

LYMPHOEDEMA COMPRESSION GARMENT SUBSIDIES

FACT SHEET

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Subsidies for lymphoedema compression garments provide people diagnosed with lymphoedema with financial assistance towards the costs of their garments. The schemes are run by states and territory governments, and cover some or all of the cost of compression garments. Unfortunately there is no subsidy program offered in Queensland and South Australia.

BCNA has concerns about the inconsistency in assistance between each state and territory, and the lack of any available subsidy in Queensland and South Australia. To read further about BCNA's position on this issue, visit www.bcna.org.au > About BCNA > Advocacy > Position statements > Lymphoedema.

This fact sheet provides information about each state and territory scheme, and where to find more details.

	Lymphoedema compression garment subsidy program	Basic eligibility requirements	Garment subsidy	Garment limit	Key additional conditions
ACT	ACT Equipment Scheme (ACTES). Contact: ACT Health Tel: 02 6205 2605	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT permanent resident • Diagnosed with lymphoedema • Hold a current Centrelink Pension or Health Care Card, or meet low income criteria as outlined within the policy 	100% of garment cost is subsidised	Limit of 2 garments per 6 month period	N/A
NSW	Aids and Equipment Program (AEP). Contact: EnableNSW Tel: 1800 362 253	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSW permanent resident • Diagnosed with lymphoedema • All people aged 16 years and above holding a Centrelink pension or a Health Care Card • Those who do not have a Centrelink pension or a Health Care Card may still be eligible, depending on the applicant's income 	Subsidy dependent on applicants income	Limit of 2 garments per limb, per 6 month period	Applicants will be charged a single co-payment toward the cost of the garments. The co-payment amount will depend on the applicant's income.





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NT	Lymphoedema Compression Garment Subsidy. Contact: The Royal Darwin Hospital Occupational Therapy Department Tel: 08 8922 8888	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NT permanent resident • Diagnosed with lymphoedema 	100% of garment cost is subsidised	Limit of 2 garments per 6 month period	N/A
QLD	No subsidy available				
SA	No subsidy available				
Tas	Community Equipment Scheme (CES). Contact: Northern Community Equipment Scheme Launceston General Hospital Tel: 03 6336 5036 Southern Community Equipment Scheme Repatriation Centre Tel: 03 6222 7226 North West Community Equipment Scheme Mersey Community Hospital Tel: 03 6426 2429	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasmanian permanent resident • Diagnosed with lymphoedema • Hold a current Centrelink Pension or Health Care Card • Ineligible to receive equipment from other government funded schemes • Have not received compensation in respect of the injury 	100% of garment cost is subsidised	Limit of 2 garments per 6 month period	Applicant must pay a \$50 fee per year to access the scheme
Vic	Lymphoedema Compression Garment Program (LCGP). Contact: Mercy Health Lymphoedema Clinic Tel: 03 8458 4988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victorian permanent residents • Diagnosed with lymphoedema • Hold a current Centrelink Pension or Health Care Card • Ineligible to receive equipment from other government funded schemes 	40–60% of garment cost is subsidised	Limit of 6 garments per 12 month period	N/A



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WA	Community Aids and Equipment Program (CAEP). Contact: Disability Services Commission Tel: 08 9426 9200	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA permanent resident• Have a permanent disability• Hold a current Centrelink Pension or Health Care Card, or Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card	Please contact the WA Disability Services Commission for this information	Please contact the WA Disability Services Commission for this information	Please contact the WA Disability Services Commission for this information