APS National Schedule of Suggested Fees (not including GST) and item numbers* for psychological services

The Suggested Fee Schedule in place from 1 July 2025 until 30 June 2026

		Service time (mins; non-billable work associated with service not included[1])						
Service description		**1-15**	**16-30**	**31-45**	**46-60**	**61-75**	**76-90**	**91-120[2]**
Initial consultation	Item number*	IO1	IO2	IO3	IO4	IO5	IO6	IO7
	Suggested fee**	n/a	$175	$242	$318	$392	$462	$599
Subsequent consultation	Item number	SO1[3]	SO2	SO3	SO4	SO5	SO6	SO7
	Suggested fee	$88	$175	$242	$318	$392	$462	$599
Psychological assessment[4]	Item number	PA1	PA2	PA3	PA4	PA5	PA6	PA7
	Suggested fee	n/a	$175	$242	$318	$392	$462	$599
Clinical psychological assessment[5]	Item number	CA1	CA2	CA3	CA4	CA5	CA6	CA7
	Suggested fee	n/a	$175	$242	$318	$392	$462	$599
Neuropsychological assessment[6]	Item number	NA1	NA2	NA3	NA4	NA5	NA6	NA7
	Suggested fee	n/a	$175	$242	$318	$392	$462	$599
Report preparation[7]	Item number	RO1	RO2	RO3	RO4	RO5	RO6	RO7
	Suggested fee	n/a	$175	$242	$318	$392	$462	$599
Case conference[8]	Item number	CO1	CO2	CO3	CO4	CO5	CO6	CO7
	Suggested fee	$88	$175	$242	$318	$392	$462	$599
Telephone consultation	Item number	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7
	Suggested fee	$88	$175	$242	$318	$392	$462	$599
Travel time	Item number	TO1	TO2	TO3	TO4	TO5	TO6	TO7
	Suggested fee	$63	$106	$160	$213	$266	$321	$374
Family or other group (of 2 clients)	Item number	F21	F22	F23	F24	F25	F26	F27
	Suggested fee (Per person)	n/a	$88	$121	$160	$196	$230	$299
Family or other group (of 3 to 4 clients)	Item number	F31	F32	F33	F34	F35	F36	F37
	Suggested fee (Per person)	n/a	$58	$81	$106	$131	$154	$200
Family or other group (of 5 or more clients)	Item number	F51	F52	F53	F54	F55	F56	F57
	Suggested fee (Per person)	n/a	$35	$48	$63	$79	$92	$120
Attendance[9] at court or legal briefings[13]	Item number	LO1[10]	LO2	LO3[11]	LO4	LO5	LO6	LO7[12]
	Suggested fee	n/a	$318	$364	$478	$588	$692	$898
Clinical file review and photocopying of file records for subpoena or other reasonable purposes[14]	Item number	PC						
	The item provides for a standard fee of $167 plus 36 cents per page for files over 50 pages in length							

For explanation of the notated numbers 1 to 13, please see footnotes on page 2. In general on this schedule, where no fee is listed (as with many '1' codes) it is assumed that the relevant '2' item number applies or a time-based proportion of the '2' Suggested fee.

* These item numbers are not to be confused with the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item numbers.

** Suggested fees do not include GST (where applicable).

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Notes and guidelines on the application of the APS 2025-2026 Schedule of Suggested Fees and item numbers for psychological services

Please ensure that clients are aware of the details of consulting fees prior to commencing the professional relationship.

Guidelines for preparation of accounts***

The account should show:

a. Psychologist's Provider Number(s): .....
   (where relevant)
b. Name(s) of person(s) seen: .....
   Date of service: .....
   Service description: .....
   Item number: .....
   In order to avoid confusion, it is advisable not to show any further detailed description of the service provided, as the item number indicates this.****
c. APS Suggested fee
   (according to item number): $.....
d. Agreed payable fee (as negotiated with the client and if different from the Suggested fee): $.....

Cancellation fees

Fees for cancellation of appointments made for psychological services can be justified if no replacement service is billed for the lost time. The policy for charging of cancellation fees should be discussed with the client or the service requester. Written information detailing the policy on cancellations should be available for clients and referring agencies (e.g., on a printed information sheet or detailed on appointment cards).

The following is a general guideline only. In the instance of a 46–60 minute service, the Suggested cancellation fees are:

0–24 hours notice:	Full fee
24–48 hours notice:	50% of fee
48 hours–7 days notice:	25% of fee

*** Medicare Australia has its own requirements and procedures for accounts that you should be familiar with if providing services under the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS). These are set out on the APS website.

**** Some health funds are requesting inclusion of diagnostic information on accounts. You should only include this information where there has been an explicit arrangement between the health fund and client. If this is part of their contractual arrangement, you may be obliged to include such details. Otherwise, it may contravene confidentiality requirements. If these items parallel Medicare Australia rebatable items but the client chooses to claim against their health fund, inclusion of the words "not being claimed under Medicare" may assist client claims.

Footnotes

1. These fees are calculated on the assumption of 66% productivity – one hour of billable time will involve an additional average of half an hour of associated non-billable professional time (e.g., referral source letters, phone calls, test scoring etc.). This productivity ratio is assumed to decrease slightly for items of less than 46 minutes and increase slightly for items over 60 minutes.
2. The fee rate for services estimated to be of more than two hours in duration should be negotiated with the client or referral source. In this case, the appropriate item number prefix should be followed by an 'X' to indicate extended service, e.g., NAX or ROX.
3. This item is only used for brief client contact related to ongoing management/ treatment (e.g., brief client consultation, ward round etc.). Note that this item is not considered appropriate for writing letters to referral sources, phone calls, etc. which are considered non-billable items (refer to footnote 1).
4. Time spent on face-to-face client interviewing or testing of intellectual, personality, interests or other capacities or traits for the purpose of educational, vocational or other assessment or guidance.
5. Time spent on face-to-face interviewing or testing by an appropriately qualified psychologist for purpose of assessment or diagnosis of psychopathology. Note that it is the ethical responsibility of the psychologist only to provide services that are within the limits of the psychologist's area of training and competence.
6. Time spent on face-to-face interviewing or testing by an appropriately qualified psychologist for purpose of assessment of brain functioning. Note that it is the ethical responsibility of the psychologist only to provide services that are within the limits of the psychologist's area of training and competence.
7. A report is a psychological service that is directly requested by the referring agency or client. Thus reports prepared for clients are usually done so on the basis of explicit written consent from the client or legal guardian. A report is a structured presentation typically including such components as relevant psychosocial history, history of presenting issues, present condition, test results, opinion and intervention recommendations. Professional letters to medical or other referral agencies concerning treatment needs of the client are not considered to constitute reports (refer to footnote 1). For clients requesting reports, it is the responsibility of the psychologist to clarify the procedures and costs involved prior to report preparation. For extended reports, it is the responsibility of the psychologist to negotiate fee arrangements with the referring agency prior to preparation of the report. This would normally be the equivalent pro rata of the hourly rate. Note that report preparation time is inclusive of relevant file and document review.

   General guidelines for report length and item numbers:
   RO2 = 1 page* brief supplementary reports e.g., request for elaboration on a previously submitted report
   RO3 = 1-2 pages short report
   RO4 = 2-3 pages short report
   RO5 = 3-4 pages standard report
   RO6 = 4-5 pages standard report
   RO7 = 5-6 pages extended
   *A4 single-spaced, typed, full page, excluding spaced preamble or other non-text material
   (This guideline is not to be interpreted rigidly and report length and charging arrangements may vary according to the specific requirements of the requesting agency).
8. A Case Conference is a consultation between professionals and others who are directly involved in the provision of services to the same client.
9. Attendance includes waiting time and provision of testimony.
10. The Suggested rate for attendance at Court for any time less than thirty minutes is $318.
11. Times for these services are based on 1.5 x APS Suggested fee, to take into account the additional complexity, intensity and disruption of this service.
12. For prolonged attendance items of more than two hours, each additional and consecutive hour after the initial two hours may be charged at the rate of 1.5 x APS Suggested fee or by negotiation.
13. Travel time to/from Court or briefings as per Travel items TO1–TO6. Travel times of more than two hours are by arrangement. Motor vehicle travel in excess of 2 hours may incur the additional cost of 74 cents/per km travelled. Air travel to be business class fare and insurance; accommodation at minimum of 4-star hotel and breakfast.
14. Psychologists should be aware that individuals may have an enforceable right of access to their health information under relevant health records and/or privacy legislation in the relevant jurisdiction and specified or regulated fees may apply for some activities when a person seeks access to their records. Psychologists should familiarise themselves with the relevant privacy and health records legislation and the requisite fees.

Feedback on the Schedule and guidelines is welcomed, please forward to ProfessionalAdvisory@psychology.org.au

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