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What to do if my circumstances change?

You must return your equipment to ACTES if you:

- no longer need the equipment provided to you
- move to a high-level residential care facility
- plan to move out of the ACT.

Please contact the ACTES office to arrange the return of equipment.

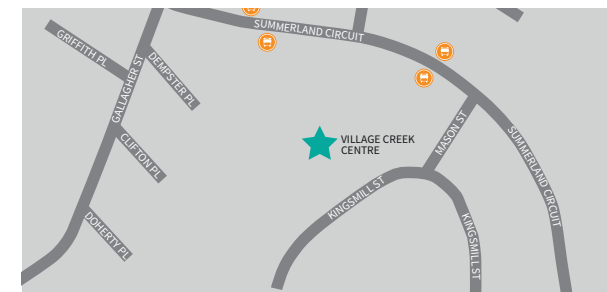
Planning for Emergencies:

- Make sure you have a phone that you can use if the power goes out.
- If the equipment is chargeable, always keep it fully charged.
- Talk to your primary health therapist about your equipment and what you can do if the equipment fails or there is an emergency.
- If you have life threatening problems, ring 000 for an ambulance.

Contact Us:

Phone: 02 5124 1076

Address: The Village Creek Centre
37 Kingsmill street, Kambah



Postal Address: PO Box 11, Woden ACT 2606

Email: ACTES@act.gov.au

Website: health.act.gov.au

Opening hours:

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

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The ACT Equipment Scheme (ACTES) provides access to a range of equipment for eligible applicants. We help people to live safely at home and participate in their community.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible you must meet all of the following requirements:

- be a permanent resident of Australia
- have resided in the ACT for at least 6 months
- have had a permanent disability for more than 2 years
- hold a current Centrelink Pension or Low Income Health Care Card in your name. Please note, this does not include the Senior Health Care Card (SHC) or a Mobility Allowance (MO).

What information is needed?

Children under 16 years of age need to provide a birth certificate.

People over 16 years of age must have a full Australian Government Centrelink Concession Card in their name.

Who is not eligible?

You are not eligible if you can:

- receive the equipment through a Department of Health Home Care Package
- receive the equipment from other government funded schemes including the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- claim the cost of the aid or equipment back through a private health fund insurance policy.

What does ACTES provide?

ACTES will fully fund the following types of equipment:

- Bariatric equipment
- Bathroom aids
- Compression garments
- Continence aids
- Hoist/Slings
- Hospital beds
- Manual wheelchairs
- Medical grade/custom footwear
- Mobility aids
- Foot orthoses
- Powered wheelchairs
- Pressure care cushions
- Pressure care mattresses
- Standers
- Utility/Hilite chairs
- Wigs



How do I apply?

Please make an application to ACTES using the ACTES application form. The form must be completed by all the following people:

- The applicant's primary health therapist
- The applicant
- The applicant's GP or Specialist

Application forms are available from the ACTES office and your primary health therapist.

Who is my primary health therapist?

Your primary health therapist may be your:

- continence advisor
- nurse practitioner/registered nurse
- occupational therapist
- physiotherapist
- podiatrist
- prosthetist/orthotist.

