094 2110 1272" style="background-color: #76c730; color: white; padding: 5px;">           No additional threshold credentials for Green         </div> |

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|  | <p>ALA Accredited Lymphoedema Practitioner on the National Lymphoedema Practitioner Register, working within the scope of practice of their primary health profession(s) and the competencies achieved through undertaking accredited lymphoedema training</p> <p><b>with</b></p> <p>Current general Ahpra registration (where applicable) or Professional Association membership (where applicable and as determined by ALA)</p>   | <p>At least one full year as an ALA Accredited Lymphoedema Practitioner on the National Lymphoedema Practitioner Register (excluding any years of absence approved by ALA) and with current active accreditation.</p> <p><b>and</b></p> <p>working within the scope of practice of their primary health profession(s) and the competencies achieved through undertaking accredited lymphoedema training.</p> <p>At least four full years as an ALA Accredited Lymphoedema Practitioner on the National Lymphoedema Practitioner Register (excluding any years of absence approved by ALA) and with current active accreditation</p> <p><b>and</b></p> <p>working within the scope of practice of their primary health profession(s) and the competencies achieved through undertaking accredited lymphoedema training</p> |
| <p><b>Continence</b><br/>(personal and household washable items, catheter care and accessories, and specialised items)</p>     | <p>Current general Ahpra registration as a Registered Nurse</p> <p><b>with</b></p> <p>Graduate certificate in Nursing (urological and continence) or equivalent</p> <p><b>or</b> employed in a relevant specialty context relating to bladder or bowel dysfunction (e.g., employed as a Nurse Continence Specialist/ Continence Nurse Advisor / Urology Nurse/ Clinical Nurse Consultant (in a related context)</p> <p><b>or</b> if endorsed as a Nurse Practitioner, applying advanced clinical nursing practice in a relevant specialty context</p> |   |
| <p><b>Environmental control units (ECU)</b><br/>(automation devices including relevant software, hardware and accessories)</p> | <p>Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Home modifications</b><br/>(built ramps, rails, stair lifts, and changes to the built environment)</p>                   | <p>Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist</p>  |   |

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| <b>Laryngectomy Consumables</b><br><i>(heat moisture exchange systems, laryngectomy tubes, cleaning equipment)</i>  | Speech Pathologist eligible for membership of Speech Pathology Australia  |   |
| <b>Orthotics</b><br><i>(orthoses, footwear, helmets)</i>  | Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist<br><b>or</b> Physiotherapist<br><b>or</b> Podiatrist<br><b>or</b> Orthotist/Prosthetist with full membership of the Australian Orthotics and Prosthetics Association (AOPA)   |   |
| <b>Orthotics sub-category: Pedorthics</b><br><i>(foot and ankle orthoses, footwear and shoe modifications)</i><br>*Certified Retail Pedorthist are in eligible to register and credential with SWEP | Current certification as a Pedorthist (CPedAu) or Pedorthist Custom Maker (CPedCM Au) with <a href="#">Australian Pedorthists Registration Board (APRB)</a><br>Current certification as a Pedorthist Custom Maker (CPedCM Au) with <a href="#">Australian Pedorthists Registration Board (APRB)</a><br>Current certification as a Pedorthist Custom Maker (CPedCM Au) with <a href="#">Australian Pedorthists Registration Board (APRB)</a> |   |
| <b>Oxygen (child)</b><br><i>(domiciliary, supplemental, long term oxygen therapy kits)</i>  | Specialist general paediatrician<br><b>or</b><br>Specialist paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine physician<br><b>or</b><br>Specialist neonatologist<br><b>or</b><br>Specialist paediatric palliative medicine physician<br><b>or</b><br>Specialist paediatric medical oncologist<br><b>or</b>  | Additional eligibility requirements for meeting amber and red credentialing in this AT category<br>Threshold credentials as stated in this table<br><i>NB: A Green AT Practitioner can complete an application for any oxygen items however the application must be authorised by an Amber or Red AT Practitioner</i><br>Specialist paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine physician <b>or</b> Specialist neonatologist, working in a health service with a Level 4 <sup>1</sup> (or higher) nursery,<br><b>with</b> at least 2 years of experience (after registration to practise as a specialist in this specialty with Ahpra), prescribing domiciliary supplemental long term oxygen therapy prescribing oxygen. |

<sup>1</sup> Department of Health and Human Services. (2015). *Defining levels of care for Victorian newborn services*. Victorian Government.

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|   | Specialist paediatric cardiologist<br><i>(All titling as determined by Ahpra)</i>  | Specialist paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine physician, <b>with</b> at least 5 years of experience ( <u>after registration to practise as a specialist in this specialty with Ahpra</u> ), prescribing domiciliary supplemental long term oxygen therapy <b>and</b> working in a health service with a Level 4 <sup>1</sup> (or higher) nursery.   |
| <b>Oxygen (adult)</b><br><i>(domiciliary, supplemental, long term oxygen therapy kits)</i>  | Specialist respiratory and sleep medicine physician<br><b>or</b><br>Specialist palliative medicine physician<br><b>or</b><br>Specialist medical oncologist<br><b>or</b><br>Specialist cardiologist<br><b>or</b><br>Specialist general physician (with respiratory interest)<br><i>(All titling as determined by Ahpra)</i> | Threshold credentials as stated in this table<br><i>NB: A Green AT Practitioner can complete an application for any oxygen items however the application must be authorised by an Amber or Red AT Practitioner</i><br>Specialist Respiratory and Sleep Medicine Physician <b>with</b> at least 2 years of experience ( <u>after registration to practise as a specialist in this specialty with Ahpra</u> ), prescribing domiciliary supplemental long term oxygen therapy.<br><b>or</b><br>Specialist General Physician <b>with</b> respiratory Interest <b>and</b> at least 5 years of experience ( <u>after registration to practise as a specialist in this specialty with Ahpra</u> ), prescribing domiciliary supplemental long term oxygen therapy.<br>Specialist Respiratory and Sleep Medicine Physician <b>with</b> at least 5 years of experience ( <u>after registration to practise as a specialist in this specialty with Ahpra</u> ). |
| <b>Seating</b><br><i>(high/low back or tilt chairs, specialised seating and accessories, stools, chair raisers, sit to stand recliners, paediatric car seats)</i> | Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist<br><b>or</b> Physiotherapist   |  |
| <b>Transfers</b><br><i>(hoists, slings, transfer aids, portable ramps, kitchen trolley)</i>   | Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist<br><b>or</b> Physiotherapist   |  |

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| <b>Vehicle Mods</b><br><i>(all driver assessments and any vehicle modifications for driver or passenger for access or safe travel)</i> | <b>Driver:</b> <i>all driver assessments and/or modifications to the vehicle to facilitate driving by the consumer, including driver seat modifications</i><br>Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist<br><b>with</b> Post-graduate training in driver assessment and rehabilitation, with both theory and practicum delivered in line with the <i>Australian Competency Standards for Occupational Therapy Driver Assessors</i> . OTA (2018). (Usual duration 2 weeks using a mixed delivery method)<br><b>Other:</b> <i>All other vehicle modifications including passenger access and transport of assistive technology</i><br>Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist |
| <b>Voice aids</b><br><i>(electronic voice aids, voice prostheses)</i>  | Speech Pathologist eligible for membership of Speech Pathology Australia  |
| <b>Walk/ Stand Aids</b><br><i>(walking frames, standing frames, crutches)</i>  | Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist<br><b>or</b> Physiotherapist  |
| <b>Wheelchair/Scooter</b><br><i>(manual and power wheelchairs, scooters, strollers, posture and pressure related accessories)</i>      | Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist<br><b>or</b> Physiotherapist  |
| <b>Other categories not listed</b>   | SWEP supports other agencies/ funding bodies to deliver Assistive Technology solutions outside of this registration and credentialing framework, please contact SWEP for specific details related to these products e.g. CPAP, Wigs   |
| Other credentialing categories – title and description   | Threshold credentials for applying in this credentialing category   |
| <b>Capacity and Performance Evaluation (CAPE)</b><br>*Applicable to Transport Accident Commission (TAC) service providers only         | Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist   |