

HOW LONG BEFORE I GET THE BIKE?

If the parts needed for a client's bike are in stock, our work-shop can build and deliver your bike within a few weeks of placing your order. If not, our team will keep you updated on the process.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

After the bike assessment, TADQ will provide a quote. Costs vary and are dependent on the modifications required for the individual. TADQ only charges a modest fee for materials, clinic and delivery costs. The cost can be much cheaper than other modified bikes.

WHAT IF I CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY THE FEES?

We offer a number of convenient payment options. You have the option of making installments payments over a period of time. We are also happy to help you by providing quotes, brochures and other supporting literature to assist you in sourcing funds for your bike. If you have any concerns please discuss this with your Freedom Wheels therapist at the assessment.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Before placing a bike application you should consider the following questions:

- Is riding a bike a suitable activity for your child?
- Do you have somewhere safe to ride a bike?
- Do you have somewhere to store the bike?
- Who will supervise the bike riding?

The Freedom Wheels application is available for download at www.tadq.org.au or you can call TADQ on 1300 663 243.

Once you have returned your completed form we will contact you to make arrangements for an assessment.

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Freedom Wheels Modified Bike Service
enables children with disabilities to experience
the joy of riding for the first time.

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WHAT IS FREEDOM WHEELS?

Freedom Wheels is a customised bike program that modifies bikes for children with disabilities. With the help of a highly skilled team of therapists, engineers and volunteers at TADQ, children with disabilities can enjoy riding a bike.

WHAT IS A BIKE CLINIC?

Freedom Wheels bikes are designed to the individual needs of the client. Therefore an assessment process is needed to ensure that the client receives a bike that is suited to their age, height, weight and physical and cognitive abilities. Input from carers and therapists or health care professionals form an important part of the assessment process.

WHEN AND WHERE ARE BIKE CLINICS HELD?

Regular clinics are held in across Queensland and in selected regional. For specific dates and locations, visit our website www.tadq.org.au and click on the Freedom Wheels link. Or ring the TADQ office on 1300 663 243.

WHAT MODIFICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

Freedom Wheels offers a wide range of modifications that can either be left on the bike or removed easily without tools for storage and transport. The TADQ therapist will advise which modifications are needed.

MODIFICATIONS CAN INCLUDE:

OUTRIGGERS

Outriggers are similar to training wheels and provide lateral stability to the bike. They are wider and stronger than standard training wheels yet more flexible, allowing the child to have a smooth ride without having to focus on balancing the bike. They are easily removable without tools by the removal of just two pins.

POSTURAL SUPPORTS

The following postural supports are available;

- Pelvic Belts
- Back and Head support plates
- Hip and Thoracic fins

These supports increase pelvic and trunk stability while riding. They are customised to the child's needs and can be adjusted for growth or changes in riding ability.

FOOT SUPPORTS

Toe clips, footcups and ankle leg supports provide varying levels of support and maintain the rider's foot on the pedal.

HANDLEBARS

Handlebars can be customised allowing a closer grip and easier transfers.

FURTHER MODIFICATIONS

As TADQ also has a Custom Designed Equipment Service we have the ability to customise parts to the needs of the clients.

CAN I BRING MY OWN BIKE?

Freedom Wheels bike components are designed to fit on a specific bike frame which is included in the price. Although not recommended, if you already have a bike we can assess the potential to modify it.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

Freedom Wheels is available to any person with a disability. Clients do not need to undergo a means test.

DO I NEED A REFERRAL?

No, you can make a referral yourself. In instances where a therapist is involved with a client's care, the therapist should be consulted. Therapists are encouraged to attend the appointments with their clients.

