

Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme, Queensland Health
Adult Oxygen Information and Safety Form

(This form is to be given to each new oxygen applicant)

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Applicant Requirements

If, in the opinion of your prescribing medical specialist, ongoing oxygen may be required, you must be aware of the following:

- For ongoing oxygen subsidised by the Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme (MASS), reassessment and reapplication are required. The completed **MASS 45** application form must be received by MASS two weeks prior to the cessation date of the initial approved MASS four month funding period, unless you are otherwise advised in writing. **Therefore, you will need an appointment with your prescribing medical specialist within the approved four month period. If the completed MASS 45 application form is not received, MASS subsidy for oxygen will not continue beyond the initial four month period.**
- For subsequent ongoing subsidised oxygen, annual reassessment is required. MASS must receive the completed **MASS 46** annual reapplication form two weeks prior to the expiry date of each subsequent twelve month funding period. **If the completed MASS 46 application form is not received for reapplication, MASS subsidy for oxygen will not continue beyond the approved twelve month period.**

PLEASE NOTE: If appropriate application forms are not received, payment for ongoing oxygen beyond the MASS approved funding periods will become your responsibility.

Safety Information

Safe practice requires that you be aware of safety aspects of oxygen use. The following list provides a guide for the safe use of oxygen:

- follow the prescription (flow rate and duration of use) as advised by your medical specialist
- use only the oxygen equipment prescribed by your medical specialist (e.g. regulator or conserving device)
- observe safety precautions when using oxygen and equipment, including tubing and nasal cannula
- do not smoke or allow others to smoke near the oxygen equipment
- do not have any source of heat or flames (e.g. matches, open fires, gas stoves, vacuum cleaners) near the oxygen equipment
- do not use oil or grease on or near the oxygen equipment
- do not attempt to repair or modify or use any sealants on the oxygen equipment
- secure cylinders to prevent them falling to avoid damage to the equipment or injury to a person
- promptly report any problems with the oxygen equipment to the supplier
- before transporting oxygen cylinders or concentrators outside the home environment, obtain verbal and written instructions from the supplier for the safe transport of oxygen equipment
- (concentrator users only) before powering your concentrator with a generator, contact your oxygen supplier for instructions and advice
- (concentrator users only) develop emergency plans for use in the event of an electricity power failure.