

People living with MND often need equipment more quickly than can be provided by State & Federal governments. MND Victoria has an Equipment Pool which can loan equipment to people living with MND to keep them safe and mobile. MND Victoria has provided timely equipment to people living with MND for more than 40 years.

People living with MND wishing to access the MND Victoria Equipment Service (ES) must:

- Be registered as a member of MND Victoria.
- Be living within Victoria.
- Sign the MND Victoria ES Client Agreement outlining the terms and conditions of access to MND Victoria equipment.
- Have the equipment request placed by a relevant Allied Health Professional (AHP).

Clients moving into a Commonwealth Government funded or privately funded Residential Aged Care Facility (RACF) may take some equipment they currently have with them, with the exception of equipment required to be provided by a RACF under the Aged Care Act 1997 [see Part 3 section 3.1 - 3.6](#).

All Residential Aged Care Facilities must provide the following equipment to Residents, under the terms of the Aged Care Act 1997:

- Electric bed and over bed table.
- Equipment for the management of pressure care and pain including pressure mattresses.
- Mobility aids including walkers and basic manual wheelchairs.
- Transfer equipment including mobile hoists.
- Equipment for toileting and bathing including shower chairs, bedside commodes, wheeled commodes, and continence aids.

Further information can be found in the [Quality-of-Care Principles 2014](#).

Requests for MND equipment that falls outside the Aged Care Act 1997 Part 3 for people in RACF will be considered according to need and availability following Allied Health assessment.

In general – the MND Victoria ES may provide the following items to people residing in RACF:

- Tilt in Space Manual Wheelchair.
- Power Wheelchair – individual RACF may have their own policy on the use of powered mobility aids, and this is up to the treating therapist and RACF to negotiate.
- Electric Lift Recliner Chairs.
- Tilt in Space Shower toilet commode (provided on a case-by-case basis).

The RACF is required to sign the [MND Victoria Residential Aged Care Service Agreement](#) stating that the equipment will not be used by any other resident and that the RACF will notify MND Victoria when the client no longer requires the equipment.

Requests for individuals residing in a RACF for respite are addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Further information about the MND Victoria ES, including the Online Equipment Request Form, can be found [HERE](#).

Information can also be requested by emailing the MND Victoria ES at equipment@mnd.org.au or phone **03 9830 2122**.

Please also speak to the MND Victoria Regional Advisor for the client as needed.