



Access Equipment

For students with disabilities

Training for staff

Child health and education support services (CHESS) provides training in transfers and positioning:

- Transfers and Positioning Support course (3 hours)
- Manual Handling Refresher course (1 hour).

Further information is available from

<http://www.chess.sa.edu.au>

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Information for preschools and schools





Access equipment for loan

The Special Education Resource Unit (SERU) lends specialised equipment to preschools and schools for use by students with physical disabilities. This equipment helps students access the curriculum.

What equipment is provided?

Access equipment for loan includes:

- portable wheelchair ramps
- toileting equipment such as portable overtoilet commodes and frames
- steps and platforms to assist transfer procedures
- hoists and slings for lifting students
- electronic change tables to assist lifting and handling
- seating to meet postural and low-vision needs.

A catalogue of access equipment can be viewed on the SERU website.

Note that preschools and schools are expected to purchase any commercially available access equipment which costs less than \$200.

Who is eligible to use the access equipment?

The equipment is available for students who attend DECS preschools or schools and have a Negotiated Education Plan.

How to borrow equipment

- Obtain a recommendation from a health professional to support the application for access equipment.
- Download a Request for Access Equipment form from the SERU website.
- Forward the completed request form, with the health professional recommendation, to SERU.
- If the application is approved, SERU will order the required equipment.
- SERU will forward a loan agreement to the preschool or school when the equipment is available. The director or principal is required to sign the agreement and return it to SERU.
- The equipment will then be delivered to the preschool or school by courier.
- Contact the therapist when the equipment arrives. Equipment must be used as described in the student's Transfer and Positioning Care Plan or as recommended by the therapist.

The equipment is for a particular student

Because the equipment is supplied for one student it must not be used by another.

What happens when a student leaves or changes sites?

As soon as the preschool or school becomes aware that the student will be transferring, that site must notify SERU.

SERU will then send the loan agreement to the new site.

The preschool or school must contact the DECS courier to arrange transport of the access equipment to the new location. The equipment should be transferred on the day that the student leaves the site.

When the student leaves school, the equipment must be returned by courier to SERU.

How to organise repairs or modifications

For repairs to access equipment contact SERU.

For modifications to access equipment, send the following to SERU:

- a Request for Access Equipment form
- an accompanying letter from a health professional detailing modifications required.