

Equipment Program Prescriber Update

Equipment In-Scope List

The Equipment Program - Equipment In-Scope List has been recently reviewed to reflect current practice and terminology. Key changes include:

- Some items that have always been considered “in-scope” are now listed
- In some instances, the groups of equipment have been changed and reference to product names have been removed
- Some groupings of equipment types (e.g. type 1, type 2, type 3 etc) have been redefined. Definitions can be found in the in-scope list as you hover over the equipment type and on the updated Equipment Item Types Document
- A prescriber type “orthotist” has been added
- Note that the hyperlinks to relevant supporting documents have been removed to enable compatibility on the DES website (soon to be launched)

In line with the changes to the in-scope list, the DES catalogue will also be updated over the next few months.

Approved Prescriber Status

Changes have been made to the Approved Prescriber Status for some items related to bed prescription. A once-off Approved Prescriber registration process will be undertaken within the relevant DCSI agencies until the 11th December 2015.

Equipment Tender Range

DES recently completed a tender process for our most frequently prescribed non-customised items from the warehouse. The new tender range includes a range of existing & new products. A consolidated list of these products is available on the DES interface under [Equipment Tender Range](#). Details about specifications can be found on the DES online catalogue.

Electric Adjustable Bed Comparison Table

DES has collated summaries of specifications for the stock range of electric beds and mattresses to support compatibility of products when considering prescribing for clients at risk of entrapment. Please refer to this comparison table on the DES interface when prescribing a bed package, under [Electric Adjustable Bed](#)

[Comparison Table](#)

Bed Equipment and Entrapment Guidelines

The training packages and associated information for prescribers and clients in relation to entrapment risk for beds are in the final stages of preparation. Further information will be available soon as to dates and locations of training, along with access to associated information to support clinical assessment of risk.

Submitting Prescriptions and quotes

Please submit prescription forms and quotes (once requested) via the des.frontdesk@dcsi.sa.gov.au email account and not individuals. This will ensure that the prescription form is received and processed promptly and avoid duplicates at DES.

Returning Items to DES

A reminder to check with clients & to arrange for any unused equipment items to be returned to DES. DES collections can be contacted on 1300 295 786 or des.equipreturns@dcsi.sa.gov.au

Regards,



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