

Threshold credentials and additional practitioner requirements for credentialing categories and levels

Assistive Technology (AT) category – title and description	Threshold credentials for this AT category	
Bath and Toilet <i>(shower chairs, commodes, bath and toilet aids, change tables and related pressures care)</i>	Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist OR Physiotherapist	
Bedding <i>(beds, pressure reducing mattresses and accessories)</i>	Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist OR Physiotherapist	
Compression garments <i>(off the shelf and made to measure, upper and lower limb garments and wrap systems)</i>	<u>Established professions in this category for SWEP</u> (i.e., professions previously eligible for SWEP registration and credentialing, before Jan 2022) Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist or Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner or Medical Practitioner <u>with</u> with completion of an Australasian Lymphology Association (ALA) endorsed course (consistent with the scope of practice of your primary health profession, your role and chosen scope of practice)	
	<u>Emerging eligible practitioners in this category</u> <i>(i.e., includes practitioners from professions that were not previously eligible for SWEP registration and credentialing, before Jan 2022)</i>	Additional eligibility requirements for meeting amber and red credentialing in this AT category
		No additional threshold credentials for Green

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	<p>ALA Accredited Lymphoedema Practitioner on the National Lymphoedema Practitioner Register, working within the scope of practice of their primary health profession(s) and the competencies achieved through undertaking accredited lymphoedema training</p> <p>with</p> <p>Current general Ahpra registration (where applicable) or Professional Association membership (where applicable and as determined by ALA)</p>	<p>At least one full year as an ALA Accredited Lymphoedema Practitioner on the National Lymphoedema Practitioner Register (excluding any years of absence approved by ALA) and with current active accreditation.</p> <p>and</p> <p>working within the scope of practice of their primary health profession(s) and the competencies achieved through undertaking accredited lymphoedema training.</p> <p>At least four full years as an ALA Accredited Lymphoedema Practitioner on the National Lymphoedema Practitioner Register (excluding any years of absence approved by ALA) and with current active accreditation</p> <p>and</p> <p>working within the scope of practice of their primary health profession(s) and the competencies achieved through undertaking accredited lymphoedema training</p>
<p>Continence <i>(personal and household washable items, catheter care and accessories, and specialised items)</i></p>	<p>Current general Ahpra registration as a Registered Nurse</p> <p>with</p> <p>Graduate certificate in Nursing (urological and continence) or equivalent</p> <p>or employed in a relevant specialty context relating to bladder or bowel dysfunction (e.g., employed as a Nurse Continence Specialist/ Continence Nurse Advisor / Urology Nurse/ Clinical Nurse Consultant (in a related context)</p> <p>or if endorsed as a Nurse Practitioner, applying advanced clinical nursing practice in a relevant specialty context</p>	
<p>Environmental control units (ECU) <i>(automation devices including relevant software, hardware and accessories)</i></p>	<p>Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist</p>	
<p>Home modifications <i>(built ramps, rails, stair lifts, and changes to the built environment)</i></p>	<p>Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist</p>	

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Laryngectomy Consumables (<i>heat moisture exchange systems, laryngectomy tubes, cleaning equipment</i>)	Speech Pathologist eligible for membership of Speech Pathology Australia	
Orthotics (<i>orthoses, footwear, helmets</i>)	Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist or Podiatrist or Orthotist/Prosthetist with full membership of the Australian Orthotics and Prosthetics Association (AOPA)	
Orthotics sub-category: Pedorthics (<i>foot and ankle orthoses, footwear and shoe modifications</i>)	Current certification as a Pedorthist (CPedAu) or Pedorthist Custom Maker (CPedCM Au) with Australian Pedorthists Registration Board (APRB)	
*Certified Retail Pedorthist are in eligible to register and credential with SWEP	Current certification as a Pedorthist Custom Maker (CPedCM Au) with Australian Pedorthists Registration Board (APRB)	
Oxygen (child) (<i>domiciliary, supplemental, long term oxygen therapy kits</i>)	Specialist general paediatrician or Specialist paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine physician or Specialist neonatologist or Specialist paediatric palliative medicine physician or Specialist paediatric medical oncologist or	Additional eligibility requirements for meeting amber and red credentialing in this AT category Threshold credentials as stated in this table <i>NB: A Green AT Practitioner can complete an application for any oxygen items however the application must be authorised by an Amber or Red AT Practitioner</i> Specialist paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine physician or Specialist neonatologist, working in a health service with a Level 4 ¹ (or higher) nursery, with at least 2 years of experience (<u>after registration to practise as a specialist in this specialty with Ahpra</u>), prescribing domiciliary supplemental long term oxygen therapy prescribing oxygen.

¹ Department of Health and Human Services. (2015). *Defining levels of care for Victorian newborn services*. Victorian Government.

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	Specialist paediatric cardiologist <i>(All titling as determined by Ahpra)</i>	Specialist paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine physician, with at least 5 years of experience (<u>after registration to practise as a specialist in this specialty with Ahpra</u>), prescribing domiciliary supplemental long term oxygen therapy and working in a health service with a Level 4 ¹ (or higher) nursery.
Oxygen (adult) <i>(domiciliary, supplemental, long term oxygen therapy kits)</i>	Specialist respiratory and sleep medicine physician or Specialist palliative medicine physician or Specialist medical oncologist or Specialist cardiologist or Specialist general physician (with respiratory interest) <i>(All titling as determined by Ahpra)</i>	Threshold credentials as stated in this table <i>NB: A Green AT Practitioner can complete an application for any oxygen items however the application must be authorised by an Amber or Red AT Practitioner</i> Specialist Respiratory and Sleep Medicine Physician with at least 2 years of experience (<u>after registration to practise as a specialist in this specialty with Ahpra</u>), prescribing domiciliary supplemental long term oxygen therapy. or Specialist General Physician with respiratory Interest and at least 5 years of experience (<u>after registration to practise as a specialist in this specialty with Ahpra</u>), prescribing domiciliary supplemental long term oxygen therapy. Specialist Respiratory and Sleep Medicine Physician with at least 5 years of experience (<u>after registration to practise as a specialist in this specialty with Ahpra</u>).
Seating <i>(high/low back or tilt chairs, specialised seating and accessories, stools, chair raisers, sit to stand recliners, paediatric car seats)</i>	Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist	
Transfers <i>(hoists, slings, transfer aids, portable ramps, kitchen trolley)</i>	Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist	

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Vehicle Mods <i>(all driver assessments and any vehicle modifications for driver or passenger for access or safe travel)</i>	Driver: <i>all driver assessments and/or modifications to the vehicle to facilitate driving by the consumer, including driver seat modifications</i> Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist with Post-graduate training in driver assessment and rehabilitation, with both theory and practicum delivered in line with the <i>Australian Competency Standards for Occupational Therapy Driver Assessors</i> . OTA (2018). (Usual duration 2 weeks using a mixed delivery method) Other: <i>All other vehicle modifications including passenger access and transport of assistive technology</i> Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist
Voice aids <i>(electronic voice aids, voice prostheses)</i>	Speech Pathologist eligible for membership of Speech Pathology Australia
Walk/ Stand Aids <i>(walking frames, standing frames, crutches)</i>	Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist
Wheelchair/Scooter <i>(manual and power wheelchairs, scooters, strollers, posture and pressure related accessories)</i>	Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist
Other categories not listed	SWEP supports other agencies/ funding bodies to deliver Assistive Technology solutions outside of this registration and credentialing framework, please contact SWEP for specific details related to these products e.g. CPAP, Wigs
Other credentialing categories – title and description	Threshold credentials for applying in this credentialing category
Capacity and Performance Evaluation (CAPE) *Applicable to Transport Accident Commission (TAC) service providers only	Current general Ahpra registration as an Occupational Therapist