ALS Canada Equipment Program: Overview & Information

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Société Canadienne de la SLA
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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 maintain independence. ALS Canada Equipment Program applicant must be registered with ALS Canada.

Thanks to generous donors, the ALS Canada Equipment Program provides access to *basic* and *essential* assistive equipment through:

1. Equipment Loan Program
2. Funding Assistance Program for Rented and Leased Equipment
3. Small bathroom items purchased new

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. Equipment Loan 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 ALS Canada Loan Equipment Request Application with as much detail as possible.
2. ALS Canada is only accepting applications submitted through our secure, online application forms. Once application is successfully submitted, both healthcare professional and client will receive an acknowledgement of receipt (from Social Solutions which is our case management software).

The following equipment may be available for loan from ALS Canada. For more detail, please refer to the ALS Canada Equipment Catalogue.

Major categories	Items included but not restricted to the following:
Bathroom Aids	Shower Commodes, Bath lifts, Sliding Tub Transfer Benches, Bath Chairs, Raised Toilet Seats
Mobility Aids	Wheelchairs (transport, manual and power driven), Scooters, Walkers, Cushions
Lifts and Transfers	Mechanical/Power 'Hoyer type' lifts, Ceiling track lifts, Free Standing Lifts, Ramps, Lift Chairs, Superpoles, Slings
Bedroom Aids	Bed Rails, Overbed Tables, Mattress Overlays, Hospital beds, Pressure Relief Mattresses

2. Funding Assistance Program for Rented and Leased Equipment

a. Rental Equipment:

Funding assistance is provided for the rental of **one** straight stair glide/lift per client. If eligible, ALS Canada will cost share the client's portion of the monthly rental fees for the straight stair glide/lift (refer to Cost Sharing Funding and Income Criteria). Funding for curved stair glide/lift is not provided by the ALS Canada. You may wish to contact the Ontario March of Dimes or pursue other means of funding.

- 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.

To access funding assistance from ALS Canada for the rental of one straight stair glide/lift:

A registered healthcare professional (i.e., Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, or Registered Nurse) must assess the client and complete the ALS Canada Equipment Funding Application and attach any necessary documentation such as the client's household NOAs. NOAs can also be submitted to ALS Canada directly via email at equipment@als.ca.

Please note: installation costs are the client's responsibility.

b. Leases of Assistive Devices Program (ADP) Equipment:

For information about the Government of Ontario's Assistive Devices Programs, please visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program, email: adp@ontario.ca or phone: 1-800-268-6021.

I. Centralized Equipment Pool (CEP) – Communication Devices

Operated by Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital and funded by ADP, this CEP leases communication devices to clients. The client is responsible for a yearly lease fee up to $1,000.00 for one of these devices. After ADP and/or insurance funding, ALS Canada may cost share the remainder of the client's portion of the yearly fee, 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.

To access funding assistance from ALS Canada for an ADP communication device:

A Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) in the community, at an ALS Clinic or at an Assistive Technology Clinic (ATC) must assess the client and complete the ALS Canada Equipment Funding Application, available online, along with necessary documentation including a quote from CEP (required)

RENEWAL: Statement of account for yearly renewal to be provided to ALS Canada by the Speech Language Pathologist, ALS Clinic, Assistive Technology Clinic, or client.

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 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:

A registered healthcare professional (i.e., Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, or Registered Nurse) must assess the client and complete the ALS Canada Equipment Funding Application, available online, along with necessary documentation including a quote from Motion Specialities (required).

III. Purchase of Small Bathroom Items

ALS Canada offers funding for the purchase of small bathroom items to all clients regardless of income. These items when requested by a registered healthcare professional for a client are purchased directly by ALS Canada from an equipment vendor and provided for client. Clients are eligible for one of each of these items depending on their need. These items do not return to loan pool.

Eligible items purchased new under small bathroom equipment:

- Bath and shower chair
- Stationary commode
- Versa frame
- Tub transfer bench
- Raised Toilet Seat

To access small bathroom items:

A registered healthcare professional (Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist or Registered Nurse) must assess the client and submit a request using the ALS Canada Loan Equipment Application

Other Costs Related to the ALS Canada Equipment Program

- Any installation costs associated with ALS Canada equipment or funded equipment must be paid in full by the client.
- The ALS Canada Equipment Coordinator can arrange for you to pick up some equipment directly from the vendor when equipment does not require installation.
- ALS Canada will cover the costs of repairs to any equipment owned by us, unless the repair is due to the client's neglect or abuse of the equipment.
- ALS Canada will also cover the cost of returning loaned equipment.

- In the event that a client moves, please connect the Equipment Coordinator to ensure we can support removal and set up in a new location as required.
- ALS Canada does **not** fund the following: transportation, homecare, medical equipment (i.e., feeding equipment - feeding pumps, respiratory equipment such as BiPAP machines, medical supplies, etc.), home and vehicle modifications, etc.
- Other funding limitations may also apply, please work with your Health Care professional to explore other options if required.
- All registered clients who are accessing support and services are required to agree to the terms within the "ALS Canada Service Agreement".

Cost Sharing Funding and Income Criteria:

The cost sharing funding formula below is applicable to the client's share of the cost of rental or lease, *after* ADP funding or private insurance (if any).

As of April 1st 2025:

Cost Sharing Funding Assistance Eligibility Criteria)	
Income Level	**Eligible Coverage of Client Portion by ALS Canada**
Individual < $30,000 OR Combined Household < $42,000	100%
Individual: $30,001- $60,000 OR Combined Household: $42,001 - $78,000	65%
Individual: $60,001 - $90,000 OR Combined Household: $78,001 - $115,000	35%
Individual > $90,000 OR Combined Household > $115,000	Not Eligible

Ownership of equipment

ALS Canada retains ownership of the equipment when the equipment is on loan from the ALS Canada Loan Equipment Program.

Equipment should be returned to ALS Canada when no longer required. All equipment on lease must be returned to the leasing agency.

Equipment donations

ALS Canada welcomes donations to our loan program. We accept used equipment less than 5 years old; tax receipts are available where applicable.

For further information about the ALS Canada Equipment Program, please contact the Equipment Coordinator at ALS Canada at 416-497-2267 or 1-800-267-4257 or email equipment@als.ca