

'Rest Well' Hi-Lo Adjustable Electric Bed Loan Program

For a person with muscle weakness, a hi-lo adjustable electric bed can help with mobility, comfort levels and can reduce the need for assistance at night. It can also help with good posture, reduce pressure ulcers and improve breathing.

For carers, by adjusting the bed's height, a hi-lo bed can reduce the risk of injuries that can be sustained during turning and transfers.

Muscular Dystrophy Queensland offers hi-lo adjustable electric beds on a long term loan basis. Loans include:

- A suitable bed – we consider your individual circumstances and rely on feedback from your occupational therapist to ensure you receive a bed that suits your needs. We often supply a king single bed with a mattress, with hand controls, side rails and a head and footboard
- Transport of the bed to the person's home
- Repairs and maintenance for the period of the loan

Through this program, a bed is placed on loan term loan with our community members. We expect the equipment to remain in place for as long as it is required, often many years.

Borrowing a bed

To access a bed loan all you need to do is:

- Make an enquiry about the availability of a bed at Muscular Dystrophy Queensland
- Obtain an assessment from an occupational therapist to identify the need of a hi-lo bed
- Fill out an application form and make arrangements for the delivery of the bed

Gifting of beds

Muscular Dystrophy Queensland may consider gifting beds directly to clients through this program (rather than providing them on loan) where the client is able to access ongoing funding to maintain the equipment independently.



Conditions of a loan

- Availability of loans is dependent upon funds available. Unfortunately, loans may be temporarily suspended if we run out of funds dedicated to the program
- This service is available for Muscular Dystrophy Queensland clients and only those who aren't eligible for funding under the NDIS
- Muscular Dystrophy Queensland has structured this program in good faith and takes no responsibility for issues that may arise as a result of using the program
- During the period of the loan, it is important to contact Muscular Dystrophy Queensland if you move house or your bed requires maintenance

Funding options

This loan is available for clients of Muscular Dystrophy Queensland who are not able to purchase a hi-lo bed through their NDIS plan.

History of the program

Since the 90s, we have provided our clients with specially prescribed hi-lo electric adjustable beds on long-term loan. At its peak this program maintained more than 250 beds on loan throughout the State.

Through the program's history, we have relied on the generous support of our donors and funding from a number of private trusts and foundations and limited government grants, such as the Queensland Government Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

This program continues to support clients that are unable to purchase hi-lo electric beds as part of their NDIS plans.

