NDIS Considerations for Vehicle Modifications Funding

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What will NDIS fund?

- Changes to a vehicle or installation of equipment in a vehicle that enables the client to:
  - Access the vehicle with or without a wheelchair
  - Carry their wheelchair in/on the vehicle without lifting
  - Be transported safely whilst seated in their wheelchair
  - Drive the vehicle with specialised controls or other adaptions
What will NDIS fund?

- Supports related or incidental to vehicle modifications:
  - Driver assessments for obtaining license
  - Driving lessons where lessons are required to use a modified vehicle, or additional lessons due to the disability results in them taking longer to drive
  - Additional insurance costs – additional insurance premium due to the modifications; NDIS will pay the difference for the modifications only.
  - Cost of engineering certification and other checks for initial registration
  - Cost of removal/reinstallation of existing modifications on to a new vehicle (if practicable/value for money)
Generally not funded

• Purchase of a vehicle
• Regular insurance, registration or running costs (e.g. petrol, servicing or repairs to the vehicle)
• Non-standard items
• Driving supervision in order for a participant to accrue hours for a driving test
• Major modifications (over $10,000) to a vehicle less than 8 years since the last funding of vehicle modifications unless there is a significant change in circumstances.
Reasonable & Necessary

From “About the NDIS” Easy English Factsheet for participants,

**Reasonable** means something that is **fair**.

**Necessary** means something that you **must have**.
Reasonable & Necessary Criteria

- Reasonable expectations of informal networks
- Most appropriately funded through NDIS
- Value for money
- Effective and beneficial for the participant
- Assist to pursue goals and aspirations
- Facilitate social and economic participation
Reasonable & Necessary Criteria
Assist to pursue goals and aspirations?

- Needs to link to the goals listed in NDIA plan.

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<th>How I will achieve this goal</th>
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<td>chosen provider will continue to support to participate in community activities of his choosing.</td>
<td>funded supports for Social, Community and Civic participation will liaise with parents and therapist(s) in developing strategies to incorporate independence-building capacity into his activities. funded support may also include vehicle modification to allow go to and from his home safely and access a range of community activities.</td>
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Reasonable & Necessary Criteria
Facilitates Social or Economic Participation?

• Includes access to school, work, social activities with friends and family.

• Useful to list a timetable or a list of activities that would require the need for transport. How many hours/day? How many days/week? Holidays?
Reasonable & Necessary Criteria

Value for Money?

Costs of support are reasonable, relative to the benefits achieved AND costs of alternative support.

• Not always the least expensive option!

• Consider long-term functional outcomes:
  • Children: will the modifications be suitable for them as they get older? Consider the implications of larger seating systems, clearances etc.
  • Progressive conditions: will the modifications consider long-term changes in function? Requirement for manual or power wheelchair access in future? Driver and/or passenger modifications?
  • NDIS will generally consider vehicle modifications every 8 years except where there are unforeseen and significant changes to the participant’s needs.
Reasonable & Necessary Criteria

Value for Money?

• Consider cost of alternative mainstream and funded supports for transport. Can your client achieve the same outcomes at a lower cost with alternative solutions?
  • Informal supports: does the person have any family who is available considering the schedule?
  • Formal supports: i.e. support workers using a suitable vehicle.
  • Modified vehicle hire
  • Taxi: TUSS
  • School Bus Services
  • Public transport
Reasonable & Necessary Criteria

Value for Money?

- Consider suitability of vehicle relative to the cost of the vehicle modifications
  - Vehicle needs to be of an age, type and mileage which is cost-effective
  - Less than 3 years and 45000 kms are generally suitable but older vehicles and those with higher mileage have been considered.

- Consider lower cost AT options
  - Manual wheelchair and occupant restraints instead of a dock and lock system

- Consider efficacy of proposed modifications
  - Refer to effective and beneficial criteria
  - Can proposed modifications possibly be transferred to a new vehicle?
Reasonable & Necessary Criteria
Effective & Beneficial

Consider best practice according to **Australian Standards**: captured within the ‘Risk Assessment Checklist for Wheelchair Transportation in Vehicles’

- AS/NZS 10542.1:2015 Standards for configuration of wheelchair tiedown and occupant restraints systems
- AS/NZS 1754:2013 Child restraint systems for use in motor vehicles
- AS/NZS 4370:2013 Restraint of children with disabilities or medical conditions in a motor vehicle
Reasonable & Necessary Criteria
Effective & Beneficial

Consider:

• Best practice according to law – vehicle modifications should conform to Australian Design Rules and be compliant with Department of Transport guidelines.

• Capacity of the individual and informal supports – if your client requires a carer to access and use the vehicle, what is their physical capacity to.

• Consider efficacy according to trial outcomes.
Reasonable & Necessary Criteria
Effective & Beneficial

• List in AT application the consequences of not having a modified vehicle. What does this look like?
  • Increase in paid supports
  • Increasing stress on informal supports
  • The client being unable to access important/necessary activities in a timely manner or at all
  • Reduced access/engagement in valued activities and relationships
Reasonable & Necessary Criteria  
Most Suitably Funded by the NDIS?

• Are other mainstream services more suitable to fund vehicle modifications?

• Modifications only for a work specific vehicle, (using a vehicle as an essential part of your job) direct to Job Access.

• Modifications for a school vehicle, for the purposes of transport for school events such as excursions, even if the client is the only individual who requires this modification, direct to Education Department.
Reasonable & Necessary Criteria
Reasonable Expectations of Informal Networks

From Operational Guideline on Transport,

“Parents of NDIS participants aged under 18 years have a responsibility to meet their child’s daily transportation requirements.”
Reasonable & Necessary Criteria
Reasonable Expectations of Informal Networks

Operational Guidelines – Transport and Children

The NDIS will consider:

• That it is normal for parents to provide substantial care and support for children;

• whether, because of the child’s disability, the child’s care needs are substantially greater than those of other children of a similar age;

• the extent of any risks to the wellbeing of the participant’s family members or carer or carers; and

• whether the funding or provision of the support would improve the child’s capacity or future capacity, or would reduce any risk to the child’s wellbeing.
Reasonable & Necessary Criteria
Reasonable Expectations of Informal Networks

Operational Guidelines – Transport and Adults

The NDIA will consider:

• the extent of any risks to the wellbeing of the participant arising from their reliance on the support of family members, carers, informal networks and the community; and

• the suitability of family members, carers, informal networks and the community to provide the supports that the participant requires, include such factors as:
  • age and capacity of family members and carers, including the extent to which family and community supports are available to sustain them in their caring role;
  • intensity and type of support that is required and whether it is age and gender appropriate for a particular family member or carer to be providing that care; and
Operational Guidelines – Transport and Adults (cont.)

• any risks to the long term wellbeing of any of the family members or carers (i.e., a child should not be expected to provide care for their parents, siblings or other relatives or be required to limit their educational opportunities); and

• extent to which informal supports contribute to or reduce a participant’s level of independence and other outcomes.
Additional Documentation
Driving Modifications

✓ Driver’s license or endorsement of capacity to drive.

✓ Application should be submitted by a Driving OT with recommendations, and if relevant, the report should also endorse the capacity of the client to drive.

✓ Additional information required if modifications are prescribed as part of a vehicle conversion, and not modifications to an existing vehicle.
Additional Documentation

Vehicle Conversions

✓ Vehicle registration and proof of ownership

✓ RAC Inspection Report and picture of odometer (if second-hand vehicle and over 35,000km)

✓ Imported vehicles need approval from Department of Transport
Additional Documentation

Second-hand Vehicle

• Either already modified, or new modifications to a second-hand vehicle

• Already modified:
  • Original dated invoice with price of modifications included. NDIS will fund commensurate with depreciated value of the modifications.
  • Evidence of roadworthiness, mechanic/RAC report with expected lifespan issued.

• New modifications:
  • Mechanic/RAC report with expected lifespan issued

*Consider whether modifications can be fully transferred on to another vehicle – may not require evidence of lifespan.
Provider Registration

• **Using registered and non-registered providers:** is your preferred provider registered? This is essential if the client is agency-managed; majority of AT budgets are agency-managed.

• **Registration groups:** is the preferred provider registered with the correct group? i.e., Vehicle Modifications

• **Line items:** The line items in the AT budget also have a registration group attached to them. Refer to Section 4.6 of AT and Consumables guide. The most recent one is dated 2017.
Funding Management

• Agency-managed – “NDIS will pay my support provider”
  You can only use registered providers.

• Plan managed – “NDIS will pay my financial intermediary”
  You can use both registered and non-registered providers.

• Self-managed – “NDIS will pay me”
  You can use registered and non-registered providers.
### 4.6 Vehicle modifications

Vehicle modifications include the installation of, or changes to, equipment in a vehicle to enable a participant to travel safely as a passenger or to drive.

A participant is free to choose a more expensive option at their own expense, where the more expensive option is not considered to be reasonable and necessary. An example of this situation would be where a vehicle modification has been approved for a participant, but the participant would like cosmetic or personalised fittings that are not reasonable and necessary. In this situation, the NDA will cover the reasonable and necessary component of the modification, and the participant will pay the additional cost (gap).

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<td>vehicle related equipment delivery to a participant</td>
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<td>rent of adapted vehicle</td>
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<td>Short term rental of a vehicle with modifications already in place</td>
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<td>ramps to place wheelchair in vehicle without occupant</td>
<td>05_121222504_0100_1.2</td>
<td>A portable ramp that aids in storage and transport of wheelchairs in vehicles</td>
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<td>specialised child car seats</td>
<td>05_121222006_0100_1.2</td>
<td>A specialised seat for child use in vehicles, e.g. head support, footrest, etc</td>
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<td>adaptations to control speed of car</td>
<td>05_121200066_0100_1.2</td>
<td>Primary AT accelerator control for a vehicle e.g. pushing or pulling of a lever</td>
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<td>seal belt harnesses for vehicles</td>
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<td>A specialised seat for adult use in vehicles, e.g. head support, footrest, etc</td>
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<td>vehicle holds person only</td>
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<td>A powered hand to assist in lifting as individual safely in and out of a vehicle</td>
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<td>vehicle adaptation for wheelchair passenger</td>
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<td>Hoist/lifting plus restraints for wheelchair and individual, including floor lowering if required</td>
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<td>adapt car self-drive + wheelchair</td>
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<td>Remote access, basic self-drive plus vehicle hold/lifting plus restraints for wheelchair and individual including floor lowering if required</td>
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<td>adapt car self-drive electro mechanical</td>
<td>05_121218005_0100_1.2</td>
<td>Costs related to installing self-drive equipment. Includes installation automated door, wheelchair docking, adaptions to steering, brake, gear and installation of electro mechanical controls</td>
<td>Each</td>
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<td>car modifications - self-drive from driver seat</td>
<td>05_121210604_0100_1.2</td>
<td>Vehicle modifications which enables the individual to drive from driver seat, includes spinner and accelerator control</td>
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<td>car mounted hold for wheelchair or scooter</td>
<td>05_121222026_0100_1.2</td>
<td>Electronic or mechanical hold mounted to car to hold wheelchair or scooter for transport</td>
<td>Each</td>
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<td>tie downs for vehicle</td>
<td>05_121222040_0100_1.2</td>
<td>System to slow an unoccupied wheelchair safely and steadily whilst in transit</td>
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<td>adapt vehicle chassis and body</td>
<td>05_121222030_0100_1.2</td>
<td>Costs involved in adapting an existing vehicle (chassis and body) to be accessible for someone in a wheelchair</td>
<td>Each</td>
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<td>trailers to carry wheelchairs</td>
<td>05_121220070_0100_1.2</td>
<td>A purpose built trailer to carry a wheelchair</td>
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<td>wheelchair-based restraint system</td>
<td>05_121222001_0100_1.2</td>
<td>A system to hold a wheelchair and an individual safely in place whilst the vehicle is in motion</td>
<td>Each</td>
<td>Y</td>
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<td>repair vehicle modification</td>
<td>05_502122723_0100_1.2</td>
<td>Repairs to specialised vehicle holds, tie downs, driving adaptions, etc</td>
<td>Each</td>
<td>N</td>
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<td>vehicle modification engineers certification</td>
<td>05_327_0100_1.2</td>
<td>Certification required by a transport authority to authorise registration for road use in a state or territory of Australia</td>
<td>Each</td>
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General AT Assessment Template

AT assessment template forms

Below are some templates to help assessors and participants provide the information required by the NDIA to determine the appropriate supports to include in a participant’s plan. The use of these templates are strongly encouraged to ensure NDIA delegates have the necessary information for planning and approval. Delays may occur where information is provided in other ways or formats.

- Assistive Technology General Assessment Template (fillable PDF 410KB)
- Assistive Technology General Assessment Template (DOCX 57KB)
- Assistive Technology Needs Assessment Template (DOCX 53KB)
- Assistive Technology General Prosthetics and Orthotics Assessment Template (fillable PDF 358KB)
- Assistive Technology General Prosthetics and Orthotics Assessment Template (DOCX 56KB)
- Assistive Technology Nutrition Supports Assessment Template (fillable PDF 247KB)
- Assistive Technology Nutrition Supports Assessment Template (DOCX 57KB)
- Assistive Technology Continence Assessment Template (fillable PDF 886 KB)
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### General AT Assessment Template

**Part 1 - Details**

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<td>NDIS Number</td>
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<td>Participant’s NDIS Contact (name &amp; phone number)</td>
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#### AT ASSESSOR

*You must be able to provide evidence of competence in assessing this type of AT on request from NDIS Auditor*

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<td>Position &amp; Qualifications</td>
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<td>Date (s) of initial assessment</td>
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<td>Date of Report</td>
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<td>State Equipment Supply Scheme</td>
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<td>Prescriber Number (if relevant)</td>
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General AT Assessment Template

Part 2 – Participant’s Goals and AT Assessment Request

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Refer to the goals in the participant’s plan and identify how this AT assessment request relates to the achievement of these goals. (Which goal is being addressed and how; or if a specialist AT Needs Assessment)

- What goal does the request for vehicle modifications relate to on the participant's NDIS plan?
- How will the provision of vehicle modifications assist with goal achievement?
PART 3 - Evaluation / assessment

A. Background

Note participant’s circumstances including: disability; current living situation; social supports and environment in general and with regard to use of AT; if moving through life transition; coexisting medical and health conditions including behavioural status (note that NDIS can only fund AT related to participant’s disability).

- Disability, eligible diagnosis as well as coexisting medical and health conditions
- Age
- Current living situation
- Formal and informal supports
- Employment, school, tertiary education - how does the participant spend their day?
B. Functional Assessment findings

Please clearly outline the specific functional limitation/s related to the participant’s disability that indicate the need for assistive technology or other supports. *(NDIS expects relevant assessments are conducted where required and records held by AT assessor for NDIS audit purposes.)*

- Relevant/important information gathered from informal discussions with participant/client
- Summarise findings from the Interagency Risk Assessment Checklist for Wheelchair Transportation in Vehicles - attach full assessment as appendix.
- If applicable, summarise findings from OT Driver Assessment - attach full assessment as appendix.

What are the applicant’s measurements?  Height: [ ] cm  Weight: [ ] kg
# General AT Assessment Template

## Part 4 – Exploration of Options

Please provide information on alternatives considered to achieve goals/s including use of other supports and apparatus and reasons why they were not considered suitable. Where trials have been conducted please give details of where the trials took place and for how long.

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<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Considered</th>
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<th>Description</th>
<th>Estimated cost (include training)</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>XXXX</td>
<td>[F] Current Vehicle</td>
<td>Relaxation as to why the option is not suitable.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Modifications to current XXXX</td>
<td>[C]</td>
<td>Relaxation as to why the option is not suitable.</td>
<td>Cost of modifications, including freight if required.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Modifications to new XXXX via supplier A, i.e. Kia Carnival</td>
<td>[C]</td>
<td>Relaxation as to why the option is not suitable.</td>
<td>Cost of modifications, including freight if required.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Modifications to new XXXX via supplier B, i.e. Kia Carnival</td>
<td>[C]</td>
<td>Relaxation as to why the option is not suitable.</td>
<td>Cost of modifications, including freight if required.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Modifications to comparative vehicle via supplier A, i.e. Toyota</td>
<td>[C]</td>
<td>Relaxation as to why the option is not suitable.</td>
<td>Cost of modifications, including freight if required.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Modifications to comparative vehicle via supplier B, i.e. Hyundai</td>
<td>[C]</td>
<td>Relaxation as to why the option is not suitable.</td>
<td>Cost of modifications, including freight if required.</td>
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<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Hire of vehicle</td>
<td>[C]</td>
<td>Relaxation as to why the option is not suitable.</td>
<td>Determine cost of hiring vehicle.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Wheelie Hoist</td>
<td>[K]</td>
<td>Relaxation as to why the option is not suitable.</td>
<td>Determine weekly hire cost of vehicle.</td>
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A. Please state all the supports required (noting reduction or addition) for the recommended option including non AT supports and environmental modifications.

*The specification for the AT support/device should be provided in Part 6.*

- List all features required within the proposed modification, as determined via assessment

  I.e.
  - Internal clear space requirements, as stated in the relevant section/s of AS/NZ 10542.1:2015
    - Rear clearance zone minimum of 450mm
    - Minimum above head clearance zone minimum of 100mm
    - Front clear zone minimum of 650mm with upper torso restraint
    - 220mm minimum clearance zone on either side from midline of head
  - Ramp
  - Four point tie down system etc.

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<th>Do AT Assessor and Participant agree on recommended option?</th>
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<td>Additional comment (optional):</td>
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B. Explain the evidence for the recommended option as the most suitable/appropriate alternative which will facilitate achievement of the participant's goal, compared to others considered.

e.g. trial outcomes and consideration of long term benefit in both current and anticipated future needs, change/adjustment to personal care support need etc.

- Summarise findings from trial, including outcomes from family/carer
- Comment on long term need/use of requested modifications
- Provide rationale for each feature requested in part 5A
C. Are there any other factors that need resolution in order to implement the above?

* e.g. behavioural support plan for restrictive practice; Are any environmental modifications required?

- I.e. - Any modifications to the home environment required to enable access in to and out of the vehicle?
- Has the family/participant purchased a vehicle, or will they upon outcome of application for modifications? Comment upon this.
- Are there any applications with charities or external funders that are pending?
D. Are there any additional features, customisation or specification recommended that is considered to be above the minimum or standard level of this support for reasonable and necessary funding?

Provide the specific evidence/clinical justification for these or if participant has agreed to fund.

| I.e. - Upgrading from electronic restraint system to automated docking station? |
| - Having further seats installed? |
## PART 6 – Recommended AT Specification

**Description of AT device:**
Detail of necessary components required to meet participant’s goal. This must be detailed enough to ensure that the item can be both accurately supplied and independently quoted (attach complete supplier/s specification sheet if needed).

**List details within quote, including funding required**

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<th>Is the AT solution/device likely to be available on request?</th>
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<td><strong>Recommended supplier:</strong></td>
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<td>Does recommended supplier endorse recommendation?</td>
<td>Y/ N</td>
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**EXTRA FEATURES**
List below all estimated costs of any components/accessories that are desired by the participant but are not related to the functional limitation/related to the participant’s disability and the achievement of their stated goals.

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<th>Item(s)</th>
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Does the participant agree to pay for these from their own (not NDIS funds)?

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Are plans in place for the ongoing maintenance and repair of the recommended AT? Y/ N

**The participant must be provided with maintenance, servicing and troubleshooting information indicated for the solution to remain in good working order.**

Specify who is to do this and when.

**AT specification/order detail is attached (as advised by supplier(s)):**

- State/Territory Scheme specification (mandatory)
- Other supplier’s specification (optional)

**Assessor certification:**
I certify that I have evidence that I meet the NDA expectations of provider suitability (including understanding of the current NDIS Act, Rules and Operational Guidelines) to assess this type of assistive technology, home modification and associated supports at the level of complexity required by this participant and will provide such evidence to the NDA if requested.

The above specification is consistent with the preferred option agreed between the participant and the AT Assessor.

**Signature of AT Assessor:**

**Date:**

Operational Guidelines

Operational Guideline on Transport

Operational Guideline on Vehicle Modifications
More NDIS References

AT and Consumables Guide

List of Registered Providers
https://www.ndis.gov.au/participants/working-providers/find-registered-provider
A brief note on WA NDIS

If Part 1 of the AT application has been received prior to your client being transferred over (the day that the NDIS plan is active), then Part 2 will also be reviewed by WA NDIS, regardless of whether they have an active NDIS plan. This is to ensure consistency and a seamless transfer.

Funding for future repairs or maintenance to any vehicle modification will need to be included in the AT budget during the plan transfer meeting with NDIS.
Alternative Funders

• Requires same information as outlined within the NDIS AT application form

• Disability Equipment Grant (DEG), via the ILC, fund up to $12,500

• Liaise with charity to discuss funding available; WA Charity Direct, Wearne Trust etc. These generally require significant financial documentation to support application.
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