



# Support at Home program – Assistive Technology and Home Modifications (AT-HM) scheme

From 1 November 2025, the Australian Government is introducing a new Assistive Technology and Home Modifications (AT-HM) scheme as part of the Support at Home program. The AT-HM scheme provides products, equipment (such as a wheelchair), and home modifications (such as a shower rail) based on your assessed needs.

## **How can I get AT-HM supports if I am a new participant?**

Your aged care assessment will determine if you need products, equipment or home modifications to help you live safely and independently at home. If you are approved for the AT-HM scheme, funding will be made available for assistive technology and home modifications based on your needs. This funding is included in your support plan. You may be approved to receive funding for assistive technology, home modifications or both.

## **How can I get AT-HM supports if I am moving from the Home Care Packages (HCP) Program?**

If you are moving from HCP, you should talk to your provider about any needs you have for assistive technology or home modifications.

If you have any HCP unspent funds you can use those for assistive technology and home modifications. You must use your unspent funds before you can use the AT-HM scheme funding.

## How do I source assistive technology and home modifications once I'm approved?

Your Support at Home provider will be responsible for arranging and sourcing your assistive technology and home modifications.

Your provider can help you to access low risk products and equipment directly, as listed in the inclusions list. For more complex products or equipment, your provider will organise a health professional assessment, such as an occupational therapist, who will be able to prescribe items that meet your needs.

All home modifications must be prescribed by a suitably qualified health professional to ensure you are getting the right supports.

## How is the AT-HM scheme funded?

The AT-HM scheme is funded separately to your ongoing Support at Home services. This means, unlike the Home Care Packages Program, you won't need to save money from your budget to get products, equipment and home modifications.

There are 3 AT-HM funding tiers matched to the assistive technology and home modifications you may need: low, medium and high.

The funding will cover the items that you need, as well as a health professional assessment if applicable. The funding will also cover any extra support to ensure you are able to use the item safely and effectively. We call these wraparound services.

You can find out more about the AT-HM funding tiers in the [Support at Home program handbook](#).

### The assistive technology funding tiers are:

Funding tier	Amount
Low	Under \$500
Medium	Up to \$2,000
High	Up to \$15,000 (nominal)

### The home modifications funding tiers are:

Funding tier	Amount
Low	Under \$500
Medium	Up to \$2,000
High	Up to \$15,000

Your AT-HM funds will not accrue over time and will be available for 12 months. Under some circumstances, such as having a specific progressive condition or needing complex home modifications, we may give you more time to use your AT-HM funding.

If you have specific needs, such as for an assistance dog, you may be eligible for extra funding over a longer time.

If your needs change and you require additional equipment, products or home modifications after your AT-HM funding has expired you can be re-assessed to get access to further AT-HM funding to meet your needs.

## Can I use my unspent HCP funds for AT-HM?

You will keep any unspent HCP funds under Support at Home. These may be used for AT-HM but must be used before using your approved AT-HM scheme funding.

## Will I have to contribute to my AT-HM costs?

Support at Home participant contributions apply to the AT-HM scheme. You may have to make a moderate contribute to the cost of the equipment, products or home modifications you need. You will not have to contribute to the costs of health professional assessments and prescriptions as well as wraparound services. These are categorised as clinical care and are fully funded by the government.

## What items can I access under the AT-HM scheme?

The AT-HM List on our website lists the products, equipment and home modifications that are available under the AT-HM scheme.

### For more information

To find out more about the AT-HM scheme, visit [health.gov.au/our-work/support-at-home/assistive-technology-and-home-modifications-at-hm-scheme](https://health.gov.au/our-work/support-at-home/assistive-technology-and-home-modifications-at-hm-scheme)

If you have questions or concerns about your aged care, including Support at Home, you can speak to an aged care advocate by calling the **Aged Care Advocacy Line on 1800 700 600**. Provided by the Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN), this free and confidential service is independent of both government and aged care providers. OPAN will connect you with a local advocate in your state or territory.



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## Getting started with aged care

If you need help around the house or are thinking about aged care homes, contacting My Aged Care is the first step.

 Visit [myagedcare.gov.au](https://myagedcare.gov.au)  Phone **1800 200 422**

 Face-to-face by speaking with an Aged Care Specialist Officer (to book an appointment call **1800 227 475** or visit any Services Australia Service Centre).