

Important Information

It is important that an order is not placed for the vehicle until financial assistance has been approved, as the service is **not** able to approve funding retrospectively.

Local Suppliers of Motability Vehicles

Jim's Garage

Blackhill Industrial Estate

Lerwick

Shetland ZE1 0PZ

Tel: 01595 695 777 Web: www.jims-garage.co.uk

Station Garage & North Road Mitsubishi

North Road

Lerwick

Shetland ZE1 0PQ

Tel: 01595 690 690 Web: www.jims-garage.co.uk

Jim's Garage (Shetland) Ltd

4 Gremista Industrial Estate

Lerwick

Shetland ZE1 0PX

Tel: 01595 695 202 Web: www.jims-garage.co.uk

Gair M&R

7 Blackhill Industrial Estate

Lerwick

Shetland ZE1 0PZ

Tel: 01595 693 246 Web: www.gair.co.uk

Occupational Therapy

Information on Vehicles for People with Disabilities

Occupational Therapy Service
Community Care Service
Education and Social Care Department
Shetland Islands Council



The Motability Scheme

The **Motability** scheme exists to help disabled people obtain new vehicles by using their government funded mobility allowance (Higher Rate Mobility DLA). If you are looking for a vehicle, **Motability** should be your first port of call.

What car should I choose?

VEHICLES WITH MINOR ADAPTATIONS

For **general information** on the vehicles available, contact:

Motability

Customer helpline: 0845 456 4566

Minicom: 0845 675 0009

Website: www.motability.co.uk

For **specific information** on the vehicles available, there are several car dealerships in Shetland that are members of the Motability Scheme.

For addresses, web sites and telephone numbers please see page 8.

Contact any of them directly for details of the vehicles they supply.

What happens if I want a larger or more expensive vehicle than Motability recommends?

We generally take Motability's advice on suitable vehicles. Therefore we would not normally be willing to fund any larger vehicle. However, if there is a genuine reason why you feel Motability's recommendation is unsuitable, we may be able to consider your case. If you have chosen a more expensive vehicle than we recommend, you will be expected to fund the difference in price yourself.

What happens next?

If you require **assistance with selecting a suitable vehicle**, and Motability staff have not been able to help you, contact the Occupational Therapy Service as below:

Email: duty.ot@shetland.gov.uk

Tel: 01595 744 319 (Monday to Friday 9.00 - 1.00)

Fax: 01595 744 315

If you require **financial assistance** with either **Adaptations** or an **Advance payment**, and the Motability Finance scheme has not been able to help, complete the application form and return it to the Occupational Therapy Service.

How much will a vehicle cost? (cont.)

On rare occasions, your vehicle may require an **Advance Payment** or **Adaptations** that are not funded through your mobility payments, or Motability finance. See below for information on funding options that may be available.

Advance Payments

Assistance with advance payments is on the basis of a financial assessment. You should complete the accompanying application form and submit it to the Occupational Therapy Service.

Note - financial assistance will only be provided towards advance payments, if a suitable vehicle with no advance payment cannot meet your needs.

Financial assistance will only be provided for the cheapest suitable model.

Adaptations

If you require assistance with adaptations, you should complete the accompanying application form and submit it to the Occupational Therapy Service.

What car should I choose? (cont.)

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES

For information on these vehicles, go to website : www.motability.co.uk and look up Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles. It is very important to follow the advice given on this web page to help you choose the right vehicle.

This website also has details of vehicles available through their scheme. Please note that there are currently no local suppliers of these vehicles.



What adaptations do I require?

You may not require any adaptations to your vehicle. However, if you do, the **Motability** advisor may be able to assist you. Contact them on:

Customer helpline: 0845 456 4566

Minicom: 0845 675 0009

Website: www.motability.co.uk

If you feel you require further assistance, contact the Occupational Therapy Service on:

Email: duty.ot@shetland.gov.uk

Tel: 01595 744 319 (Monday to Friday 9.00 - 1.00)

Fax: 01595 744 315

Address: Occupational Therapy Service
Community Care Service
Education and Social Care Department
Quendale House
31 Commercial Street
Lerwick
Shetland ZE1 0AN

Your details will be taken, and an Occupational Therapist will make contact with you to discuss your needs. Please note there is currently a waiting list for appointments to see an Occupational Therapist.

What adaptations do I require? (cont.)

If you have never driven before, or following a change in your condition, you are unsure whether you can drive or not, the Occupational Therapist may suggest you contact your GP and ask for a referral to the Astleigh Ainslee Driving Assessment centre. This is a national centre where staff will be able to assess your skills and requirements in a range of adapted vehicles, and help you to identify what adaptations you need.

How much will a vehicle cost?

There are many Motability vehicles available with no **Advance Payment** and no extra charge for **Adaptations**, so it is wise to consider these first. Therefore, for most people, the Motability Scheme will cover the entire cost of their vehicle - you will simply pay a proportion or all of your mobility payments towards it.

If your chosen vehicle has costs associated with either an **Advance Payment** or **Adaptations** then you should contact Motability finance to see if you would qualify for the Motability Grants Scheme. Check with them on 0845 456 4566, or consult your chosen Motability dealership.