

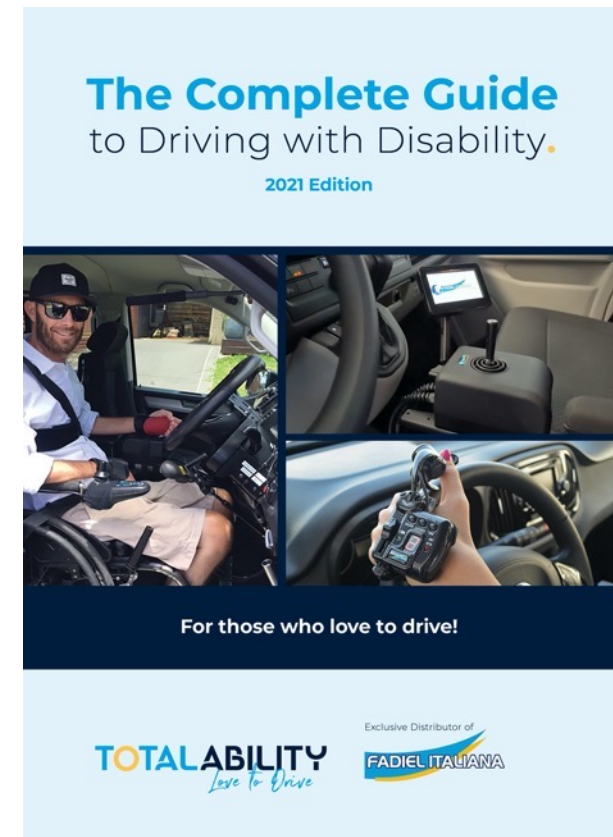


# DRIVING WITH DISABILITY

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# Introduction

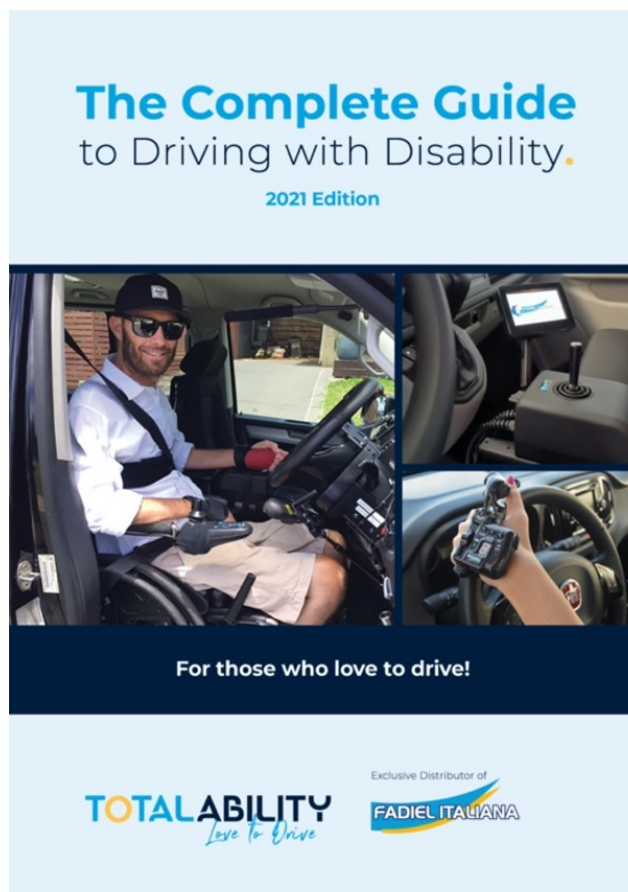
- Who is Total Ability?
- Complete Guide to Driving with Disability
- Things to consider
- Types of products
- NDIS Rules
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# Who are we?

- Exclusive distributor of Fadiel Italiana products
- Total Ability established 2011
- Work closely with DTOTs and DIs
- Network of Installers around AU and NZ
- Info Hub for clients – contact referrals
- Complete Guide to Driving with Disability

# Complete Guide to Driving with Disability



## This Guide is for people who:

- 1 Are learning to drive for the first time.
- 2 Have acquired a disability and are now getting back to driving.
- 3 Are current drivers who could (maybe should) upgrade to new equipment.
- 4 Are people who have given up on the idea of driving, unaware new equipment may make it possible.

Get The Free Guide

Download the Guide at: <https://totalability.com.au/complete-guide-to-driving-with-disability/>

# Driving with a Disability Process - DTOT

- First step is to contact DTOT
- Off Road Assessment
  - Driving goals (NDIS)
  - Level of disability (and medically (if applicable))
  - Discuss options usually with the DTOT & Installer/Engineer who will mock-up and work out the individual's needs
- Getting Learners license (if required)
- On Road Assessment
  - This will happen after the funding is approved and the mods can be fitted on the vehicle for lessons to be had.
  - High Level Assessment Van – if high level mods required



# Driving with a Disability Process – Specialised Driving Instructor

- Client's car fitted with modifications required first
- Lessons are usually had in the client's modified car
- Regular number of lessons required (usually up to 10)
- Access to the High-Level Assessment Van  
(We have Specialised Driving Instructors in each State for clients required high level modifications such as Mini Wheel Steering )



# Driving with a Disability Process – Car Modification Installation

- Obtaining funding approval (from individual concept developed with installer)
- Buying the car
- Communication - Car Dealer/Client/DTOT/Funding Body
- Timings – alternative transport whilst vehicle is being fitted

# Things to Consider....

- Funding – timing, conditions (NDIS)
- Current Licence/Driving history or conditions
- Future proofing disability/condition deterioration
- Lessons required
- Steering wheel airbag
- Seating – using baby seats as they are crash tested
- Timing of modifications
- Transport costs of getting car to and from installer (include in quotes)





# Types of Products - Peddle Extenders

Problem Management  
Engineering (PME)



**Quick Release  
Pedal Extensions**

Mobility Engineering (ME)



**Menox Mini-stamp Pedal**



**Menox Stamp Pedal Extension**

# High Level Modifications – Total Ability



**Freedom Brake & Accelerator**



**Mini Wheel Steering**



**Joystick**



**Voice Command**

# NDIS Rules

- Ensure you have a driving goal on your plan
- Ask for Allied Health Professional support to drive (\$\$ for DTOT Report) and driving lessons (if required) in your plan.
- Car Condition – < 5 years old and < 80,000kms
- Older vehicles and those with higher mileage may still be considered where there is evidence that their modification would be cost effective (Transferable modifications)
- ‘reasonable & necessary’ and ‘value for money’

# Case Study – Mini Wheel Steering

- 17yr old learner driver with short upper limbs approached Total Ability with the ambition to drive.
- Total Ability introduced the client to the DTOT and Driving Instructor.
- Off-road assessment was straightforward and completed within 45minutes.
- On-road assessment followed on immediately from the off-road with the specialised driving instructor and use of a Total Ability high level assessment van.
- The driving setup that proved to be the suitable solution was mini-wheel steering mounted at chest height. No pedal modifications were required for the brake/accelerator operation. Setup was approximately 1hr.
- Following vehicle setup a 30minute on-road driving experience was achieved – starting in a carpark and then moving into an open road environment reaching speeds of 40km/h.
- The DTOT submitted their report along with a quote for lessons and vehicle modifications to the NDIS.
- We anticipate a 2-3 month approval process for the driving lessons to commence and 6-12 months for driving modifications to be approved (noting that NDIS will on occasion want to see the participant licenced before providing approval of vehicle modifications of high cost).

# Any Questions?

## Let's meet in the breakout room later....



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