



1 What is Mobility for Life?



Earlier access

Supporting access when it's needed.



Simplified pathway

Reduced admin and streamlined approval processes.



Evidence for the future

Evaluating outcomes to inform future services.

2 Early and on-time mobility

Early mobility

Providing powered mobility before:

- Loss of independence
- Reduced participation
- Social isolation
- Education barriers
- Employment barriers
- Avoidable decline

On-time mobility

Providing:

- The right wheelchair
- At the right stage
- For current and future needs
- To maximise participation
- To support wellbeing and independence

3 Eligibility

Participants must:

- Be 14 years or older
- Be seeking:
 - A first power wheelchair (PWC); or
 - A replacement PWC
- Have one of: Cerebral Palsy (CP), Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Muscular Dystrophy (MD)
- Need a PWC for their mobility inside and/or outside their home, including independent access to the community.
- Reside south of the Bombay Hills (the Enable NZ service area).



4 What's different?

Simplified approvals

- Streamlined pathway
- Faster decision making
- Reduced approval complexity
- Greater focus on clinical need
- Focus on participation outcomes



Reduced administrative burden

- Less paperwork
- Fewer approval layers
- Simplified referrals
- Better communication
- More time for clinical assessment

Mobility for Life looks beyond current mobility, and considers future need, safety, fatigue, and quality of life.

5 What do assessors do?

Assess the person & complete the referral to Mobility for Life Pathway.

Provide the information sheet to the person and their whānau about the evaluation.

Assessors are not required to:

- Conduct interviews
- Complete any extra assessments or reporting
- Undertake follow-up activities



6 Why this matters

The evaluation will help answer:

- What difference does earlier powered mobility make?
- What works for disabled people and whānau?
- What barriers remain?
- How can services improve?
- What outcomes matter most?
- What value does early intervention create?

