

# Car seats for people with disabilities and medical conditions

All people have the right to travel safely and comfortably

## Australian standard car seats

- Suitable for children from birth up to 10–12 years of age
- Comply with the Australian/New Zealand Standard 1754
- Available from retail shops and online (low cost)
- Independently crash tested, visit [www.childcarseats.com.au](http://www.childcarseats.com.au)
- Products available with built-in harness suitable for 50% of children 10 years old
- Support with installation from child restraint fitters
- No medical certificate required
- MACA's [national product register](#) includes a list of car seats more commonly used by children with disabilities and medical conditions



## Special purpose car seats

- Suitable for children (and older people) from birth to 80 kilos
- Comply with overseas standards and regulations
- Require assessment by trained health professionals (e.g., occupational therapist)
- Independently crash tested by the [Australian Safety Assessment Program](#) — view tested products on MACA's [national product register](#).
- Offer features not available with Australian standard car seats, such as:
  - Additional postural support
  - Extra recline and tilt in space
  - Footrests
  - Anti-escape options
  - Swivel base
- Higher cost and can be delays in access (e.g., NDIS approval)
- Support with installation from Disability Product Suppliers
- Medical certificate and/or Advice to Parent form required for use (depends on state or territory requirements)

