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ACC MRES Equipment Hire

Key considerations when deciding whether to purchase or hire equipment

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Karakia timatanga

Kia hora te marino

Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana

Hei huarahi mā tatou i te rangi nei

Aroha atu, aroha mai

Tātou i a tatou katoa

Hui e, Tāiki e!

May peace be widespread

May the sea be like greenstone

A pathway for us all this day

Let us show respect for each other

For one another

Bind us all together!

Introduction



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Poll

How familiar are you with the ACC Managed Rehabilitation Equipment Service (MRES) hire criteria?

- a) I am not familiar with the criteria
- b) I am aware of the criteria but don't know them well
- c) I refer to the hire criteria frequently when considering hire

Objectives

1. Review MRES equipment options
2. Examine the ACC MRES hire criteria
3. Help determine when to purchase or hire
4. Discuss commonly hired equipment
5. Analyse a wheelchair-focused case example.

Options when ordering equipment

	Assessment required	Assessment Report required
Hire	Yes	Yes
ACC Simple list	No	No
ACC Standard list	Yes	No
ACC Complex list	Yes	Yes
Non-list	Yes	Yes

ACC MRES equipment hire criteria

“The following criteria must be considered when submitting a request for hire equipment:

- The hire period is **less than 2 months**
- The equipment is of a high dollar value, is normally **greater than \$3000** (excl. GST)
- The equipment is **unlikely to be re-issued** to another client
- The equipment is a non-list equipment item that is **required immediately** from a rental supplier; or
- Is required in the **interim** whilst another piece of equipment is on order”.



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Your assessment reports

In your reports include:

- Injury details and expected recovery timeframe
- Alternative options
- Purpose and frequency of equipment use
- Why ACC list equipment is unable to meet the need
- How the hire criteria are met
- And the plan for completion of the hire.

Ending the hire

Near the end of the hire period:

- Check the hire will finish
- If there is ongoing need, consider your options
- For extension of hire – email enable@enable.co.nz.
- Contact our team if you need advice.



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Equipment frequently requested for hire

Wheelchair

1. Client is waiting for **permanent, customised wheelchair**
2. Client requires a wheelchair for **discharge**, unsure of long term mobility needs

Alternative options

- Current wheelchair still usable?
- ACC list wheelchair suitable?
- Have reissue options been explored?

Approximate cost for ultra-lightweight wheelchair

Hire for 6 months
\$5500

Purchase – base unit
\$5600

Equipment frequently requested for hire

Modular ramp

Client is **temporarily** unable to access the home due to short-term or permanent injury.

Alternative options

- Natural support
- Minor modifications e.g. handrails
- Lower cost/simple equipment e.g. portable or threshold ramps.

Approximate cost for 7m ramp

Hire for 6 months
\$7140

Purchase
\$28,000



Equipment frequently requested for hire

Portable bathroom

- 1. Short-term injury:**
short-term need.
- 2. Long-term injury:**
short-term need

Alternative options

- Equipment
- Care
- Freestanding shower/toilet cubicle

Approximate cost for portable bathrooms

Hire for 1 year
\$30,700

Purchase
\$50,000



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Portable bathroom required for longer than 2 months

Permanent injury

Portable bathroom may address:

- **Discharge needs**
- **Medium term needs** until long term living situation in place
- **Long term needs**



Potential solutions

Consult with Enable Clinical Service Advisor to discuss:

- Hire **or** purchase/reissue
- Hire **then** purchase

Case example – timeline, costs



Cost comparison

**Total hire for 11 months:
approx. \$9,000**

**Cost to purchase:
approx. \$11,000**

Case example – alternative pathway

Trial/purchase order for ACC list wheelchair submitted pre-discharge

Wheelchair and seating assessment completed in the community

New wheelchair provided, wheelchair provided at discharge is returned for reissue



Key points

- Consider ACC list equipment before hire
- Use the hire criteria
- Provide a clear plan for completion of the hire
- Contact us if you are unsure

Key takeaway

Purchased equipment can be **reissued** and supports **sustainability** of the MRES service

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Useful References

The following guidelines-standards and tutorials can be found on our website: www.enable.co.nz/

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Closing Karakia

Kia whakairia te tapu

Kia wātea ai te ara

Kia turuki whakataha ai

Kia turuki whakataha ai

Haumi e, Hui e, Tāiki e!

Restrictions are moved aside

So the pathways are clear

To return to everyday activities