



Portable Changing Places

The Commonwealth Accessible Australia Initiative: Increasing inclusion in Australian communities

The Australian Government is investing \$17.1 million from 2024-25 to 2027-28 to increase inclusion in community spaces for people with disability across Australia through the Commonwealth Accessible Australia initiative (Accessible Australia).

The Australian Government will provide up to **100 per cent** of the total build cost for **portable Changing Places** to state and territory governments via Federation Funding Agreements (FFAs). For information regarding funding, please refer to the [Funding and Federation Funding Agreements fact sheet](#).

What are Changing Places?

Changing Places are facilities for people with high support needs who are not adequately supported by standard accessible toilets. Changing Places are larger than standard accessible toilets and have extra features to meet the needs of people with disability and their carers.

What are portable Changing Places?

Portable Changing Places are portable facilities such as Placeable Pods, Marveloos, or other portable toilet facilities that meets the Changing Places Design Specifications 2020.

Portable Changing Places offer state, territory and local governments a versatile solution to ensuring people with disability and their carers have access to a Changing Places facility where it may not be possible or suitable to build a permanent facility. This may include education settings, temporary infrastructure, and at community events.

What funding is available for portable Changing Places?

The Australian Government will provide up to 100 per cent of funding towards the build or purchase cost of portable Changing Places facilities. Applications for funding must be supported by an itemised quote.

Are there any costs associated with portable Changing Places that are not eligible for Commonwealth funding?

Not all costs* are eligible for Commonwealth funding, for example:

- Demolition costs
- Costs not directly related to the construction of the inclusive national park (e.g. decorative elements, costs associated with a larger construction project)
- Ongoing maintenance costs.

All ongoing operational or maintenance costs are the responsibility of the funding recipient.

*The above list is not exhaustive. The Commonwealth reserves the right not to fund items it deems ineligible.

Is there a deadline for when the portable Changing Places must be purchased and installed?

Purchase or construction must have commenced within 12 months of receiving funding. Proof of purchase must be provided to the Commonwealth.

Installation of the facility must be complete within 18 months of purchase. Portable Changing Places will be considered complete once they are installed in their first location and open for public use.

Do portable Changing Places facilities need to be accredited?

All Changing Places facilities must be accredited by a [Changing Places assessor](#).

Accreditation ensures that Changing Places are built to standard, ensuring users can be confident the design is fit for purpose.

Are portable Changing Places facilities required to be listed on the National Public Toilet Map?

No. It is a requirement of accredited permanent facilities that they be listed on the [National Public Toilet Map](#). This is not a requirement for portable facilities whose location will change depending on need.

What needs to be included in a project plan for a portable Changing Places facility?

Information regarding project plan requirements can be found in the [Applications, Project Plans and Progress Reporting fact sheet](#).

Who can I contact for more information?

Further information and Frequently Asked Questions on Accessible Australia can be found on the [Department of Social Services website](#). The department can be contacted directly via email at AccessibleAustralia@dss.gov.au.