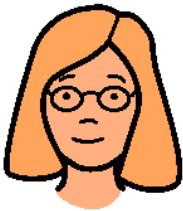


# Factors to Consider

## SETT Framework

Assistive Technology (AT) is any piece of equipment or system whether acquired commercially, off the shelf, modified or customised that allows an individual to perform a task that they would otherwise be unable to do, or increase the ease and safety with which the task can be performed. Use the SETT framework to help you select a suitable piece of equipment. For more info on the SETT framework, visit [www.joyzabala.com](http://www.joyzabala.com).

### Some things to consider:



#### Self or Person

- What can you do?
- What are you having difficulties with?
- What do you want to be able to do?
- What works and keeps you safe?
- What are your personal preferences, expectations, and interests?
- What are your current abilities?



#### Environment

- Where will the device be used?
- Is there enough space around the product so I can get to it for storing and charging?
- Is the environment familiar to the user?
- What adjustments may need to be made?
- Are there other users of the space?



#### Task

- Set-up
- Task components
- Planning
- Follow-up
- Time
- Re-assessment



#### Tool

- Size/dimensions
- Adjustability
- Material
- Weight
- User/ load capacity
- Growth potential
- Customisation possible
- Transportability
- Life expectancy
- Conditions to be used in
- Maintenance and servicing
- Insurance
- Availability of technical support

## Informal Supports

- Carers
- Family and friends
- Advisory groups or support services
- Websites
- Individuals who have experience using product

## Formal Supports

- Doctors
- Allied health professionals, for example occupational therapists, speech pathologists, physiotherapists
- Assistive Technology Australia



### A Formal Assessment is advised when:

- An item cannot be found that meets the user's needs
- Hazards/risks are identified
- Use of a specific item impacts upon existing items
- Environment cannot accommodate suitable options
- Person requests an assessment/re-assessment
- Funding is required/sought

### To access formal assistance you may need:

- A referral from a GP, allied health professional, community organisation, or service provider
- A private practicing allied health professional
- A request from a therapist for equipment/modifications through a funding body
- See @ a glance Funding Options

### Recommendations that may be made may include:

- Customisation of equipment
- Environmental modifications
- Modifying the task

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