

Assistive Devices Program (ADP)

## Attachment A

# Professions Eligible for Authorizer Status and Documentation Required for Communication Aids

The information contained in Attachment A outlines:

- the health professionals eligible to apply for authorization status for Communication; and
- the documentation the applicant is required to include with his/her application for authorization status.

Authorizers are the gatekeepers to the ADP and play a significant role in:

- providing Ontario residents with accurate information about the ADP;
- assessing Ontario resident's needs for assistive devices;
- confirming the Ontario resident's eligibility for funding assistance; and
- completing the application form to request funding assistance.

A healthcare professional must be registered as an ADP authorizer before he/she can:

- recommend ADP-approved assistive devices to eligible Ontario residents; and
- complete the ADP application form for eligible Ontario residents.

See table on next page.

Device Category	Professions Eligible for Authorizer Status	Documents (copies) which must be submitted with application
<p><b>Individual Authorizers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ display making software</li> <li>✓ electrolarynges</li> <li>✓ quick messaging device</li> <li>✓ voice amplifiers</li> <li>✓ voice restoration and speaking valves</li> <li>✓ simple speech generating devices (SGDs/VOCAs)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Speech-Language Pathologist who:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• holds a valid certificate of registration from the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario; AND</li> <li>• has completed the IA Online Home Study Course and the one-day IA OT/SLP AAC Workshop administered by the Centralized Equipment Pool for Communication Aids.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Proof of current membership with the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario.</li> <li>❑ Letter from Centralized Equipment Pool confirming completion of the Home Study Course and one day technology workshop.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Clinic Authorizer</b></p> <p>All of the above (Individual authorizer) and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ communication display boards</li> <li>✓ integrated systems</li> <li>✓ speech generating devices (SGDs/VOCAs) clinic level</li> <li>✓ SGD/VOCA access hardware</li> <li>✓ SGD/VOCA software</li> </ul>	<p><b>Speech-Language Pathologist who:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• holds a valid certificate of registration from the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario; AND</li> <li>• has completed the IA Online Home Study Course and the one-day IA OT/SLP AAC Workshop administered by the Centralized Equipment Pool for Communication Aids; AND</li> <li>• is employed at an Augmentative and Alternative Communication Clinic.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Proof of current membership with the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario.</li> <li>❑ Letter from Clinic Manager indicating effective date of employment and clinic number.</li> <li>❑ Letter from Centralized Equipment Pool confirming completion of the Home Study Course and one day technology workshop.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Individual Authorizer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ simple writing aids</li> <li>✓ Simple, (non-computerized) pointers</li> <li>✓ simple switches</li> <li>✓ simple mounting systems</li> </ul>	<p><b>Occupational Therapist who:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hold a valid certificate of registration from the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario; AND</li> <li>• has completed the 1A Online Home Study Course and the one-day 1A OT/SLP AAC Workshop administered by the Centralized Equipment Pool for Communication Aids.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Proof of current membership with the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario.</li> <li>❑ Letter from Centralized Equipment Pool confirming completion of the Home Study Course and one day technology workshop.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Clinic Authorizer</b></p> <p>All of the above (individual authorizer) and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ writing aids clinic level</li> <li>✓ writing aid access hardware and software</li> <li>✓ keyboards</li> <li>✓ mouse alternatives</li> <li>✓ non-computerized pointers</li> <li>✓ switches</li> <li>✓ mounting systems</li> <li>✓ wheelchair accessories for communication aids</li> <li>✓ wheelchair control units</li> </ul>	<p><b>Occupational Therapist who:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• holds a valid certificate of registration from the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario; AND</li> <li>• has completed the IA Online Home Study Course and the one-day IA OT/SLP AAC Workshop administered by the Centralized Equipment Pool for Communication Aids; AND</li> <li>• is employed at an Augmentative and Alternative Communication Clinic.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Proof of current membership with the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario.</li> <li>❑ Letter from Clinic Manager indicating effective date of employment and clinic number.</li> <li>❑ Letter from Centralized Equipment Pool confirming completion of the Home Study Course and one day technology workshop.</li> </ul>