



ACT
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Lifetime Care and Support Scheme

How to apply to become a participant

Most people severely injured in a motor accident or private sector workplace in the ACT will be taken to hospital and possibly transferred to a major hospital in NSW. The hospital usually completes a severe injury advice form with you or a family member, which notifies us about your injuries.

We will then arrange for an NSW LTSCA coordinator to contact you and the hospital to find out more about your injuries and the accident. The coordinator will help you to complete an interim application form to determine if you are eligible for the Scheme. You must sign and date the form, add any documents, and return it for processing.

Your application form should include:

1. a medical certificate
2. an additional assessment (for brain injury and burns) might need to be completed and submitted with the application form. This is to give us extra information to see if you meet the criteria for those injury types. This assessment is called a FIM (or WeeFIM for children). There is more information on FIM and WeeFIM on the [assessment tools](#) page for iCare.
3. a consent form signed by you or a guardian/family member (in the interim application form) which allows us to contact the people (like doctors, police and ambulance officers) who have information that might help us decide about your eligibility for the Scheme.

What happens after you apply?

Once we receive your application, we will review all the information and determine if your accident and injury meet the eligibility criteria for you to become an *'interim participant'* in the Scheme. We will inform you in writing of our decision. Information will also be provided to you on the process if there is a dispute about your eligibility.

As an interim participant we will pay for your treatment, rehabilitation and care for up to two years while your injuries are still improving. Towards the end of those two years, you will be assessed for lifetime participation. If you are eligible for lifetime participation you will receive the treatment, rehabilitation and care you need for the rest of your life.

Our partner, the NSW LTSCA have an [applying for lifetime participation information sheet](#) with additional information on this process that you might find helpful.

Other Insurance schemes

The ACT Motor Accident Injuries Scheme and Workers Compensation Scheme operate separately to the Lifetime Care and Support Scheme. If you have not already commenced an application relating to your accident injuries, you should contact your MAI insurer or your employer for information.

You can visit the MAI Commission's website for more information for motor accidents:
www.act.gov.au/maic.