

KEY TAKE HOME MESSAGES

MOBILITY SCOOTERS AND BASIC POWERED WHEELCHAIRS



There is no formula for prescribing a wheelchair or scooter; rather it is an incremental process. When the person and the wheelchair or scooters are well matched the impact of the person's impairment is reduced, enabling them to achieve goals, participate in life roles and improve their health and quality of life.

Guidelines for the prescription of a seated wheelchair or mobility scooter for people with a traumatic brain injury or spinal cord injury, 2011



WORK WITH YOUR EQUIPMENT SPECIALIST TO SUPPORT A SUCCESSFUL TRIAL

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

- Height and Weight
- Funding: Private / HCP / DVA / NDIS / Other
- 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 dominant controls, need to modify speed, need for suspension and pneumatic tyres for back pain support, anxiety

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 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



It's a great area of clinical practice. Enjoy the process as your clients meet their goals.
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RESOURCES

Aidacare Resources



Clinical Assistance Guides



Getting to Know your PMD Video



Aidacare PDF Resources Library
e.g. User Manuals

Pride Resources



Download Quantum Rehab App on Apple Store



Download Quantum Rehab App on Google Play

OT Practice Resources

OT Australia otaus.com.au/practice-support/areas-of-practice/motorised-mobility-devices

PoMoDATT Using the PoMoDATT - Powered Mobility Device Assessment Training Tool

REGULATIONS

Australian Road Rules [Australian Road Rules | National Transport Commission \(ntc.gov.au\)](https://www.ntc.gov.au/australian-road-rules)

PMD rules pp 226-230 [Australian-Road-Rules-9June2023-bookmarked.pdf \(pcc.gov.au\)](https://www.pcc.gov.au/australian-road-rules-9june2023-bookmarked.pdf)

STATE & TERRITORY RESOURCES: (current as of January 2024)

	State/Territory Regulations	Public Transport
ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Transport (Road Rules) Regulation 2017 Subordinate laws (act.gov.au) <i>Rules for Pedestrians p.240-252</i> 	<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 Mobility Pass Application Form
TAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 413398_-_Tasmanian_Road_Rules_2022.pdf (transport.tas.gov.au) p.2,4,68 Wheelchair licences – Transport Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conditions of travel (metrotas.com.au) <i>NB: In Tasmania, 3-wheel scooters are not permitted on buses</i>
VIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vicroads Safety and Road Rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility - Public Transport Victoria (ptv.vic.gov.au)
WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License a motorised wheelchair (transport.wa.gov.au) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobility Aids (transperth.wa.gov.au)