

Ambulance Equipment and Systems

Schedule Two

Private ambulance services are regulated by Health Protection and Licensing Services, SA Health, on behalf of the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. The equipment requirements in Schedule Two apply to private operators who hold a non-emergency ambulance service licence under Section 58 of the *Health Care Act 2008*. Schedule 2 can be used as a self-audit tool, to assist licensees to comply with the regulations.

All vehicle equipment must be fitted and complaint with the relevant AU/NZ standards and manufacturer's instructions.

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Communication Equipment	
System that enables communication between the operator and all vehicles, destination health service, SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) and emergency services	
Vehicle Equipment	
Patient manual handling equipment relevant to patient needs and the receiving facility/residence (e.g., lifting cushions, pat slides, wheelchair and stairlift)	
Fire extinguisher(s), accessible from either side of the vehicle	
High output air conditioning system, enabling vehicles to be heated/cooled appropriately to the operational conditions	
Rear windows are tinted to a degree that is sufficient to maintain patient privacy	
Patient comfort equipment (e.g., fresh water, cups/straws, blankets, pillows and linen, emesis bags, bed pans and urinal bottles)	
Secure storage for patient belongings (e.g., mobility devices and medications)	
If transporting bariatric patients or those living with a physical disability, equipment to accommodate the patient appropriately and safely must be fitted	
Equipment Maintenance	
An annual maintenance schedule for the vehicle and the portable/installed equipment in the vehicle	
System for recording vehicle maintenance, equipment, modifications, and certificates of compliance	
Patient/Stretcher Restraint	
Stretchers, seats, and restraints are positioned to enable safe assessment, observation, monitoring and interaction with patients	
Secure Drug Storage and Disposal of Medications	
Appropriate lockable storage to ensure medicines are handled safely and securely with storage and disposal systems that comply with the Controlled Substances Legislation	
Clinical guidelines and practices for using multiple-dose vials are in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations	



<p>Clinical Equipment</p> <p><i>All clinical equipment must be Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) approved</i></p>	
First aid kit appropriate to the operational environment	
Fixed and portable oxygen including appropriate tubing and masks	
<p>Clinical monitoring equipment, guidelines and observation chart (such as SA Health's Rapid Detection and Response (RDR) Observation Charts) required for conducting and monitoring clinical observations. Standard observations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory rate • Oxygen saturations (including oxygen flow rate and delivery method) • Blood pressure • Pulse rate • Temperature • Pain score at rest • Level of consciousness/sedation 	
Automated and manual external defibrillators	
Airway and breathing resuscitation equipment	
Powered suction equipment including hosing, disposable canisters, and a manual suction back up	
Waste management equipment for the safe disposal of sharps, biohazards and, cytotoxic (if transporting cytotoxic patients) and medical waste	
<p>Infection Control</p>	
<p>System in place to comply with local and national infection control guidelines, including general cleanliness, laundering of re-usable linen, reprocessing of medical devices and safe handling/disposal of waste</p> <p>Refer to the SA Health Environmental Hygiene in Healthcare and the NHRMC Australian Guideline for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare (2019)</p>	
<p>System in place to comply with local and national hand hygiene guidelines</p> <p>Refer to Hand Hygiene Australia</p>	
<p>Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is available to the crew including gloves, masks, gowns/aprons, and eye and face protection</p> <p>Refer to SA Health Infection Prevention and Control and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Advice</p>	