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We make decisions about including assistive technology in your plan based on the cost of the item.

We need different evidence from you to help us decide if the assistive technology meets the [NDIS funding criteria](#), depending on the cost of the item.

We put the cost of assistive technology into 3 categories.

Low cost assistive technology	Mid cost assistive technology	High cost assistive technology
Under \$1,500 per item	\$1,500 - \$15,000 per item	Over \$15,000 per item

For some items, it's best to buy them. For other items, it might be better to rent or borrow if your needs are likely to change.

Low cost assistive technology: under \$1,500 per item

Low cost items are:

- easy to set up and use
- available from local suppliers or general non-disability specific retailers.

The Core – Consumables section of your budget shows your low cost assistive technology funding.

Examples include:

- continence products
- non-slip bathmats
- large print labels
- walking sticks
- basic shower chairs.

Mid cost assistive technology: between \$1,500 and \$15,000 per item

Mid cost items may be more difficult to choose and set up on your own to get the best outcome.

The Capital budget in your plan shows your mid cost assistive technology funding.

This will be a broad category.

For example, your plan might say ‘Funding provided for wheeled shower commode with a price range of \$1500 to \$3500.’

Other examples of mid cost items might include:

- a standing hoist
- a customised shower chair
- ankle-foot orthotics
- alternative communication devices
- some power wheelchairs
- pressure care mattresses.

High cost assistive technology: over \$15,000 per item

High cost items:

- are complex and need an individual assessment to make sure it’s the right solution for your needs
- need specialised knowledge or tools to set them up
- may be custom made for your individual needs
- generally need a quote, so we can include the right amount of funding in your plan.

The Capital section of your plan shows your high cost assistive technology support.

It may say the specific type of assistive technology you need to buy.

It might also say ‘quote required’ – your plan will explain this.

Examples include:

- a wheelchair custom-made for you
- some complex communication devices
- many prosthetics
- ventilators.