

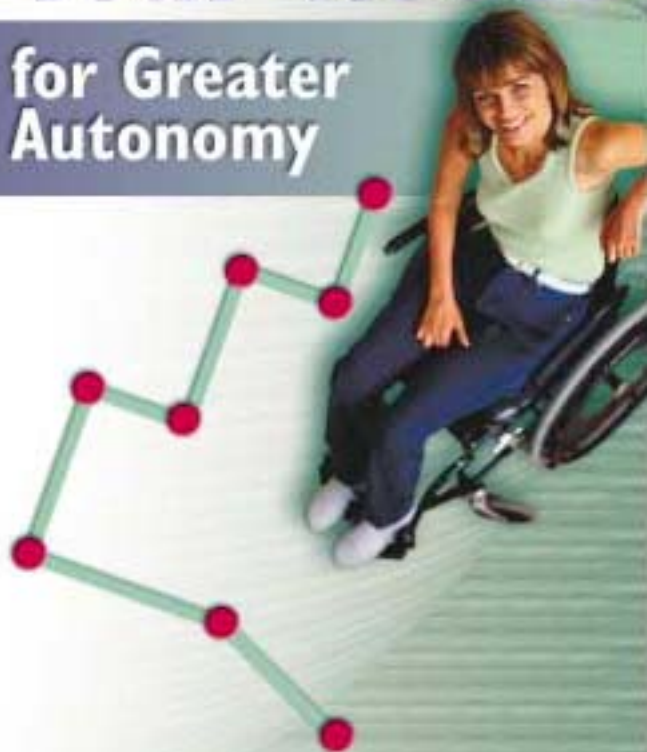
***For help in seeking  
assistance:***

Call the Société de l'assurance  
automobile du Québec toll  
free at: | **800 525-7719**

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# A Vehicle Adapted to Your Needs

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**If you suffer from motor impairment and want to have a vehicle adapted to your needs, you may qualify for reimbursement of certain expenses by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec.**

***You may be eligible for financial assistance if:***

you are unable to get in or down from a motor vehicle or drive one, because of a **permanent physical limitation\***:

- since birth;

**or**

- due to illness, an accident, aging or another health-related factor;

**AND**


you do not already benefit from a similar government-run program (CSST or another agency).

**\* Supporting medical document required.**

***Qualifying Vehicles.***

- **passenger vehicles**
- **vans and minivans**

*(these qualify only if you cannot get in or down from an automobile) or drive one.*



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## How many vehicles may be adapted?

**Only one vehicle may be adapted**, whether you are the owner or long-term lessee or user of a vehicle belonging to a person living with you (spouse, close relative or a natural or foster family member).

Whether new, used or previously adapted, the expected service life of the vehicle chosen must be at least **five years**.

## New Vehicle adaptation

**During the initial five-year period following adaptation of a vehicle**, you cannot qualify for assistance for the purchase of new equipment or toward adapting a new vehicle, unless this is necessary to meet needs resulting from a **changed health condition**.

**After the initial five years**, you could qualify for assistance toward adaptation of a new vehicle on the strength of an occupational therapist's assessment report included with the application.

## Mechanical Inspection

Vehicles that have undergone modifications to a mechanism which might reduce their stability or braking capacity must be inspected by an agent accredited by the Société.

## What is covered

Expenses	Conditions
The purchase and installation of needed equipment that has been recommended. <b>AND</b> The addition of equipment to meet changed needs.	Submit an occupational therapist's report describing functional limitations due to disability and recommending appropriate equipment.
Repairs and maintenance on authorized equipment which are necessary once the warranty has expired.	Submit a bid for approval by the Société from a supplier for repairs before having the work done.
Mechanical inspection required by the SAAQ.	

## Before buying a vehicle

- **Identify your needs** in conjunction with your occupational therapist, who can then put forward a solution that **meets the criteria of the SAAQ's vehicle adaptation program** and suits your situation.
- **Select an appropriate vehicle model.**
- **In the case of a used vehicle**, its expected service life must be at least five years.

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## Six Steps Prior to Vehicle Adaptation Work

**1** Submit the «Application for Assistance toward Vehicle Adaptation» form along with a physician's attestation in the return envelope provided for your convenience.

**2** You must have an occupational therapist fill out a report, at your expense, assessing your functional limitations that prevent you from using a motor vehicle, as a driver or as a passenger, and recommend the appropriate vehicle modifications. Ensure the assessment report is sent to the Société.

**3** Depending on the extent of work required, the Société will ask you to obtain one or two bids from suppliers of your choice specialized in vehicle adaptation.

**N.B.** The occupational therapist's report and the bid(s) from suppliers specialized in vehicle adaptation must be sent to the Société, by fax at (418) 643-3346, or by mail to:

Service du programme d'adaptation de véhicules  
Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec  
C.P. 19 600, Succursale Terminus  
Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6

**4** If you hold a driver's licence, you must also send a **copy of the occupational therapist's functional report** to the SAAQ's medical assessment service to make sure your licence authorizes you to drive a vehicle with the equipment in question, since this could require a change to the licence class or restrictions.

***The awarding of financial assistance is conditional on this step.***

Send a copy of the occupational therapist's report to:

Service de l'évaluation médicale  
Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec  
C.P. 19 500, Succursale Terminus  
Québec (Québec) G1K 8J5

**5** The Société will confirm in writing the maximum amount of financial assistance for which you qualify.

**6** Present the letter awarding you financial assistance to the supplier of your choice, who will perform the work required.