

The  
**recommended  
fee\*** for an AAPi  
Psychologist is



**\$280**

For a standard 40-60 minute consultation

*\* Recommendation only. Individual fees may vary.  
Valid until 30 June 2023.*



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# Recommended Fees\* for Psychological Services

1 July 2022 through to 30 June 2023

Psychological Service	Service Times			
	30 mins	60 mins	90 mins	120 mins
<b>Initial consultation</b>	\$150	\$280	\$420	\$560
<b>Subsequent consultation</b>	\$150	\$280	\$420	\$560
<b>Psychological assessment<sup>1</sup></b>	\$150	\$280	\$420	\$560
<b>Report preparation<sup>2</sup></b>	\$150	\$280	\$420	\$560
<b>Telephone consultation</b>	\$150	\$280	\$420	\$560
<b>Case conference<sup>3</sup></b>	\$150	\$280	\$420	\$560
<b>Court attendance/legal briefing<sup>4</sup></b>	\$280	\$420	\$630	\$740
<b>Organisational Consultation<sup>5</sup></b>	\$280	\$420	\$630	\$740
<b>Couples Counselling<sup>6</sup></b>	\$180	\$336	\$504	\$672
<b>Family Therapy<sup>6</sup></b>	\$180	\$336	\$504	\$672
<b>Group Therapy (per person)</b>	\$51	\$93	\$135	\$175
<b>Supervision</b>	\$150	\$280	\$420	\$560
<b>Clinical file review for subpoena or other reasonable purposes<sup>7</sup></b>	\$150	\$280	\$420	\$560
<b>Photocopying of records for subpoena or other reasonable purposes</b>	30 cents per page for printed pages/photocopies.			

\*Recommended fees do not include GST and are provided as a guide only. The recommended rates include time for preparation, notes, referral correspondence and other non-billable tasks.

## Guidelines & Notes for AAPi Recommended\* Fees for Psychological Services



The recommended fees are calculated taking into consideration the non-billable tasks that would be involved in providing the service such as note taking, scoring psychometric tests, liaising with other practitioners.

Please be aware of services that attract GST. We recommend that all members have a list of fees for their practice that includes court attendance and legal reports, general report writing, case conferencing, travel, assessments, telephone consults, cancellation and other fees. Fees are at discretion of the individual psychologist or practice and can be calculated with the suggested hourly rate of \$280 as a guide.

Please ensure that you are familiar with the requirements of any services you are providing including Medicare, NDIS and other schemes.

Fees for service should be part of a discussion prior to service provision as part of gaining informed consent. Fees should ideally be provided to clients in written form. Use of signed service agreements is a requirement in some funding streams and should be provided in written form prior to service provision.

Travel time can be charged in different ways. It is important to be aware of the way in which the scheme you are billing under calculates costs and which travel costs are claimable.

Footnotes:

1. Psychological assessment: this recommended fee is purely for the time spent on the assessment or testing process. It does not include the cost of any testing instruments used.
2. Report preparation: a report is a psychological service that is directly requested by the referring agency or client. Informed consent outlining the costs involved and timeframe is required before providing the service. Discussions about the purpose and nature of the report will guide the format required. The fee charged will be calculated based on the expected number of hours the report will take to be written. For lengthy forensic reports or developmental reports time will need to be allowed for file review.
3. Case conference: can be a meeting with one other professional or a whole treatment or support team, with or without the client present. The focus is usually to ensure that services are coordinated effectively and there is no duplication of service provision. Informed consent of the client is usually required prior to engagement in case conference.
4. Court attendance/legal briefing: attendance at court or a legal briefing is based on 1.5 times the AAPi recommended fee, to take into account the additional complexity, intensity and disruption of this service.
5. Organisational consultation: this fee is also calculated at 1.5 times the AAPi recommended fee, to take into account the additional complexity, intensity and responsibility.
6. Couples & family therapy: the consultation fees for couples and family therapy is higher than the standard consultation rate to take into account the complexity and preparation required for therapy with more than one person.
7. Supervision: some practitioners will offer a discounted rate for supervision of provisional or early career psychologists.
8. Client file: clients have a right to access to their health information under their state or territory health records or privacy act and most will have restrictions on fees charged for allowing clients access to their health information. It is your responsibility to be aware of the reasons to not comply with a request, the manner you are required to comply with a request and the fees you are able to charge for this. The Office of the Information Commissioner contains links to all the legislation relevant in Australia. <https://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/privacy-in-your-state/>

Please contact AAPi if we can provide you with additional assistance. We are here to support you.