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An assistive technology assessor is a specialist assistive technology advisor. They're a health professional who can give you advice and complete an assessment for assistive technology.

Assistive technology assessors must have special qualifications

Assistive technology assessors must:

- have relevant qualifications and experience to give you advice about a particular type of assistive technology
- have a university or equivalent degree relevant to providing assistive technology assessments
- work within the standards set by a professional registration organisation, such as the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

Your health professional can refer you to an assistive technology assessor

Not all health professionals have the specialist qualifications to be an assistive technology assessor. Your health professional can refer you to an assistive technology assessor if they can’t complete your assistive technology assessment.

This could be a referral to a:

- nurse continence specialist
- allied health practitioner
- orientation and mobility specialist
- professional rehabilitation engineer.

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We need evidence to decide if we can fund assistive technology for you. An assessor can help give you advice and do an assessment to get the information we need.

The assessment will be different for everyone. It might involve:

- a detailed discussion with you
- observations in your home and community
- trials of different assistive technology devices.

The assessor gives detailed recommendations, often including a written report. This helps us consider your request for funding.

When you need assistive technology advice

We suggest you get advice before buying or renting any items when you have assistive technology funding in your NDIS plan.

Your medical professional might have enough experience to provide this advice. If not, they can refer you to an assistive technology assessor to help you find assistive technology that suits your needs.

Talk to your my NDIS contact if you need support in finding the right person.

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