

Fact Sheet

Individual Support Program Packages

Disability and Community Services provides a broad range of individual support packages designed to meet the needs of people with a disability. These services include personal support, respite and assistance with the cost of specialised equipment or home modifications.

Who is eligible for the Individual Support Program?

To be eligible for the Individual Support Program you need to be living in Tasmania and meet the criteria outlined in the *Eligibility Policy for Access to Specialist Disability Services Funded or Provided by Disability Child Youth and Family Services* (July 2010).

To be eligible for the Individual Support Program, you must also:

- be aged less than 65 years on entry to the program
- require support to perform non-specialised personal care and related tasks (i.e. support workers will not perform community nursing specialist tasks)
- have not received or not about to receive compensation for continuing care
- if applying for recurrent support, not live in a funded, supported accommodation service such as a group home, hostel, or nursing home.

What Individual Support Program Packages provide and fund?

The Individual Support Program assists young people and adults with a disability with everyday living tasks such as:

- personal support (including personal care activities such as personal hygiene tasks, transfers and dressing) and/or respite (including the old Respite for Older Carers Program)
- support with activities of daily living in the home or community (including budgeting, shopping, domestic duties)
- one off support (including personal support hours whilst a primary carer is on holidays, or respite for a weekend)
- equipment (including assistance with the cost of wheelchairs, walking aids, standing frames, transfer devices, commodes, communication aids, home and vehicle modifications).

How is support provided?

Ongoing personal support is allocated on an individual basis and packages can vary from one hour each week up to a maximum of 35 hours per week.

Equipment is funded on the understanding that the individual will own the equipment once allocated and be responsible for any ongoing maintenance.

How to apply for an Individual Support Program Package?

Applications for Individual Support Program Packages are received all year round. All applications are coordinated through Gateway Services in your local area.

For more information about the program please contact Gateway Services in your local area.

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