



Mobility Scooter Insights

Developing Smarter, Safer Travel

WORK WITH YOUR EQUIPMENT SPECIALIST TO SUPPORT A SUCCESSFUL TRIAL

Following medical clearance, where required, key information to provide to the equipment specialist:

- Funding: Private / HCP / DVA / NDIS / Other
- Height and Weight
- Where does the client want to use the scooter?
 - Environment and terrain
 - How far do they want to travel?
- How do they want to transport the scooter?
 - Home to destination by footpath only
 - Public transport, accessible taxi, air travel
- Do they need any accessories? e.g. SPS / 4WW carrier, shopping bag, O2 bottle carrier, flag
- Do they have any physical or other considerations? e.g. need for left hand dominant controls, need to modify speed, need for suspension and pneumatic tyres for back pain support, anxiety
- Where does the AHP want to complete the trial and the length of the trial e.g. from home within the local neighbourhood
- Has the client driven a mobility scooter before?

POWERED MOBILITY DEVICE ASSESSMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING - WHERE TO BEGIN?

Developing Clinical Competence in PMD Assessment and Training

- Seek clinical supervision
- Consider joint sessions with a colleague while your skills are developing

Planning is Vital

- Plan the assessment session and route used
- Ensure device use skills are graded appropriately for the client
- Advocate for appropriate time for thorough assessment and training

Selecting the Appropriate Powered Mobility Device (Basic Powered Wheelchair or Scooter)

- Device choice will be informed by client goals, their physical / cognitive capacities, intended use of the PMD, and environmental considerations.
- Funding requirements and public transport use need to be considered early
- Work with your Equipment Specialist to understand which devices will meet your client's needs
- Compromise may be required

AIDACARE RESOURCES



Clinical Assistance Guides



Video Resources



Aidacare PDF Resources
e.g. User Manuals

PRIDE RESOURCES



Quantum Rehab App on **Apple Store**



Quantum Rehab App on **Google Play**

OT PRACTICE RESOURCES



VicRoads: Motorised Mobility Devices
Resources for Occupational Therapists



VicRoads: Motorised Mobility Devices
Resources for Consumers



PoMoDATT
OT Practice Resource

REGULATIONS



Australian Road Rules: National Transport Commission
pp14, 24, 210-218

STATE & TERRITORY RESOURCES (updated October 2025)

	State/Territory Regulations	Public Transport
ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Transport (Road Rules) Regulation 2017 Subordinate laws (act.gov.au) • Rules for Pedestrians pp5, 239-250 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible travel Transport Canberra (act.gov.au) • Light Rail Accessibility Canberra Metro Operations (cmet.com.au)
NSW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility scooters Transport for NSW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility aid specifications transportnsw.info • <i>NB: In NSW, 3-wheel scooters are not permitted on ferries, wharves or buses</i>
NT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors - Towards Zero Road Safety (nt.gov.au) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public transport and cycling NT.GOV.AU
QLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules for motorised mobility device use Queensland Government (www.qld.gov.au) • Register a motorised mobility device Queensland Government (www.qld.gov.au) • <i>Note recent changes of speed and tare weight</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelling with a wheelchair or mobility scooter Department of Transport and Main Roads (tmr.qld.gov.au)
SA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA.GOV.AU - Motorised wheelchairs (www.sa.gov.au) • My Licence - Safe driving tips Sharing the road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access and disability Adelaide Metro • Adelaide Metro - Mobility Scooters
TAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motorised wheelchairs and mobility scooter requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditions of travel (metrotas.com.au) • <i>NB: In Tasmania, 3-wheel scooters are not permitted to be used on board buses</i>
VIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicroads Safety and Road Rules Motorised Mobility Devices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility - Public Transport Victoria (ptv.vic.gov.au)
WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motorised wheelchairs (transport.wa.gov.au) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility Aids (transperth.wa.gov.au)