



Mid Cost AT Changes for Participants

The NDIS changed the way you can claim for mid cost assistive technology (AT) items. This applies to any purchases for items between \$1,500 and \$15,000. Items within this price range no longer require a quote to be approved by the NDIA, but some other criteria must be met before the item can be purchased.

1. **You must have the Capital category Assistive Technology (05) in your plan.** Items over \$1,500 cannot be claimed from the core funding (consumables).

Look in your plan for **Capital Supports**.

CHECK: How is it managed? P2P can only claim for **Plan Managed items**. If it is NDIA managed, the provider who you are purchasing the AT from, will need to claim from the NDIA directly.

Capital Supports	Budget
Assistive Technology Funding has been included for major Repairs and Maintenance of equipment that will require a quote. \$1300 has been included for minor repairs of wheelchair and funding of a new pressure care cushion. Funding provisioned for a shower commode wheeled tilt in space with a price range from \$2500 to \$3500.	\$6,300.00
My Assistive Technology funding will be: • \$6,300.00 Plan-managed	

CHECK: What is the **listed AT item**? The description tells you what item/s the NDIA have approved for this plan.

CHECK: What is the **Benchmark** funding amount for the item? The NDIS will generally give you an approximate cost that is typical for this item.

2. The **listed item should be purchased** before other items are claimed.

The NDIS has allowed more flexibility in this category, however it is strongly recommended that the listed item you discussed with the NDIA is purchased first. This helps you to ensure that you have sufficient funding for the main AT item.

3. The item **must be recommended by an AT Assessor and supporting documentation received.**

Who can be an AT assessor?	Who cannot be an AT assessor?
- A therapy provider who knows your situation and needs. Eg an OT, Speech Therapist, Physiotherapist ect.	- A Support Coordinator
- A GP or Specialist who knows your situation and needs.	- A support worker who does not have any qualifications.
- A qualified AT mentor	- A GP or therapy provider who does not know your situation.

What information do they need to give?

- They need to provide an accurate report showing your need and suitability to the item that has been chosen including;
 - A description of the best AT solution.
 - Any trial results using the AT.
 - The estimated cost (including set up)
 - How the AT will meet your goals and needs.
- It **does not need to be a formal AT submission** through the NDIS website.

