

# NDIS - LOW RISK, LOW COST AT

Low cost assistive technology: under \$1,500 per item - Low cost items are:

- easy to set up and use
- available from local suppliers or non-disability specific retailers.

#### Assistive technology product risk table

Risk level	Broad description	Examples (non exclusive)
Low risk assistive technology products	Low risk assistive technology are products that can be selected by you or your family with limited need for advice or setup support from assistive technology advisors to use them safely. Assistive technology advisors could be product advisors, or allied health providers where your circumstances are complex.  Low risk of causing harm when used in daily living environments.	<ul> <li>Non-slip bathmat</li> <li>Eating utensils</li> <li>Large print labels</li> <li>Shower stool or chair</li> <li>Handrails</li> <li>Portable ramps</li> <li>Mainstream electronic computer technology</li> </ul>

## Low cost AT in your plan budget

Participants can use their funding flexibly to purchase low cost AT using funding in their Core - Consumables budget.

We know not all participants have funding allocated in their Core budget for consumables. Following a change made in 2020, participants can use their Core budget more flexibly, including to purchase low cost AT under the consumables category.



#### **Core Supports budget**

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### What evidence do we need for low cost assistive technology?

You don't need to give us an assessment or quote. If you need low cost items that are higher risk, you'll need to get advice about how to use them before you buy them.

Assistive Technology, Home Modifications and Consumables Code Guide 2021-22

- Support Items

#### Assistive products for household tasks

Low risk, low cost assistive technology in this category should be claimed under the line item 'Low Cost AT - Personal Care And Safety 03\_090000911\_0103\_1\_1' from the Consumables budget.

 Systems for operating domestic devices/features such as curtains, lights, doors from a distance.

## **Communication and information equipment**

Low risk, low cost assistive technology in this category should be claimed under the line item 'Low Cost AT - Communication Or Cognitive Support 03\_222100911\_0124\_1\_1' which can be claimed from the Consumables budget.

- Assistive Products for communication or information support.
- Repairs to communication equipment and environmental control units (ECU).
- Programming and/or customising electronic equipment (e.g. communication devices) to meet the individual's disability-specific needs.