

Re-credentialing Requirements

Wheeled Mobility & Postural Management

Introduction

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The Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management credential recognises that Equipment and Modification Services (EMS) Assessors undertaking assessments with people who have wheeled mobility, seating and postural management needs require specialist knowledge and training. This knowledge allows the EMS Assessor to provide appropriate advice and recommendations related to wheeled mobility, seating and postural management solutions.

The EMS Accreditation Framework is managed by Enable New Zealand on behalf of the Ministry of Health (the Ministry).

Once an EMS Assessor obtains a credential under the Ministry's EMS Accreditation Framework it remains valid for three years from the date of issue (see below regarding re-credentialing timeframe).

The following requirements for re-credentialing have been developed in consultation with the Wheeled Mobility Postural Management credentialing panel.

EMS Assessors seeking re-credentialing for level 2 are not required to also meet the requirements for re-credentialing for level 1.

Process

All EMS Assessors will be allocated a renewal date of either 30 June or 31 December. This renewal date will be calculated dependent on whether your initial credentialing was approved in the first or second half of the year. Within the six months before the renewal date of the credential, the EMS Assessor and their supervisor or employer must confirm they have completed the minimum requirements for renewal of the relevant credential.

Note: **Current** EMS Assessors who have not yet submitted the level 2 case study requirements two years post attendance at their **first** workshop are permitted a further 6 month (post the date of this notice) period to do so. Failure to do so will require EMS Assessors to recommence the process with attendance at Level 2 workshops.

Re-credentialing requirements (as outlined below) are an internally (assessor service) monitored process. There is no requirement for evidence to be submitted to Enable New Zealand or the credentialing panel other than audit processes.

There is no compulsory requirement to re complete the EMS core module however this is a recommendation as updates may have occurred.

It is the responsibility of the EMS Assessor to have available written evidence that demonstrates their meeting of the level 1 and/or level 2 re-credentialing requirements:

- to enable their supervisor or employer to endorse their re-credentialing
- for auditing purposes (if required), for example evidence of attendance at courses and learning as part of the EMS Assessor's professional development portfolio.

Attestation of meeting re-credentialing requirements will be by the employer via the EMS Assessor online system, go to:

[EMS Assessor Online](#)

Minimum Requirements

Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management Level 1 Re-Credentialing

The following requirements apply to any EMS Assessor wishing to renew the credential irrespective of whether the EMS Assessor is working full or part time.

WMPM Level 1-Assessment requirements	WMPM Level 1-Professional development and training requirements
<p>A minimum of 9 assessments over 3 years for people who have level 1 wheeled mobility and postural management needs¹.</p> <p>Note the following areas can be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ assessments for; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ static seating eg feeding chair ○ car seats ○ wheeled mobility and seating. <p>The assessment does not need to result in an application for Ministry of Health funded equipment and may be the result of a review where adjustments/modifications were required to meet changed needs.</p>	<p>A minimum of 12 hours of professional development and training over the 3 year period specific to wheeled mobility and postural management.</p> <p>Professional development and training can include (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendance at relevant conferences with documentation of applied learning ▪ Attendance at practical training courses and workshops ▪ In-depth product inservices with documentation of learning objectives ▪ Webinars ▪ Product displays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ may only account for a maximum of 4 out of the 12 hours of professional development and training over 3 year period ▪ Literature reviews resulting in a presentation to peers at inservice training.
<p>Lying</p> <p>To renew the Lying credential (an optional endorsement for Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management level 1) the following evidence is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meets the requirements of Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management level 1 re-credentialing ▪ In addition, a minimum of 3 lying assessments over 3 years for people who have lying support needs. 	

Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management Level 2 Re-Credentialing

¹ Refer to: [Indicators for Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management Level 1 Credential](#)

The following requirements apply to any EMS Assessor wishing to renew the credential irrespective of whether the EMS Assessor is working full or part time.

WMPM Level 2-Assessment requirements	WMPM Level 2-Professional development and training requirements
<p>A minimum of 15 assessments over 3 years for people who have level 2 Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management needs².</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assessment can include reviews where equipment is adjusted to suit the person’s changing needs. <p>The assessment does not need to result in an application for Ministry of Health funded equipment.</p>	<p>A minimum of 12 hours of professional development and training over the 3 year period specific to wheeled mobility and postural management.</p> <p>Professional development and training can include (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendance at relevant conferences with documentation of applied learning ▪ Practical training courses and workshops ▪ In-depth product inservices with documentation of learning objectives ▪ Webinars ▪ Product displays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ may only account for a maximum of 4 out of the 12 hours of professional development and training over 3 year period ▪ Literature reviews resulting in a presentation to peers at inservice training.
<p>Custom Fabrication</p> <p>For EMS Assessors renewing the Custom Fabrication credential (which is an optional endorsement for Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management level 2) the following evidence is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meets the requirements of Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management level 2 re-credentialing ▪ In addition, a minimum of two custom fabrication assessments per year for people who have complex custom fabrication needs. 	

Those EMS assessors unable to meet the re-credentialing requirements (as above) within the required time frames can, at anytime in the next three year period, become re-credentialed by meeting the following requirements:

WMPML1 Assessors:

- Attend a one day Ministry of Health approved L1 refresher workshop

WMPML2 assessors:

- Resubmit a case study to the credentialing panel (not inclusive of a reflective log)
- Attend a one day Ministry of Health L2 refresher workshop

² Refer to [indicators for Wheeled Mobility and Postural Management Level 2 Credential](#) on DFI website Link to DFI

NB: If an EMS assessor doesn't meet re-credentialing requirements over two consecutive credentialing periods i.e. 6 years they will need to recommence all credentialing requirements (all workshops and case study/evaluation/reflective log) to gain the level 1 or level 2 credentialing as applicable.

For further information about the Equipment and Modification Services Accreditation Framework visit: www.disabilityfunding.co.nz/ems-assessors

Or contact Enable New Zealand:

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