



**Motor Neurone Disease
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Member Supports Information for Members and Health Professionals

MND Tasmania seeks to support its members who have MND or Kennedy's Disease (KD) by offering a contribution to assist them with the expense of essential equipment, home/vehicle modification or another specific purpose. In this document the term MND refers to both Motor Neurone Disease and Kennedy's Disease.

What you need to know before applying



- You cannot apply for assistance for items already purchased.
- The contribution will be at the discretion of the Board of MND Tasmania.
- MND Tasmania will not own the equipment.
- The member who receives the contribution will be responsible for the ongoing care, service, repair, maintenance and disposal of the equipment.
- Equipment, modifications or specific purpose will be identified as being required by the Health Professional or the MND Advisor.
- The application must show that other sources of funding have been explored. i.e. Is the equipment available from another source? Does the member have funding available from another source?
- Request for a contribution towards modifications of a rental property will be considered after the property owner has consented and a long-term lease for the member has been confirmed.

Four Categories of contribution may be considered

- Equipment to assist with mobility, communication, postural support, personal care, and special needs
- Vehicle or home modifications
- Other equipment at the discretion of the board
- For a specific purpose at the discretion of the Board

Requirements for eligibility

- The client must be a member of MND Tasmania
- The need for the equipment/modification must relate specifically to the members MND or KD
- The equipment/modification or specific purpose must be recommended by a Health Professional or the MND Advisor following assessment.

How to apply

- The Health Professional ensures that the equipment or funding are not available from other sources.
- The Health Professional determines the appropriate item, its specifications and the supplier and obtains a quotation from the supplier. For home/vehicle modifications, the Health Professional ensures that a quote is obtained from appropriate supplier.
- The Health Professional sends a copy of the quotation with relevant information on the 'MND Tas Request for Contribution' form, to the MND Advisor.
- The MND Tas Board considers the request and notifies the MND Advisor.
- The MND Advisor will inform the Health Professional, and the member, of the outcome of the contribution application as determined by the MND Tas Board.
- If MND Tasmania has agreed to pay a contribution, the Health Professional;
 - orders the equipment, or, in the case of modifications, authorises work to commence
 - on delivery, checks that the equipment is consistent with what is required and is operating correctly
 - in the case of vehicle or home modifications ensures that the work has been completed and is consistent with requirements
 - ensures that the invoice is sent to MND Tasmania
 - notifies the MND Advisor of the outcome.
- MND Tasmania will pay on the presentation of the invoice from the supplier after the MND Advisor has been informed by the Health Professional that the equipment is operating as prescribed.
- MND Tasmania requests that if the equipment is no longer needed by the member, it be donated to Tas Equip or another appropriate service or charitable organisation.
- Exceptions re invoicing procedure -
 - If it is not possible to obtain a supplier's invoice such as an online purchase, MND Tasmania will send a refund cheque to the Health Professional or member who has paid for the equipment. Before reimbursement, MND Tasmania must receive a copy of the equipment supplier's quotation and an email from the Health Professional with the payment receipt or a written assurance that the equipment has been purchased and supplied to the member.
 - Where a member has paid a supplier for work done on modification of vehicle or home a copy of the receipt from the supplier will be required for reimbursement.
 - If the equipment is part funded by Tas Equip the equipment will belong to Tas Equip.

Communication Equipment Library

Requests for communication equipment will be referred to the MND Tasmania Communication Equipment Library managed by Independent Living Centre Tasmania (ILC Tasmania) on behalf of MND Tasmania.

- Requests must be on the recommendation of a Health Professional
- Equipment is available to MND Tasmania members only, for assessment, trial and loan under the guidance of a suitably qualified and skilled Allied Health Professional.
- The member will complete a 'Loan Agreement' with ILC Tas.
- Requests to access communication equipment from members who have other funding available to them will be considered according to the availability of equipment at the time.
- Members who are registered with the NDIS and who have the appropriate level of funding for communication equipment in their plan, will be charged a rental fee.

Related document: MND Tasmania Equipment Policy 09042014

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