Capital Supports

Capital is an investment that is restricted to specific items identified in the participant’s plan. It includes all aids or equipment supports that assists participants to live independently or assist a carer to support the participant. The funding will, as needed, include:

* Assessment
* Delivery
* Set up
* Adjustment and
* Maintenance Costs

Most items require quotes so that providers negotiate a price with a participant in accordance with the specifications usually developed by an assessing therapist.

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| Support | Description |
| Assistive Technologies | Assistive technology includes any equipment or aids used by a participant.

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| Assistive Products for: |  |
| Household Tasks | All aids or equipment supports that assist participants to live independently or assist a carer to support the participant. * Assistive household technology that enables participants to perform household tasks like cleaning or maintenance
* Adapted Clocks: Devices for measuring, displaying and/or speaking the time
* Wireless for Mains Socket
* Environmental control software or systems
* Dishwashing assistant devices such as adapted dish cloths, utensils, detergent dispenses and so on
* Alarms and door bells (amplified, visual alert and/or vibratory alarms)
* Programmable memory aids: devices for storing and organising data on planned events and activities
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| Personal Care & Safety | Aids and equipment for personal care or safety including:* Beds and mattresses (rental)
* Pressure mattresses
* Toilet and bathroom equipment
* Specialised clothing
* Specialised continence needs
* Bed sticks
* Bed pole for electric bed
* Bed cradle, wedges, rails and rail covers
* Electric beds
* Sleep system
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| Dressing or Specialised Clothing | Equipment or aids for dressing or using specialised clothing such as cooling vest, helmets and devices to assist with dressing and undressing |
| Specialised Household Furniture | Specialised household furniture such as:* Postural chair
* Electric life chairs
* Adapted furniture
* Water chairs
* Standing frames
* Comfort fit seating
* Seating/standing frames
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| Bathroom & Toilet Equipment | Bathroom and toilet equipment such as:* Bedsite commode
* Mobile shower commode
* Toilet surrounds
* Toilet seat raise
* Toilet arm supports
* Shower chair
* Bath support
* Change table
* Bidets
* Bathing and toileting equipment repair
* Bathing care and grooming aids
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| Personal Alarms | Personal alarms such as personal emergency alarm systems, non-monitored phone system, seizure mat and alarm, call system within home and monitored phone alert system. |
| Communication & Information Equipment | Aids and equipment to assist participants with alternate communication or to access written or spoken communication through electronic or other means. These include:* Switch adapted mouse
* Text to speech device
* Voice amplifiers and generators
* Word processing system for writing, organising and storing text
* Telephone accessories
* Communication amplifiers
* Communication equipment repairs
* Communication software
* Tablet
* Dynamic display dialogue units
* Eye gaze system
* Communication assistive products
* Head pointer
* Voice activated software
* Keyboards / key guards
* Books or boards with letter symbols or picture
* Microphones to amplify sounds
* Personal reader
* Electronic devices that convert text to speech
* Portable audible player
* Simple witches, pressure, touch and puff
* Static audible player display to trigger audible messages
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| Hearing Products | Assistive products for hearing such as* Telephone coupler
* Tinnitus reduction device
* TV device for hearing assistance
* Vibro tactile devices
* Adapted landline telephone
* Baby cry alerting systems
* Cochlear implantations
* Hearing aids
* Loud speakers
* Music devices
* Personal amplifiers
* Radio frequency transmissions systems
* Remote control
* Adapted smoke alarms
* Streamer
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| Vision Products | Assistive products for vision includes:* Tactile computer displays
* Visual equipment
* Text recognition software
* Tactile sticks or white canes
* Electronic orientation software
* Acoustic navigation assistance products
* Tactile maps
* Assistive products for drawing and writing
* Audio labellers
* Notetaking Devices
* Braille printers
* CCTV electronic magnification unit
* Videotext and text television decoders
* Dog guide
* Image-enlarging video systems
* Voice output and enlargement mobile phone
* Vision equipment
* Sound recording and playing devices
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| Personal Mobility Equipment | Equipment to assist participants move around their home or the community including equipment for walking, wheelchairs and transfer aids |
| Transfer Equipment | Transfer equipment such as:* Car transport pad
* Transfer turntable
* Grip ladder
* Transfer belt
* Hoists
* Slings
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| Prosthetics and Orthotics | * Orthotic
* Hand splints
* Custom foot supports
* Foot orthoses for different bones and joints
* Prostheses
* Orthopaedic shoes
* Prosthetic repair
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| Walking Equipment | Equipment related to walking including* Walking equipment
* Walking sticks and canes
* Quatrapod walking stick
* Crutches
* Walking frame
* Wheeled walker
* Rollator
* Walking chairs
* Walking tables
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| Wheelchair Equipment | Specialised seating for wheelchairs and other wheeled mobility equipment such as:* Wheelchair headrests
* Wheelchair tray
* Seat Cushions
* Customised wheelchair equipment such as back rest or postural seating systems
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| Strollers | Specialised stroller, prams, mobility boards, crawlers and wheeled stretchers |
| Wheelchairs and Scooters | Manual and electronic wheelchairs, scooters, batteries, chargers and other mobility equipment and repairs |
| Equipment for Recreation | Assistive equipment for recreation. Where a piece of general equipment needs modifying the additional costs of the modification related to disability may be funded.  |
| There are a number of support items that incorporate aids and equipment to assist participants to undertake competitive and non-competitive sports and other recreational pursuits including:* Switch adapted toys
* Track race wheelchair
* Hand-propelled bicycles
* Specialised tricycles or quadricycle
* Disability specific cycle adaptions
* Adapted books
* Adapted mobility toy
* Adaptions for arm and hand prosthetics for sport and leisure
* Assistive products for audio visual gaming
* Basketball wheelchair
* Beach/sand capable wheelchair
* Adapted recreation equipment
* Prosthetics
* Recreation equipment delivery
* Rugby wheelchair
* Specialised bowling equipment
* Sport adaptions to wheelchair
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| Home Modifications | Home modifications aim to enable participants to live as independently as possible or to live safely at home.  |
| Home modification design and construction includes: * Installation of equipment
* Changes to non-structural components of a building
* The installation of fixtures or fitting
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| Home modifications include:* Stair-climbers
* Elevator
* Vertical lifting platform
* Grab rails
* Bathroom modifications
* Toilet and laundry modifications
* Kitchen adaption
* Step ramp, risers and handrails
* Rails
* Ramps
* Stair lift platforms and seats
* Specialised wall taps
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| Vehicle Modifications | Vehicle modifications includes the installation of, or changes to, equipment in a vehicle to enable a participant to travel safely as a passenger or to drive. |
| A participant is free to choose a more expensive option at their own expense where the more expensive option is not considered to be reasonable and necessary (e.g. cosmetic or personalised fittings) |
| Vehicle modifications may include:* Vehicle related equipment delivery to a participant
* Adapted vehicles
* Ramps to place wheelchair in vehicle
* Specialised child care seats
* Adaptions to control speed of car
* Adapted brakes
* Adapted steering system for car
* Adapted mirrors and door locks for car
* Seat belts and harnesses
* Adapted seating in vehicles
* Vehicle hoists
* Wheelchair vehicle adaptions
* Self-drive electro mechanical
* Car modification
* Tie downs for vehicle
* Adapted chassis and body
* Trailers to carry wheelchairs
* Wheelchair based restraint system
* Vehicle modification repair
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| Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) | SDA refers to accommodation for participants who require specialist housing solutions to assist with the delivery of supports that cater for their significant functional impairment and/or very high support needs. It includes any capital contribution related to payments to cover costs associated with their house/accommodation facility for participants residing in specialist disability accommodation (SDA) is assessed and funded separately under SDA. SDA has 3 support line items:

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| Specialist Disability Accommodation |  |
| SDA Person-Specific Adjustments |  |
| SDA Support Coordination |  |

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| SDA does not refer to the support services, but the homes in which these are delivered. |
| SDA may include special designs for people with very high needs or may have a location or features that make it feasible to provide complex or costly supports for independent living |
| SDAY payments are an adjustable contribution to the costs of capital required for the land and physical building required for specialist disability accommodation needs |
| SDA funding is not intended to cover personal support costs, which are assessed and funded separately by the NDIS |
| SDA does not cover accommodation costs where these are not linked to a person’s disability or when specialist accommodation with integrated supports is not required |