



# ALS Canada Equipment Program: Overview & Information

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ALS Canada is dedicated to assisting individuals diagnosed with ALS to cope with the daily challenges of decreasing mobility and communication ability, and retaining independence. To be eligible for the ALS Canada Equipment Program, the applicant must:

- Be [registered](#) with ALS Canada
- Have accessed all other sources of financial assistance through private insurance
- Have accessed the Assistive Devices Program (ADP) and other government and non-government sources before applying for this program; if applicable to equipment

**Thanks to generous donors**, the ALS Canada Equipment Program provides access to *basic* and *essential* assistive equipment through:

1. [Loan Equipment Program](#)
2. [Funding Assistance Program for Rented and Leased Equipment](#)
3. [Flexible Funding Program for Small Bathroom Equipment](#)

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**Please Note:** The ALS Canada Equipment Program **is not** a trial program. Every delivery and exchange can cost anywhere **between \$100 and \$400**, which is made possible by generous donors in the community.

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## **1. Loan Equipment Program:**

ALS Canada provides *basic* and *essential* equipment on loan to clients for however long they need it. All clients can access the ALS Canada Loan Equipment Program regardless of income. ALS Canada provides one of each item per client.

To access the ALS Canada Loan Equipment Program:

1. A registered healthcare professional (i.e. Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, or Registered Nurse) must assess the client and complete the [Loan Equipment Request Form](#) with as much detail as possible.
  - If applicable, the [Loan Wheelchair Specifications Form](#) must also be completed by the healthcare professional.
2. Completed form(s) must be submitted by e-mail to [equipment@als.ca](mailto:equipment@als.ca) or by fax to **416-497-8545**. Please ensure that the fax has been transmitted successfully.

The following equipment may be available for loan from ALS Canada:

Major categories	Items included but not restricted to the following:
<b>Bathroom Aids</b>	Shower Commodes, Bath lifts, Sliding Tub Transfer Benches
<b>Mobility Aids</b>	Wheelchairs (transport, manual and power driven), Scooters, Walkers,
<b>Lifts and Transfers</b>	Mechanical/Power 'Hoyer type' lifts, Ceiling track lifts, Free Standing Lifts, Ramps, Lift Chairs, Superpoles
<b>Bedroom Aids</b>	Hospital beds, Hospital and Pressure Relief Mattresses

For more detail, please refer to the [ALS Canada Equipment Catalogue](#).

## **2. Funding Assistance Program for Rented and Leased Equipment**

### **a. Rental Equipment:**

Funding assistance is provided for the rental of **one** straight stair glide/lift per client<sup>1</sup>. If eligible, ALS Canada will cost share the client's portion of the monthly rental fees for the straight stair glide/lift (refer to [Cost Sharing Funding and Income Criteria](#)).

- To determine eligibility of cost sharing funding, the client's most recent Notice of Assessment (NOA) from Canada Revenue Agency must be submitted to ALS Canada.

To access funding assistance from ALS Canada for the rental of one straight stair glide/lift:

1. A registered healthcare professional (i.e. Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, or Registered Nurse) must assess the client and complete the [Equipment Funding Assistance Request Form](#).
2. Completed form and the client's NOA must be submitted by e-mail to [equipment@als.ca](mailto:equipment@als.ca) or by fax to **416-497-8545**. Please ensure that the fax has been transmitted successfully.

**Please note:** installation costs are the client's responsibility.

### **b. Leases of Assistive Devices Program (ADP) Equipment:**

For information about the Government of Ontario's Assistive Devices Programs, please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program>, email: [adp@ontario.ca](mailto:adp@ontario.ca) or phone: 1-800-268-6021.

#### **i. Centralized Equipment Pool (CEP) – Communication Devices**

Operated by Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital and funded by ADP, this CEP leases communication devices to clients. The client is responsible for a yearly lease fee up to \$1,000.00 for one of these devices. After ADP and/or insurance funding, ALS Canada may cost share the remainder of the client's portion of the yearly fee; if eligible (refer to [Cost Sharing Funding and Income Criteria](#)).

- To determine eligibility of cost sharing funding, the client's most recent Notice of Assessment (NOA) from Canada Revenue Agency must be submitted to ALS Canada.

To access funding assistance from ALS Canada for an ADP communication device:

1. A registered healthcare professional (i.e. Speech Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, or Registered Nurse) at an ALS Clinic or at an Assistive Technology Clinic (ATC) must assess the client and complete the [Equipment Funding Assistance Request Form](#).
2. Completed form, a quote from CEP (required) and the client's NOA (required) must be submitted by e-mail to [equipment@als.ca](mailto:equipment@als.ca) or by fax to **416-497-8545**. Please ensure that the fax has been transmitted successfully.

**RENEWAL:** Statement of account for yearly renewal to be provided to ALS Canada by the Speech Language Pathologist, ALS Clinic, Assistive Technology Clinic, or client.

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<sup>1</sup> Funding for curved stair glide/lift is **not** provided by the ALS Canada. You may wish to contact the Ontario March of Dimes or pursue other means of funding

## ii. ADP for Electric/Power Wheelchairs

This program is operated by Motion Specialties and funded by Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long-term Care. It provides clients with high quality new and recycled electric/power wheelchairs and electric/power tilt/recline wheelchairs at reduced costs. Clients are responsible for a portion of these costs. After ADP and/or insurance funding, ALS Canada may cost share the remainder of the client's portion; if eligible (refer to [Cost Sharing Funding and Income Criteria](#)).

- To determine eligibility of cost sharing funding, the client's most recent Notice of Assessment (NOA) from Canada Revenue Agency must be submitted to ALS Canada.
- For funding consideration, recycled power bases are to be requested by the assessing registered health care professional.

To access funding assistance from ALS Canada for an ADP electric/power wheelchair:

1. A registered healthcare professional (i.e. Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, or Registered Nurse) must assess the client and complete the [Equipment Funding Assistance Request Form](#).
2. Completed form, a quote from CEP (required) and the client's NOA (required) must be submitted by e-mail to [equipment@als.ca](mailto:equipment@als.ca) or by fax to **416-497-8545**. Please ensure that the fax has been transmitted successfully.

## **3. Flexible Funding for Small Bathroom Items**

ALS Canada offers funding for the purchase of small bathroom items to all clients regardless of income. Each client has access to a lifetime maximum of \$500 for the purchase, delivery/ mailing, installation, repairs or parts of these small bathroom items. An account is established for each client at registration and costs are deducted until the fund is used.

Items eligible for the Flexible Fund:

- Bath and shower chair
- Stationary commode
- Versa frame
- Tub transfer bench

To access the Flexible Fund for small bathroom items:

1. A registered healthcare professional (Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist or Registered Nurse) must assess the client and insert the Flexible Fund item requested in the [Loan Equipment Request Form](#).
2. The completed form must be submitted by e-mail to [equipment@als.ca](mailto:equipment@als.ca) or by fax to **416-497-8545**. Please ensure that the fax has been transmitted successfully.
3. ALS Canada staff will review request and confirm eligibility/remaining resources from Flexible Fund.
4. Clients have 3 options to receive the items:
  - Pick up from local vendor (no delivery cost to client)
  - Delivery along with ALS Canada equipment from loan pool (no cost to client)
  - Delivery or mailing with cost deducted from the flexible fund

**Other Costs Related to the ALS Canada Equipment Program**

- Any installation costs associated with ALS Canada equipment or funded equipment must be paid in full by the client
- The ALS Canada Client Services Coordinator can arrange for you to pick up equipment directly from the vendor when equipment does not require installation
- ALS Canada will cover the costs of repairs to any equipment owned by us, unless the repair is due to the client's neglect or abuse of the equipment
- ALS Canada will also cover the cost of returning loaned equipment
- In the event that a client moves, the client is responsible for the costs to move their equipment
- ALS Canada does **not** fund the following: transportation, homecare, medical equipment (i.e. feeding equipment - feeding pumps, respiratory equipment such as BiPAP machines, medical supplies, etc.), home and vehicle modifications, etc.
- Other funding limitations may also apply

**Cost Sharing Funding and Income Criteria:**

The cost sharing funding formula below is applicable to the client's share of the cost of rental or lease, *after* ADP funding or private insurance (if any).

Cost Sharing Funding Assistance Eligibility Criteria	
Income Level	Eligible Coverage of Client Portion by ALS Canada
Individual <\$25,000 OR Combined Household <\$35,000	100%
Individual: \$25,001-\$50,000 OR Combined Household: \$35,001-\$65,000	65%
Individual: \$50,001-75,000 OR Combined Household: \$65,001-\$95,000	35%
Individual: >\$75,001 OR Combined Household >\$95,001	Not Eligible

**Ownership of equipment**

ALS Canada retains ownership of the equipment when the equipment is on loan from the ALS Canada Loan Equipment Program.

Equipment should be returned to ALS Canada when no longer required. All equipment on lease must be returned to the leasing agency.

**Equipment donations**

ALS Canada welcomes donations to our loan program. We accept used equipment less than 5 years old; tax receipts are available where applicable.

For further information about the ALS Canada Equipment Program, please contact the Client Services Coordinators at ALS Canada at 416-497-2267 or 1-800-267-4257