

Accessible Telecoms

Description

Making your connections more accessible

The internet offers a wealth of opportunities for connecting with others worldwide. For people with hearing, sight, or mobility impairments, many websites and applications are not always easy to use. It can also be confusing trying to find the right equipment and programs for accessibility. Find out more about accessible telecoms and how they can ensure everyone can access essential resources and enjoy these benefits.



Finding accessible devices and equipment

<u>Accessible Telecoms</u> is a nationwide disability telecommunications service that provides independent, up-to-date information on everyday telecommunication products and assistive technology for people with disabilities.

This free service also provides information about product training, set-up, ongoing support and equipment provision (where available). At Accessible Telecoms, you can find training on the devices you use and in an appropriate mode.

Types of equipment providing accessible communications

Equipment and devices can be loaded or purchased according to the type of assistance you require. For example, on the <u>Accessible Telecoms</u> website, you can select the type of device you



want and the assistance you require to reveal a list of devices and their features for you to research.

Some of the many options available include braille keyboards for the vision impaired, phone adaptors for the hearing impaired and deaf, and mobility assistance devices such as touchscreen styluses.

You can also access training on how to use certain telecommunications, receive assistance in making calls, and explore funding options for assistance in acquiring accessibility tools.

The site also features a number of case studies demonstrating how people have improved their lives through these features. Check some of them out here:

- Cognition and speech
- Deaf and hearing impaired
- Vision
- Physical and speech impairment

Fix an issue

Escalate an issue

How to find the right accessibility equipment for you

The Accessible Telecoms site allows you to search for equipment and devices according to a wide range of needs and functions.



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| Device Types | | | |
| Mobile | Landline - Standard | | |
| Tablet | Landline - Cordless | | |
| Accessories | Landline - TTY (Text Telephone) | | |
| Apps | Satellite Phones | | |
| 02 Access Needs | | | |
| Cognitive | 🗆 Hearing Impairm | nent and Deaf | |
| 🗆 Speech | U Vision | | |
| D Physical | | | |
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| Select All | | Cognitive | |
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| | Additional Instructions | This device gives you extra help with instructions. | |
| | Copy and Paste | You can use copy and paste on this device. | |
| | Flicker Free Display | The screen of the tablet does not flicker at a rate that could cause problems for people with photo-epilepsy (between 2 Hz and 60 Hz). | |
| | GPS | You can track your location with this device using its GPS. | |
| | Photo Telephone List | You can add photos of people with their numbers in your telephone book (called "contacts" in your phone). | |
| | Screen Timeout Disabled | This device will allow you to take as long as you want to press buttons or type a response, stopping the screen from going blank or locking the device if you do not use the device for a period of time. The screen will only be turned off or locked by pressing the "off" button. | |
| | Simple Instructions | This device uses simple language on the screen for instructions and messages. | |
| | Simple Reminders | This device uses simple language for alerts and reminders. | |
| | Simplify Display | You can make the display only show the things you need. | |
| 0 | Voice Notes | You can record short voice notes, save them and play them back later. | |

We make sure our values are reflected in our work

Free And Independent Advice

The Regional Tech Hub is funded by the Australian Government, ensuring the advice we provide to you is free. We also remain independent, so the options and information we put forward are all assessed equally.

Regional Support

We believe all Australians, no matter where they live, should be able to access affordable and reliable internet and voice services. Our team are all regionally-based and understand the challenges regional, rural, and remote residents face.

Keeping It Easy

Regional Tech Hub understands the jargon used around connectivity options and issues can be frustrating and confusing. You can relax knowing our resources and advice are accurate,



straightforward and practical.

Clear Processes

We offer various contact options and service levels to suit your needs, ensuring you stay informed and on board throughout every step of your connectivity journey. We strive to make every interaction clear, easy and stress-free.

Prefer to talk to someone first? Give us a call!

Chat with one of our team members and let's get the conversation started. If we don't answer, we'll get back to you in no time at all.

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