



Enable Equipment Service

(Ministry of Health Funded Equipment Management Scheme)

If you're in need of equipment you may be eligible for Enable equipment. The equipment is on loan from the Ministry of Health free of charge, however the assessment and application may cost you so please discuss with a therapist.

Our Physio and Occupational Therapists are accredited assessors for Enable equipment in the following areas:

1. Personal Care & Household Management

- a) **Personal** equipment to enable a person to carry out personal care activities in their home, at work or place of study, such as:
 - eating and drinking
 - personal hygiene (washing and toileting)
 - getting dressed
 - transferring from the bed or chair
 - getting in or out of the home
- b) **Household Management** equipment to enable a person to carry out essential household tasks to return to, or remain safely in their home such as the preparation of food and drinks, if they live alone or are by themselves for much of the day

2. Walking & Standing

- a) **Walking** equipment to support a person with walking and transferring.
- b) **Standing** equipment to support a person to maintain a good functional position and body alignment in standing.

3. Basic housing modification equipment to ensure safety at home such as:

- handrails,
- wedge threshold ramps
- lever taps or
- internal door widening.

4. Complex Housing Modifications are where the alterations to the structure of the property are made.

5. Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management Level 1 and credential lying advice and recommendations related to wheeled mobility, seating and postural management solutions.

The Process:

This process can take between two hours and several months depending on the complexity and expense of the equipment.

- The client is assessed by an Enable accredited therapist for their need for equipment and their likely eligibility.
- An Impact on Life Questionnaire may need to be completed by or on behalf of the client.
- Therapist completes the Enable service request electronically if funding is 'available'.

While funding may be available, Enable has final discretion on eligibility for equipment.

- Equipment is trialed or issued to an individual client.
- The therapist will follow up on the use and appropriateness of the equipment.

Keeping Records of Equipment

Most equipment comes with an ASSET NUMBER. The client or residential providers are responsible for keeping records of asset numbers and maintenance of the equipment.

The asset number stickers can fade or come off especially on soft fabrics, eg slings. We recommend you develop a system to record asset numbers permanently. (eg: taking a photo of the piece of equipment and asset number for the client's file).

Repairs and Maintenance:

The client or residential provider to contact one of the subcontractors listed below:

More Mobility/ Mobytech Ltd

113 Blenheim Road, Christchurch 8041

Phone: (03) 348 3460 Option 2 or 027 516 2340

Email: repairs@mobytech.co.nz
christchurch@moremobility.co.nz

Website: <http://www.moremobility.co.nz>

Personal Mobility Systems (Wheelchair Services (SI) Ltd) (not generally a mobile service)

29 Shakespeare Road, Christchurch 8240

Phone: (03) 366 8815 or 0275 383 584

Email: admin@mobilitysystems.co.nz

Website: www.mobilitysystems.co.nz

Rehab Enterprises, mobile workshop.

Contact Owen Henwood on **phone:** 027 230 5974 or **email:** owenhenwood@live.com

It is recommended repairs should be pre-arranged. A phone call will ensure a prompt and efficient service.

Alteration or Modification of Equipment

If you wish to have a piece of equipment altered or modified this is **not** a repair or maintenance. Call the therapist.

Equipment no longer needed for clients:

Ring Enable and ask for it to be picked up **Phone:** 0800 171 995

OR

Residential providers - If another client would benefit from the equipment, call the therapist, they will assess and if suitable re-issue the equipment.