



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](#)

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.

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 or by fax to **416-497-8545** or **1-888-490-1232**. 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:
Bathroom Aids	Shower Commodes, Bath lifts, Sliding Tub Transfer Benches
Mobility Aids	Wheelchairs (transport, manual and power driven), Scooters, Walkers,
Lifts and Transfers	Mechanical/Power 'Hoyer type' lifts, Ceiling track lifts, Free Standing Lifts, Ramps, Lift Chairs, Superpoles
Bedroom Aids	Hospital beds, Hospital and Pressure Relief Mattresses

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

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 or by fax to **416-497-8545** or **1-888-490-1232**. 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/mailling, 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 or by fax to **416-497-8545** or **1-888-490-1232**. 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

