

Catastrophic Injuries Support Scheme

Participation

All people catastrophically injured in a motor vehicle accident who are unable to prove negligence against a driver or owner of a vehicle, or workers injured in a workplace accident (for which a workers compensation insurer has accepted liability) can make an application to become a participant in the Catastrophic Injuries Support (CIS) Scheme administered by the Insurance Commission of Western Australia (Insurance Commission).

Eligibility for the CIS Scheme

To be eligible for necessary and reasonable treatment, care and support funded by the CIS Scheme, you must meet the following criteria:

- Your injuries are assessed as catastrophic (this includes spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries, multiple amputations, severe burns and permanent traumatic blindness), in line with the Motor Vehicle and Workplace Accidents (Catastrophic Injuries) Regulations 2016.
- For more information on eligibility related to a car accident, see 'Motor Vehicle Crash Eligibility' factsheet.
- For more information on eligibility related to a workplace accident, please refer to the Workers' Compensation Insurer.

Interim Participation

If a person is eligible to be a participant in the CIS Scheme they will initially be accepted as an interim participant for a minimum of two years from the date they are accepted as a participant into the CIS Scheme.

During this period they will be assessed for necessary and reasonable treatment, care and support coordinated by an allocated Care Services Coordinator, and funded through the provisions available from the Insurance Commission.

Some interim participants will recover from their injuries, and will not require ongoing treatment, care and support beyond the initial two year period.

The period of interim participation may be extended, depending on injury stabilisation.

Once a participant's injuries have stabilised, the Insurance Commission will consider eligibility for lifetime participation.

Lifetime Participation

Participants whose injuries have stabilised and who continue to meet the eligibility requirements at the end of the interim participation period will be eligible for lifetime participation in the CIS Scheme.

These participants will continue to receive necessary and reasonable treatment, care and support for the rest of their lives.