

Home and Vehicle Modification Program (HVMP)

Eligible Vehicle Modifications

Driving Controls

Hand Controls

- Push/Pull, Push/Twist, Push/Rock systems allow drivers to operate the accelerator and brake using their hands.

Left-Foot Accelerators

- Enables drivers with right leg limitations to control the accelerator with their left foot.

Pedal Extensions

- Brings pedals closer to the driver for easier reach, useful for individuals with limited leg mobility.

Steering Aids

- Spinner Knobs: Allow one-handed steering.
- Amputee Rings: Attach to the steering wheel for prosthetic use.
- Steering Wheel Extensions: Bring the wheel closer to the driver.

Secondary Controls

- Operate lights, wipers, horn, and other functions via hand-operated switches.

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Seating & Transfer Solutions

Swivel Seats

- Rotate outward to ease entry and exit from the vehicle.

Power Transfer Seats

- Electrically move and rotate to assist wheelchair users in transferring to the driver or passenger seat.

Transfer Boards & Hoists

- Help with manual or powered transfer from wheelchair to car seat.
- Person Lift.
- Patient transfers from a wheelchair into the vehicle.

Wheelchair Accessibility & Storage

Wheelchair Lifts & Ramps

- Installed in vans or SUVs to allow entry while seated in a wheelchair.

Wheelchair Hoists

- Lift to store wheelchairs or scooters in the trunk or roof box.

Lowered Floor Conversions

- Common in Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs), allowing users to remain in their wheelchair while traveling.

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Wheelchair Tie-Down and Occupant Restraint System (WTORS)

- A WTORS is a comprehensive safety system designed to secure both the wheelchair and its occupant during vehicle transport. It typically includes:
- A four-point strap-type tie-down system using retractors and hooks to anchor the wheelchair to floor-mounted anchor points (e.g., L-Track or Slide 'N Click).
- An electronic docking system as an alternative for independent users, allowing automatic wheelchair securement.
- An occupant restraint system, consisting of a lap belt and shoulder belt, which must be separate from the wheelchair tie-downs and meet crash safety standards.
- All components work together to ensure safe and stable transportation for wheelchair users, whether they remain seated in their mobility device or transfer to a vehicle seat.

Please Note: applicants are required to locate qualified vehicle modifiers and contractors. A good resource is the National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association (NMEDA). NMEDA is the certifying body for the nationally recognized Quality Assurance Program (QAP), the only accreditation for auto mobility businesses in North America.

To find a QAP-accredited dealer near you, please visit:
<https://nmeda.org/consumer-resources/dealer-locator/>

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Ineligible Vehicle Modifications

Ineligible Vehicle Modifications:



- Purchase of a new vehicle.
- Vehicle upgrades.
- Vehicle repairs.
- Building of carports or garages.
- Repaving/pouring of a driveway.
- The creation of a new driveway or walkway.
- Heated driveway mats.

We understand each person's situation is unique, if you have question about your request, please call us at 1-877-369-4867 before you apply.



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Occupational Therapist

Applicants looking to request funding for adaptive driving controls must already have completed the assessment and evaluation with a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS). This is a required document for that type of vehicle modification.

For all other vehicle modifications, we require an Occupational Therapist (OT) must complete either an assessment letter **OR** a Verification of Disability Form available on our website (www.marchofdimes.ca/hvmp).

The letter must also include the following information:

- The client's disability.
- What primary mobility device(s) the client is using in the home
- A description of how their disability impacts their ability to independently complete activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, toileting, transferring and mobility.
- The recommendation of devices, adaptations and/or modifications and how they will remove the barrier.
- Why this recommendation is the most basic and essential solution for the client and what has been trialed.