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The National Mobility Fund
Eligibility Criteria and Application Guidelines

Before applying for a mobility scooter or power chair through the National Mobility Fund, please read the criteria and guidance below to ensure your eligibility. You are eligible if you are:

- A stroke survivor living in Aotearoa New Zealand, and whose stroke has affected your mobility such that a mobility scooter or power chair would support your independence and quality of life.
- Over the age of 18.
- Willing to undergo a mobility assessment with Independent Living Services to ensure a mobility scooter or power chair is appropriate and safe for your needs.
- Not eligible for funding through ACC for a mobility scooter or power chair or similar equipment.

If you're unsure whether any of this applies to you, please email help@stroke.org.nz or call 0800 78 76 53.

Each person may only receive one mobility scooter or power chair through this fund.

- If you have already received a mobility scooter or power chair, you may not apply again.
- If you applied previously and were declined, you may reapply at any time, especially if your circumstances have changed.

Application and Assessment Process

- Applications are accepted at any time during the year.
- Together with your completed and signed application, you will need to provide a letter of endorsement or support from a registered medical or allied health professional. This letter should describe:
    - How your stroke has impacted your mobility and independence.
    - Your suitability to operate a mobility scooter or power chair, subject to a full assessment by the Independent Living Charitable Trust.

- The Grant Committee meets during the first week of each month to review any applications received in the month prior.
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by the 15th of the following month (subject to change).
- If your application is successful, you will be referred to Independent Living Charitable Trust for a full assessment to ensure you are able to safely and competently operate a power chair. An assessment referral does not guarantee that you will meet the criteria set by Independent Living Charitable Trust. Should you not meet these criteria, regrettably your application will be denied.
- Please note that the committee's decision is final.