

Indicators for Wheeled Mobility & Postural Management

Level 2 Credential

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Assessments may be undertaken and Service Requests (where all requirements have been met) submitted by an EMS Assessor who has a Level 2 Credential when they are working with people who are in one or more of the following situations:

1. Cannot self-propel, or use their foot to push (punt), a standard manual wheelchair¹ due to weakness, pain, fatigue or abnormal movement patterns and could be safe and able to do essential daily tasks with an ultra lightweight manual wheelchair.
2. Have unusual physical dimensions which cannot be accommodated in a standard manual or power wheelchair.
3. Cannot safely undertake essential daily tasks, or be cared for safely in their home, without additional seating functions such as power seat elevation, tilt, recline, stand and /or leg elevate (as per point 4 Wheeled Mobility & Postural Management Level 1 credential).
4. Have limited hand function or control of movement and cannot access power mobility via a standard proportional joystick.
5. Have fixed postural asymmetries and limitations in joint range which cannot be accommodated in readily available cushions or back supports with generalised lateral shaping.
6. Have poor sitting ability due to weakness or abnormal movement patterns/tone, **and** require specifically placed trunk and/or head supports for safety, **or** to maximise their functional body position for essential daily tasks, **or** to minimise deterioration of their posture.
7. Have a rapidly deteriorating disability (significant functional loss expected within a period of 6 months) likely to require full trunk support, dynamic seating options e.g. tilt, and/or alternative control options for power mobility.
8. Are at risk of, or have developed, pressure areas on their seated surface which would not be lessened or resolved with the implementation of pressure management strategies and the use of pressure redistribution cushions.

¹ Standard manual wheelchair – refers to manual wheelchairs with the following configuration capabilities - rear wheel axle and castor housing adjustments to allow changes in front and rear seat to floor heights and minimal adjustments to horizontal rear axle position. Paediatric and bariatric manual wheelchairs with similar features to standard manual wheelchairs with the exception of weight limits are included but fully configurable manual wheelchairs are excluded.

9. Are children who are independent and functional, active all day manual wheelchair users (or could be with appropriate equipment) indoors and in the community.
10. Require custom fabricated solutions due to their significant postural issues that cannot be accommodated in readily available back supports and/or cushions².

See also Indicators for Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management Assessments Level 1 Credential and the complete Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management Level 1 and Level 2 Credential Competency Framework.

² The EMS Assessor needs to have attained the optional endorsement for Complex Custom Fabrication under Wheeled Mobility & Postural Management Complex credential for this type of assessment.