

Equipment Prescribing Guidelines

Equipment: **Perching Stools**

Codes: **HOS 0593 / 0594 / 0595**

Indications for Use	Indications for Non-Use	Further Action to be Taken	Alternatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to stand for long enough to achieve essential activities if these meet substantial or critical FACs criteria • Enables use of kitchen facilities, bathroom facilities etc when these meet substantial or critical FACs criteria • Can assume a suitable perching posture. • Is able to put weight through both feet while in perched position • Is able to use both arms to push up if using armrests. • The stool fits into the environment where it will be used without causing obstruction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not to be used for long periods. • Not to be used on uneven flooring. • Check the environment to avoid trip hazards or blocking of walkways. • Not to be issued if there are problems with sitting balance or problems with weight bearing evenly through both feet when perched. • Check the user's sensory and cognitive abilities – can they see the equipment / remember where it is? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Height specified to be at highest possible whilst ensuring feet are weight bearing and flat on the floor with back of stool in line with user's back. • Make sure the height is specified on the order and state where the measurement is taken from. • Check walkways in kitchen/bathroom are clear for safe mobility in the home. • Give clear instructions for use and non-use (ie not showers or outdoors) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of a table in the kitchen for preparing food. • Use of trolley to move items to a table where activities can be carried out from a seated position. • Use of a 4 wheeled walker. • Check if existing chairs can be height adjusted