

What about buying a breast pump instead?

You can buy some good quality double, 'hospital grade' pumps from retail stores and online. These can be quite expensive but are a good choice if you are establishing your milk supply and you plan to express breastmilk often.

Single mini - electric and hand pumps are only suitable if your milk supply is well established and you only need to express 1 or 2 times each day for 3 to 4 days per week.

Please speak to your Midwife, Nurse or a Lactation Consultant about the right type of breast pump for your current needs.

For further information contact

Breastfeeding Service

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Hospital Grade Breast Pump Hire

Why do I need to hire a hospital grade breast pump?

A hospital grade double electric breast pump is the best choice for a mother who needs to express her breastmilk frequently. For example:

- To express breastmilk for a preterm or unwell baby.
- To increase a low milk supply.
- To maintain milk supply during long periods when baby can't breastfeed.
- Full time working and breastfeeding.
- If the mother prefers to express and bottle feed full time.

Where can I hire a breast pump?

Australian Breastfeeding Association

Hire includes support from a trained volunteer breastfeeding counsellor. Member discounts are available.

Phone or text 0400 098 610. For more information go to:
<https://www.breastfeeding.asn.au/local/vic/ballarat-vic>

UFS Ballarat

40 Bridge Mall
Ballarat
Ph. 53270400

717 Sturt St
Ballarat
Ph. 53319811

UFS Bacchus Marsh

25-27 Grant St
Bacchus Marsh
Ph.53678473

Castlemaine - McKenzie Davey Pharmacy

195 Barker St
Castlemaine
Ph. 54721019

What does it cost?

Deposit: A deposit is charged which will be refunded when the pump is returned.

Hire cost: Weekly or monthly fees are charged.

Milk collection kits: These attach to the pump and cannot be hired for health reasons. You must buy your own from wherever you hire the pump.

Breast pump hire for mothers of babies in Special Care Nursery at BHS.

If your baby is in Special Care Nursery (SCN) at BHS, you can borrow a hospital grade breast pump from SCN until your baby is discharged home. Please speak with your midwife or a nurse in SCN about this.

A deposit is charged, which is refunded when you return the pump, but there is no other cost.

Disposable milk collection kits for these pumps are available from SCN at no cost, or you can purchase a re-usable kit from UFS pharmacies.

The pump must be returned before your baby is discharged from SCN.

