

## Application guide

### Important notice.

SSIT does not supply equipment or enter into any contract with your supplier. We simply contribute to the cost of the equipment on your behalf.

SSIT is not responsible for ensuring the equipment is safe or appropriate for you. We encourage you to seek advice from suitably qualified professionals such as an Occupational Therapist with expertise in spinal cord injury, in order to ensure that you are requesting equipment that is suitable for you.

If your application relates to a mechanical item (e.g. wheelchairs, wheelchair accessories, e-motion wheels, exercise equipment, profiling beds etc), you will need the supporting signature from your Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapist to say that they have assessed you using the equipment and that in their opinion it is suitable and safe. We would point out that people are not expected to pay for a private OT to write a letter/report.

SSIT does not fund the cost of insurance or maintenance. We are unable to get involved with any faults or problems that may arise after the equipment is supplied. Your contract is with the supplier.

We try to help as many people as we can using the funds we have available. We always try to prioritise the applications that demonstrate the greatest level of need, but we have to balance this with affordability. Please try to keep the amount of grant you ask for, as low as possible. You can do this by making a realistic assessment of the amount you can afford to contribute, making sure you have asked your supplier about the possibility of any discounts, and by making sure you have investigated other sources of funding too.

See our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for lots more guidance about grants from SSIT.

The Southern Spinal Injuries Trust gets its funds from charitable donations, fundraising events, sponsored activities and grants. Please help us to carry on making grant awards to people with spinal cord injury, by supporting us with fundraising if you can - we are always very grateful for this. See our [fundraising](#) section for more details.

Finally, if you are successful in this Application or you have already received a donation or grant from other providers, and have or are considering making an insurance or compensation claim, or if you are likely to receive any significant financial support from other sources, we suggest you seek independent legal advice from a Tax Solicitor in relation to **Personal Injury Trusts**.