

### Indicators for Wheeled Mobility & Postural Management Level 1 Credential

Therapists assessing at this level may assess people who:

1. Can self-propel, or use their foot to push (punt), a standard manual wheelchair<sup>1</sup> and be safe and able to do essential daily tasks. Assessment by a Wheeled Mobility & Postural Management Level 2 EMS Assessor, should be considered for children who are, or have the potential to be, full time active wheelchair users who independently self propel a manual wheelchair as their primary means of mobility<sup>2</sup>
2. Require a wheelchair or buggy for transport, behavioural/medical issues & may also require seating as for 4, 5 and 6.
3. Can use a standard proportional joystick on a rear wheel drive or mid wheel drive powered wheelchair without powered seating options and be safe and able to do essential daily tasks and is not a candidate for an ultra lightweight manual wheelchair for self-propelling.
4. Have pelvic positioning needs that can be met through adjustments to readily available cushions e.g. can achieve 70 degrees of hip flexion, has a flexible pelvic obliquity
5. Are at risk of, or have developed, pressure areas on their seated surface.
6. Are able to achieve an upright and symmetrical seated posture with some generalised trunk support and be safe and able to do essential daily tasks.

**AND**

- Do not have a rapidly deteriorating disability (significant functional loss expected within 6mths) likely to require full trunk support, dynamic seating options e.g. tilt-in-space and /or alternative control options for powered mobility. This would require the expertise of a Wheeled Mobility & Postural Management Level 2 EMS Assessor.

**This credential will also enable assessors to access static seating solutions and car seats.**

**An optional Lying module may be completed by assessors needing to access night time positioning and lying equipment.**

**See also Clinical Indicators for Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management Level 2 Credential and the complete Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management Level 1 and Level 2 Credential Competencies.**

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<sup>1</sup> Standard manual wheelchair – refers to entry level Enable and Accessable Preferred Product / Standard List manual wheelchairs. Includes paediatric and bariatric manual wheelchairs with similar features to the entry level wheelchairs with the exception of weight limits

<sup>2</sup> The set up and prescription of paediatric manual wheelchairs for active, self-propelling children needs to be specific to prevent secondary complications and enhance efficiency. The dimensions of children, developmental and functional goals make this more complex than with adults and the correct configuration is more difficult to achieve in a standard manual wheelchair