

This fact sheet contains information for National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants and their families about the limited circumstances where equipment may be available through TasEquip instead of NDIS.

TasEquip provides a range of equipment to eligible Tasmanians, helping them to safely engage in basic, everyday tasks, and transition home from acute care. TasEquip is a state-wide equipment scheme funded by the Tasmanian Health Service (THS). Our aim is to loan safe, reliable equipment to those who need it most.

Since the rollout of the NDIS, there have been changes to the way equipment is funded. TasEquip no longer provides equipment for NDIS participants.

If you are an NDIS participant and need to get equipment for the first time, or need to repair, replace or change your equipment please call the NDIS on 1800 800 110. You can also [learn more about assistive technology repairs, maintenance and replacement for NDIS participants](#)¹ on their website.

Circumstances where TasEquip may provide equipment to NDIS participants

There are only two circumstances where TasEquip may provide equipment to NDIS participants:

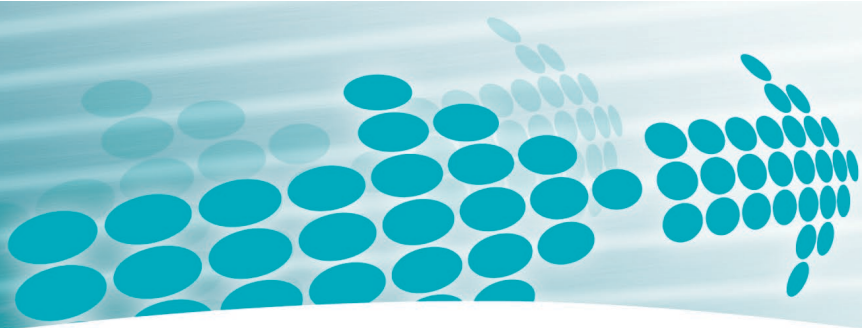
- Equipment needed for a health condition that is not related to a disability supported by NDIS
- Equipment needed for hospital discharge

Equipment needed for a health condition that is not related to your disability

TasEquip can provide equipment to eligible Tasmanians if their health condition is not related to their NDIS supported disability. Please speak to your doctor or therapist about your individual needs. You can find more information about TasEquip loans (including payment details) in the [TasEquip loan fact sheet](#)².

¹ www.ndis.gov.au/participants/assistive-technology-explained/assistive-technology-repairs-maintenance-and-replacement

² www.health.tas.gov.au/publications/tasequip-equipment-loan-fact-sheet



Equipment needed for hospital discharge

If you are an NDIS participant and need equipment for the first time (or changes to your existing equipment) to safely discharge from a public hospital, TasEquip can provide equipment rental via your NDIS funds. This is a short-term option while your permanent equipment is purchased (or changed) by the NDIS. You will be provided with a copy of the rental agreement (including details of the equipment and costs) so you can discuss it with your Support Coordinator or Local Area Coordinator.

Equipment provided in these circumstances is a short-term solution to help you get out of hospital. This means that the equipment may not be new when issued to you or be the same as your long-term equipment needs. We will work with your hospital therapists to find the best equipment to meet your needs to get you home safely.

This service is only available for patients awaiting discharge from hospital. The maximum rental period is 6 months, so please advise your planner or support coordinator to arrange permanent equipment within this time. Your equipment may be called Assistive Technology (AT) under your NDIS plan. Please return your equipment to TasEquip once you receive your NDIS funded equipment. We will continue to invoice your NDIS plan until all equipment is returned.

More information

TasEquip

If you are currently using TasEquip equipment and have any questions, please call us on 1300 827 378. You can [learn more about TasEquip](#)³ on the Tasmanian Department of Health website.

NDIS

If you don't currently use equipment/assistive technology but would like to, please [contact the NDIS](#)⁴ to discuss your approved plan or learn about the access and planning process.

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³ www.health.tas.gov.au/patients/support-services-your-visit-hospital/medical-aids-and-equipment-tasequip

⁴ www.ndis.gov.au/contact