

Schedule of Fees From 2024 – Privately Funded Services

Registered Psychologist, Provisional Psychologist & Counsellor Fees

	RAHC ITEM	DESCRIPTION	FEES	Out of Pocket
A – Reg Psych	PSY-FF-LC90	Long Consultation 90 mins – Registered Psychologist (80110)	\$321.61 (90 mins) \$93.35 Med. Rebate)	\$228.26
	PSY-FF-SC60	Standard Consult 60 mins – Registered Psychologist (80110)	\$214.41 (60 mins) (\$93.35 Med. rebate)	\$121.06
	PSY-FF-SC50	Standard Consult 50 mins – Registered Psychologist (80110)	\$178.67 (50 mins) (\$93.35 Med. rebate)	\$85.32
	PSY-FF-SC30	Standard Consult 30 mins – Registered Psychologist (80100)	\$107.20 (30 mins) (\$66.20 Med. rebate)	\$41.00
	PSY-FF-GC60	Group Therapy 60 mins – Reg Psych for 4 – 10 people (80120)	\$45.00 (60 mins) (\$23.80 Med. Rebate)	\$21.80
	PSY-FF-GC90	Group Therapy 90 mins – Reg Psych for 4 – 10 people (80125)	\$70.00 (90 mins) (\$32.45 Med. Rebate)	\$28.55
	PSY-FF-OS60	Offsite Consult– Registered Psychologist with the client (see travel in definitions) (80115)	\$214.41 (60 mins) + \$107.20 travel (\$117.25 Med. rebate)	\$204.36
	PSY-FF-OSTC	Offsite Consult – Registered Psych Consult with a person other than the client (80116)	\$214.41 (60 mins) + \$107.20 travel (\$117.25 Med. rebate)	\$204.36
	PSY-FF-SS10	Supervision of TA1 / TA2 / SWSC 10 mins – Registered Psychologist	\$35.70 (10 mins)	\$35.73
	PSY-FF-AX60	Psychological Report writing p/h – signed off by Registered Psychologist	\$214.41 P/H subject to quote (No Medicare rebate)	\$214.41 p/h
PSY-FF-LCNS	Late Cancellation fee/No-show – Registered Psychologist <24hrs notice (100%)	As per booked consult	100%	
B – Prov Psych	PPS-FF-SC60	Standard Consultation 60 mins – Provisional Psych	\$193.99 (60 mins) (No Medicare rebate)	\$ 193.99
	PPS-FF-SC50	Standard Consultation 50 mins – Provisional Psych	\$161.65 (50 mins) (No Medicare rebate)	\$ 161.65
	PPS-FF-SC45	Standard Consultation 45mins – Provisional Psych	\$145.49 (45 mins) (No Medicare rebate)	\$ 145.49
	PPS-FF-SC30	Standard Consultation 30 mins – Provisional Psych	\$96.99 (30 mins) (No Medicare rebate)	\$ 96.99
	PPS-FF-OS60	Offsite Consultation – Provisional Psych (60mins) (see travel in definitions)	\$290.98 (60 mins + travel) (No Medicare rebate)	\$ 290.98
	PPS-FF-AX60	Progress Report Writing p/h – Provisional Psychologist (Co-signed by supervisor)	\$214.41 P/H subject to quote (No Medicare rebate)	\$214.41 p/h
	PPS-FF-LCNS	Late Cancellation fee/No-show – Provisional Psych <24hrs notice (100%)	As per booked consult	100%
D – Gen Coun	PPC-FF-C60	Standard Consultation 60 mins – Counsellor (Psychotherapist)	\$156.16 (60 mins) (No Medicare rebate)	\$156.16
	PPC-FF-C50	Standard Consultation 50 mins – Counsellor (Psychotherapist)	\$130.13 (50 mins) (No Medicare rebate)	\$130.13
	PPC-FF-C30	Standard Consultation 30 mins – Counsellor (Psychotherapist)	\$78.08 (30 mins) (No Medicare rebate)	\$78.08
	PPC-FF-COS	Offsite Consultation – Counsellor (Psychotherapist) (60mins) (see travel in definitions)	\$234.24 (60 mins + travel) (No Medicare rebate)	\$ 234.24
	PPC-FF-8AX	Progress Report Writing p/h – Counsellor (Psychotherapist) (Co-signed by supervisor)	\$214.41 P/H subject to quote (No Medicare rebate)	\$214.41 p/h
	PPC-FF-CNS	<24 hr Cancellation fee/No-show – Provisional Psych & Counsellor (100%)	As per booked consult	100%

N.B: Group A – B Fees are for our Registered Practitioners (AHPRA). Group A Fees have Medicare rebates where a valid MHCP is in place. These fees does not apply to Victims Services, CTP, or Workcover, where the price guide or gazetted approved fees are applied.

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Student Counsellor or Therapy Assistant Fees

C-SC/TA2	TA2-FF-SC60	Standard Consultation 60 – Therapy Assistant Level 2 + 10 mins Super	\$86.79 (60 mins) + Super (\$14.46 TA2 + \$35.73 Psych Reg)	\$136.98
	TA2-FF-SC50	Standard Consultation 50 – Therapy Assistant Level 2 + 10 mins Super	\$72.32 (50 mins) + Super (\$14.46 TA2 + \$35.73 Psych Reg)	\$122.51
	TA2-FF-SC45	Standard Consultation 45 – Therapy Assistant Level 2 + 10 mins Super	\$65.07 (45 mins) + Super (\$14.46 TA2 + \$35.73 Psych Reg)	\$115.26
	TA2-FF-SC30	Standard Consultation 30 – Therapy Assistant Level 2 + 10 mins Super	\$43.39 (30 mins) + Super (\$14.46 TA2 + \$35.73 Psych Reg)	\$93.58
	TA2-FF-OS60	Offsite Consultation – Therapy Assistant Level 2 (60mins) (see travel in definitions)	\$ 130.18 (60 mins) + Travel + Super (as above)	\$180.34
	TA2-FF-SS10	Case Consult / Supervision with Psychologist – Student Counsellor /Therapy Assistant Level 2	\$14.46 per 10 min	\$14.46
	TA2-FF-LCNS	Late Cancellation <24 hr fee/No-show – Student Counsellor /Therapy Assistant Level 2 (100%)	As per booked consult (not including super or TA-FF-PSY)	100% TA2
D-SC/TA1	TA1-FF-DPSY	Direct Supervision in TA1 Standard Consultation – 30 or 50 + mins by Registered Psychologist	\$93.35 (50 + mins) (via MHCP, up to 4)	\$0.00
	TA1-FF-SC60	Standard Consultation 60 mins – Student Counsellor /Therapy Assistant Level 1 + 10 mins Super	\$56.16 (60 mins) + Super (\$9.36 + \$35.73) + TA1-FF-PSY	\$101.25
	TA1-FF-SC50	Standard Consultation 50 – Student Counsellor /Therapy Assistant Level 1 + 10 mins Super	\$46.80 (50 mins) + Super (\$9.36 + \$35.73) + TA1-FF-PSY	\$91.89
	TA1-FF-SS10	Case Consult / Supervision with Psychologist – Student Counsellor /Therapy Assistant Level 1	\$9.36 per 10 min	\$9.36
TA1-FF-LCNS	Late Cancellation <24 hr fee/No-show – Student Counsellor /Therapy Assistant Level 1 (100%)	As per booked consult (not including super or TA-FF-PSY)	100% TA1	
E-SC/PSC	PSC-FF- ----	The “A-Reg Psych” fee is charged if direct supervision is provided by the Registered Psychologist	As Per Section A – refer to relevant line	
	PSC-FF-SC60	Standard Consultation 60 mins – Student Counsellor / Social Work Placement Student (SWPS)	\$67.00	\$67.00
	PSC-FF-SC45	Standard Consultation 45 – Student Counsellor / Social Work Placement Student	\$50.25	\$50.25
	PSC-FF-SS10	Case Consult with Supervising Psychologist & Social Work Placement Student	\$11.16 per 10 minutes	\$11.16
	PSC-FF-LCNS	Late Cancellation <24 hr fee /No-show – Student Counsellor / Social Work Placement Student	As per booked consult	100 % SWS

N.B: **Group C - E Fees** relate to student counsellors and Therapy Assistants from different disciplines and levels of training.

The individual requesting services from Ripples is _____ . Please acknowledge, tick and sign below.

- I am the client engaging in this service, or I/we, the guardian/s or parent/s of the individual accessing this service,
 I/we understand the fees for the services I/we have requested.
 If the services of a student counsellor have been offered, I have read below the “Principles And Values Underpinning Student Fees”, recognising these services are not provided by fully qualified practitioners; however, these practitioners are supervised by seniors in the practice.

Client Name _____ D.O.B _____
Paying Individual Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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PRINCIPLES AND VALUES UNDERPINNING STUDENT FEES

The following principles and values underpin student counsellor fees set out in this schedule:

- Student placements are valuable to our community, government, education providers and health services.
- Student placements are beneficial to our practice. It brings diversity, sparks change and enhances our team's reflective practice. At times our senior practitioners also benefit by receiving direct training in supervision and access to training provided by the educational institutions linked to our students.
- Within our practice, students of counselling and psychology programs receive supervision for Supervising Psychologist Loan Pham. Students undertaking a Social Work Degree receive supervision from Loan Pham and Senior Social Worker Rebecca Moore. The lost time experienced by the supervising clinician, which reduces the practitioners' capacity to attend to their caseload (non-clinical) and see clients (clinical), is a cost to the practice. Negating these losses through the redistribution of tasks to students relies on student effectiveness, productivity and improvement over time.
- Student placements are a common good, needing to be accessed with minimum encumbrance and utilised effectively. As the placement host, we incur financial and operational expenses from student placements and do not receive funding for taking on student placements. We have created student counsellor fees (Sections E, F, and G, above) to ensure that placements are sustainable within our practice.
- Our schedule of fees is consistent with the principles of fairness, equity, transparency and consistency. Though the Student Counsellor Fees contribute to some of the cost of activities associated with clinical supervision, professional development and training, they are not intended for full cost recovery.
- As a placement host, we also make in-kind contributions for clinical placements, which are also factored in the setting of fees. In-kind contributions offered to students at Ripples include having access to current clinical resources for their learning purposes, access to adult learning education (in-house or external) and access to bi-monthly group supervision with staff across allied health disciplines within the practice.

DEFINITIONS

Cancellation Fees Appointments cancelled by clients within 24 hours of the appointment or not attended will be subject to a cancellation fee. These fees are GST-inclusive. This cancellation provision recognises that plans can change unexpectedly but that Ripples may incur costs for bookings that will not be fulfilled, particularly when the vacated booking cannot be replaced or the staffing roster is altered. If a Ripples practitioner cancels a booking, no fee will be charged.

Case Conference means a face-to-face meeting or teleconference with the nominated treating doctor, workplace rehabilitation provider, employer, insurer and worker to discuss the client's treatment plan and strategies to improve the client's ability to return to work in the case of a worker's compensation claim. Discussions between treating doctors and practitioners relating to the client's treatment are considered normal interactions between referring doctor and practitioner and are therefore not charged as a Case Conference item.

Concession Fees may be offered where clients have a Centrelink benefit such as the Age Pension, Youth Allowance, or Disability Support Pension and apply to non-Medicare practitioner fees.

Clinical Assessment These assessments are conducted by Registered Psychologists, Provisional Psych and Social Workers using semi-structured interviewing processes, observations, and psychometric assessments (which are reliable and validated assessments used only by qualified and experienced practitioners) to assess a child/young person or adult's cognitive ability, sensory profile, occupational needs (in consultation with an Occupational Therapist), behaviour presentation and functioning and mental health needs.

Clinical Placement A clinical placement (also referred to variously as 'student placement', 'fieldwork placement', 'clinical practicum', 'practical placement' or 'clinical practice') is defined as the component of an accredited curriculum conducted under supervision in a clinical environment that assists students in putting theoretical knowledge into practice.

Clinical Supervision Refers to when a health professional supports a student's learning while undertaking clinical placement. The supervisor is responsible for teaching, assessment and performance development of the student.

Direct Supervision Where the Registered Psychologist is in the room to provide direct supervision to a TA1 (or TA2 when considered necessary, e.g., for the first session), the direct supervision fee is charged. However, if the Registered Psychologist is in the room to engage in an assessment process with the TA1/TA2 also part of the process, then the Reg Psychologist fee is charged (as well as the TA1 or TA2 fee), not the Direct Supervision fee.

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Enhanced Care Plan (Chronic Health) Some clients experiencing complex health issues may access multiple allied health practitioners. In these situations, GPs may write up an Enhanced Care Plan (EPC) that provides clients access to rebates for 5 allied health sessions. The client's GP will determine the number of sessions allocated to each practitioner.

Department Forms, where you require our staff to complete a Department Form or provide a letter for your department applications to support you with your circumstance, a fee will be charged as per standard fees pro-rata at 15-minute intervals.

General Psychometrics may include the following assessments DASS, BECKS, Conners, Sensory Profile, ABAS3, WHOQOL, ADMN, PCL5, TSCC, SRS2, GARS, BESS, PAI. Any psychological assessment that requires the write-up of these assessments will require a minimum of 3 hours of report writing.

Goods and Services Tax (GST) Allied Health treatment sessions are exempted from GST. Travel, Cancellation Fees, Supervision and Report Writing are not treatment sessions and will have a GST component in the total invoiced amount.

Initial Consultation means the first session provided by Ripples Allied Health Consultancy practitioner in respect of treating the client and may include: History taking and Clinical Recording, Administration and scoring of Psychometric Assessment for Baseline, Goal Setting and treatment planning, and Communication with the referrer and insurer. Usually booked for 1 hour.

Medicare Items (Psychology) applicable to the services provided by **Registered Psychologists** at Ripples Allied Health Consultancy are usually a 50-minute consult and have a rebate of \$89.65 unless specified differently below, for ten consults (unless specified below or stipulated by changes in legislation) include:

- 80110 Focussed Psychological Strategies face to face (50 mins) (\$93.35)
- 80100 Focussed Psychological Strategies face to face (30 mins) (\$66.20)
- 80112 Focussed psychological strategies face to face to a person other than the patient (50 mins) (\$93.35)
- 80115 Professional attendance at a place other than consulting rooms (offsite) (50 mins \$117.25)
- 82000 Autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorder and Disability Services under 13yrs (20 sessions, across four services)
- 82015 Autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorder and Disability Services under 15yrs (20 sessions, at least 30 mins)
- 10968 - Psychology Health Service: Chronic Condition or Complex Need (20 mins, 5 consults) (\$58.30)

Medicare Rebate can only be claimed for sessions attended post the Mental Health Care Plan or Enhanced care plan date. Ripples can only claim the rebate for children whose legal guardian is connected to their Medicare card, so the Medicare Rebate can be transferred back to the legal guardian. The legal guardian's date of birth must be supplied to ensure the system can process this for you.

Offsite Consultation occurs when the Ripples Allied Health Consultancy psychologist is requested to travel to the consultation site within 15 minutes of the Ripples Allied Health Consultancy office. Any offsite consultation that is further than 15 minutes travel is considered long-distance travel. The travel component will be charged at the practitioner's hourly service rate (pro rata per 15-minute travel required).

Provisional Psych / Counsellor is a provisionally registered psychologist undertaking a 4+2 or 5+1 pathway to complete the registration to become a fully qualified psychologist supervised by an AHPRA-approved Psychology Board supervisor. Loan Pham is an AHPRA-approved supervisor. Provisional Psychologists cannot become endorsed by Medicare and SIRA/CTP. Provisional Psychologists may also be a member of a psychology association.

Psychological Reports may be written by the treating practitioner and can include Psychometric Assessments that have been administered, scored and interpreted by the qualified practitioner. Please refer to the Quote and Schedule of Assessment Fees for more information. Reports may also be requested to provide details of the client's treatment, progress and work capacity for Worker's Compensation claims or at the request of a solicitor on behalf of the client. Sometimes summary/progress reports are requested. These will not include psychometric assessments and are usually charged 30 minutes to 1 hour to write.

Registered Psychologists have completed their psychological qualifications and current registration with AHPRA. Registered Psychologists can become endorsed by Medicare and SIRA/CTP.

Student Counsellor / Placement Student is a student of Counselling undergoing a Clinical Placement at Ripples. The student undertaking this role as a volunteer can see clients without the direct supervision of the supervisors onsite. The Student Counsellor fees will apply to direct 1:1 therapy offered by students.

Student Counsellor / Therapy Assistant Level 1 (TA1) working with Ripples is generally a student studying 4th-year Psychology who can only conduct counselling with direct supervision and is supervised by a psychologist.

In this situation, the family/clients will benefit from a cheaper arrangement that involves the supervising psychologist directly involved in the sessions with the TA1. Due to the limited availability that our psychologists have, the dual therapist arrangement

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will only be offered for up to 6 sessions. Once appropriate, the psychologist will step out of direct supervision of the session, the service will be changed to a TA2 service, and the appropriate TA2 fee will be charged.

To opt into this arrangement, you will also need an MHCP to cover the sessions that the psychologist is involved in. If a MHCP cannot be acquired, you can choose to pay \$89.65 on top of the TA1 fee.

Student Counsellor / Therapy Assistant Level 2 (TA2) working with Ripples are generally a student of a Master of Counselling and Psychotherapy or a Masters in Psychology (5th-year psychology student) who is working under the delegation and supervision of a supervising psychologist, where the supervisor is satisfied that the allied health assistant can always work independently without direct supervision.

Supervision of TA1 and TA2 For every lot of 45, 50 or 60 min consult provided by a TA1 or TA2, 10 mins of the TA1 or TA2 and 10 mins of Reg. Psychologist's time charged for necessary supervision of TA1 or TA2. This will be charged to the client/family or NDIS Plan. Any case conferences that the TA2 attends must also be attended by the supervising psychologist, where the fee for the psychologist's time will be charged per hour.

Travel occurs when the most appropriate management of the client requires the psychologist to travel away from the offices at Shop 4B, 44-52 Princes Highway Dapto, i.e., home visits. The Offsite consultation item will be charged for local consultations, up to 15 minutes one way. Travel beyond this is considered long-distance travel and will be charged at the hourly service rate (pro rata per 15 minutes) of the service delivery cost associated with the practitioner's fee per hour. Most school and home visits will require 30 mins of the hourly rate.