# Assessment form: Eating and drinking aids



## 1. Information about the person

First name:			Family na	ame:		Gender:	Male □	Female □	Other □
Age:	0-5 □	6-18 🗆	19-39 □	40-54 □	55+ □	Telephone	e:		
Address:									

## 2. Eating and drinking screen

Ask if the person can:						
Sit uprig	ht (with or without support?)	Yes: With support ☐ Yes: Without support ☐ No ☐	If no to any, the person may need specialised eating and drinking aids and other support  Do not continue assessment,			
Hold hea	ad upright and steady (with or without support?)	Yes: With support ☐ Yes: Without support ☐ No ☐				
Chew an	nd swallow food without coughing or choking?	Yes □ No □				
Swallow	liquid without coughing or choking?	Yes □ No □				
Eat and	drink without food or drink spilling from mouth or nose?	Yes □ No □				
Eat and	drink without any pain?	Yes □ No □	and refer to a health			
Eat and	drink without getting out of breath?	Yes □ No □	professional			
Ask about health and nutrition risks:						
Weight	Are you underweight (thin)?	Yes □ No □				
	Have you recently lost weight?	Yes □ No □	If yes to any,			
	Do you have difficulty putting on weight?	Yes □ No □	the assessment			
	Do you have poor appetite?	Yes □ No □	and refer to a health			
	Does it take a long time to chew and swallow (mealtime takes more than 30 minutes?)	Yes □ No □	professional for a health check			
Airway	Have you had a chest infection in the past six months?	Yes □ No □				

### 3. Assessment interview

Ask: What difficulties do you have with eating and drinking?  If the person has assistance to eat or drink, discuss including their caregiver in the assessment interview.						
Physical	Picking food up (with hands or cutlery)		No □	If yes to any, eating and		
You may ask the person to show you	Getting food into bite sized pieces	Yes □	No □	drinking aids may help. I		
these actions:	Getting food into mouth	Yes □	No □	difficulties are not addressed by the eating		
<ul><li>Pick up an object (pen)</li></ul>	Picking up cups	Yes □	No □	and drinking aids 👉 refer		
Bring hand to mouth	Getting liquid into the mouth	Yes □	No □	to a health professional.		
Vision	Finding food on the plate or table, finding the cup or bottle to drink from	Yes □	No □	If yes, discuss possible solutions (see selection table) and/or refer to a vision service or health professional		
Thinking	Planning or remembering to eat and drink	Yes □	No □	If yes, other assistive products may help. Discuss possible solutions (see selection table)		

### 4. Plan

Select and try:					
Eating aid	Modified cutlery □ Type: ▷				
Drinking aid	Cup with two handles ☐ Cup with non-spill lid and handles ☐ Cut away cup ☐ Straw ☐				
Teach about:	Using the eating or drinking aid □ Cleaning and care of eating and drinking aid □				
Refer to:	Health professional ☐ Rehabilitation service ☐ Vision service ☐  Other assistive product ☐ Type:   ✓	Follow up date: 🖊			