



**Australian Government**

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**Department of Health**

# **Australian Government Hearing Services Program**

## **Schedule of Fees**

**For the period of 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021**

# Schedule of Fees 2020-2021

## Annual indexation of fees

Under the Australian Government Hearing Services Program, the GST exclusive amount for service items will be adjusted on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each financial year, in accordance with the following indexes

- The Wage Cost Index 1 for the majority of items, this being a weighted average of estimated movements in wage costs and underlying inflation. The resultant GST amount will be rounded to the nearest cent, and
- The Consumer Price Index for client maintenance contributions.

Indexation of service items takes effect from 1 July each year.

## Transitional impacts

Where

- (a) a service is service item 630, 631, 635, 636, 640, 641, 650, 651, 655, 656, 660, 661, 760, 761, 770, 771, 820, 821, 825, 826, 830 or 831, and
- (b) the date of fitting occurs prior to 1 July 2020, but the date of service occurs on or after 1 July 2020

The device prices payable are those specified under the previous Schedule of Fees, prior to 1 July 2020. The service fees payable are those specified under the Schedule of Fees under the Service Provider Contract, from 1 July 2020.

## Non-standard device prices

Please refer to the Fully Subsidised Schedule of Devices for individual device pricing. The device prices can be found under the publications accordion when you are logged into the Hearing Services Online Portal.

## Dispensing fee for behind-the-ear (BTE) hearing aids fitted

For item numbers 630, 631, 640, 641, 650, 651, 660, 661, 760, 761, 770, 771, 820, 821, 830, 831, 840, 850 and 960 only an amount added to each behind the ear hearing aid fitted is \$27.40.

## Payments from Clients

### Annual Hearing Aid Maintenance Charge

The annual hearing aid maintenance charge collected from the Client is \$47.25 (\$45.00 base fee plus \$2.25 GST). This GST amount is not recorded on the claim for payment form but must be declared in your Quarterly BAS Statement for each client who makes a payment within this period. This charge is GST inclusive and is payable by the client in relation to items 630, 635, 640, 700, 710, 790, 791. Cash transactions should be rounded to the nearest five cents (\$47.25 for an annual hearing aid maintenance charge).

### Replacement Fee

Where the hearing device replacement fee is not covered by items 555 or 888, the fee charged to the client is \$42.20.

## Claiming services

All services must fall within the voucher issue and expiry date. Services that are provided outside of the voucher period will not be approved. Providers are responsible in ensuring the client has a current voucher prior to services being provided through the program.

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Item	Service Description	Benefit Excluding GST (Rounded)	GST Liable	GST	Total Benefit Inclusive of GST
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### Assessment

<b>600</b>	First Assessment	\$143.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$143.90</b>
<b>610</b>	Audiological case management	\$45.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$45.65</b>
<b>800</b>	Reassessment	\$143.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$143.90</b>
<b>810</b>	Audiological case management	\$45.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$45.65</b>

### Fitting

<b>630</b>	Initial fitting, rehabilitation and maintenance- Monaural	\$459.20	\$6.30	\$0.63	<b>\$459.83</b>
<b>640</b>	Initial fitting, rehabilitation and maintenance- Binaural	\$574.50	\$19.40	\$1.94	<b>\$576.44</b>
<b>650</b>	Initial fitting and rehabilitation - Monaural	\$446.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$446.60</b>
<b>660</b>	Initial fitting and rehabilitation - Binaural	\$535.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$535.70</b>
<b>760</b>	Subsequent initial fitting, rehabilitation and maintenance	\$117.60	\$16.50	\$1.65	<b>\$119.25</b>
<b>770</b>	Subsequent initial fitting and rehabilitation	\$84.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$84.60</b>
<b>820</b>	Refitting and rehabilitation - Monaural	\$383.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$383.80</b>
<b>830</b>	Refitting and rehabilitation - Binaural	\$381.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$381.45</b>

**Note:** The date of service for these item must be at least 1 week after the date of fitting.

### Hearing Device Prices

<b>Category 1 (high powered BTE)</b>	\$487.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$487.80 +27.40 <b>\$515.20</b>
<b>Category 2 (BTE)</b>	\$461.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$461.45 +27.40 <b>\$488.85</b>
<b>Category 3 (ITC, CIC, ITE)</b>	\$423.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$423.75</b>
<b>BTE Additional Dispensing Fee</b>	\$27.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27.40

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### Maintenance (client co-payment \$47.25)

<b>700</b>	Maintenance and battery supply - Monaural	\$74.15	\$37.08	\$3.71	<b>\$77.86</b>
<b>710</b>	Maintenance and battery supply - Binaural	\$196.50	\$98.25	\$9.83	<b>\$206.33</b>
<b>711</b>	Relocated maintenance and battery supply - Monaural	\$119.15	\$59.58	\$5.96	<b>\$125.11</b>
<b>722</b>	Relocated maintenance and battery supply - Binaural	\$241.50	\$120.75	\$12.08	<b>\$253.58</b>
<b>777</b>	Payment of client contribution for maintenance/batteries DVA eligible clients	\$45.00	\$22.50	\$2.25	<b>\$47.25</b>
<b>790</b>	Maintenance and battery supply - Monaural (Private)	\$74.15	\$37.08	\$3.71	<b>\$77.86</b>
<b>791</b>	Maintenance and battery supply - Binaural (Private)	\$196.50	\$98.25	\$9.83	<b>\$206.33</b>

**Note:** Where a client transfers away from you, then transfer back to you, an item 711 / 722 should not be claimed if a current 700 / 710 is still active. You will entitled to claim an item 700 / 710 once the current maintenance expires.

### Replacements

<b>840</b>	Replacement of Lost/DBR Device - Monaural	\$72.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$72.00</b>
<b>850</b>	Replacement of Lost/DBR Device - Binaural	\$105.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$105.05</b>
<b>555</b>	Payment of Client Contribution for Exempt Clients (Manual Claim)	\$42.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$42.20</b>
<b>888</b>	Payment of Client Contribution for Replacement for DVA Eligible Clients	\$42.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$42.20</b>

**Note:** When a client has lost / damaged their hearing device and requires a different style of device, category / tier or an ALD, **a refit is required, NOT a replacement.** The same applies to a lost / damaged ALD.

### Other

<b>670</b>	Rehabilitation Service	\$207.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$207.95</b>
<b>680</b>	Rehabilitation Plus	\$147.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$147.35</b>
<b>681</b>	Rehabilitation Plus	\$73.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$73.15</b>
<b>930</b>	Client Review - Monaural (previously known as Aid Adjustment)	\$81.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$81.10</b>
<b>940</b>	Client Review - Binaural (previously known as Aid Adjustment)	\$125.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$125.70</b>
<b>960</b>	Spare Aid	\$76.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$76.55</b>
<b>900</b>	Minor Repairs - Monaural	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>910</b>	Minor Repairs - Binaural	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Note:** The purpose of a review is to prolong the current use of hearing aid/s currently fitted to the client, therefore an item 930/940 should not be routinely claimed in instances where a refit is due to take place. However, if you can support a reason for a review and clearly document on the client file that sufficient services were provided, including testing, adjustments etc. on the current devices, and this was not successful requiring a move to refit then the program would accept an item 930/940 to be claimed.

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### Non-Follow-Up Fittings

Item	Service Description	Benefit Excluding GST (Rounded)	GST Liable	GST	Total Benefit Inclusive of GST
<b>631</b>	First H/Aid Fitting with a Non-Follow-Up appointment - Monaural	\$229.60	\$6.30	\$0.63	<b>\$230.23</b>
<b>635</b>	Initial fitting, rehabilitation and maintenance - Alternative Listening Device (ALD)	\$206.70	\$9.15	\$0.92	<b>\$207.62</b>
<b>636</b>	Initial Fitting ALD with a Non-Follow-Up appointment	\$103.35	\$9.15	\$0.92	<b>\$104.27</b>
<b>641</b>	First H/Aid Fitting with a Non-Follow-Up appointment - Binaural	\$287.25	\$19.40	\$1.94	<b>\$289.19</b>
<b>651</b>	First H/Aid Fitting without maintenance. with a Non-Follow-Up appointment - Monaural	\$223.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$223.30</b>
<b>655</b>	Initial fitting and rehabilitation - ALD	\$188.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$188.40</b>
<b>656</b>	Initial Fitting ALD without maintenance with a Non-Follow-Up appointment	\$94.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$94.20</b>
<b>661</b>	First H/Aid Fitting without maintenance. with a Non follow u Non-Follow-Up appointment - Binaural	\$267.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$267.85</b>
<b>761</b>	Fitting of second Hearing Aid with a Non-Follow-Up appointment	\$58.80	\$16.50	\$1.65	<b>\$60.45</b>
<b>771</b>	Fitting of second H/Aid without maintenance and Non-Follow-Up appointment	\$42.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$42.30</b>
<b>821</b>	Refit with a Non-Follow-Up appointment - Monaural	\$191.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$191.90</b>
<b>825</b>	Refitting and rehabilitation - ALD	\$132.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$132.55</b>
<b>826</b>	Refit ALD with a Non-Follow-Up appointment	\$66.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$66.30</b>
<b>831</b>	Refit with a Non-Follow-Up appointment - Binaural	\$190.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$190.75</b>

**Note:** The date of service must match the date of fitting when submitting these items.

## Hearing Services Program - Schedule of Fees 2020-2021 (Portal Submitted Payments)

### Aids Returned for Credit (RFC)

Item	Service Description	Benefit Excluding GST (Rounded)	GST Liable	GST	Total Benefit Inclusive of GST
<b>1</b>	Aid returned for credit Monaural - initial fitting (650)	\$223.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$223.30</b>
	Aid returned for credit Monaural - subsequent initial fitting (770)	\$42.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$42.30</b>
	Aid returned for credit Monaural - refitting (820)	\$191.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$191.90</b>
	ALD returned for credit Monaural - initial fitting (655)	\$94.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$94.20</b>
	ALD returned for credit Monaural - refitting (825)	\$66.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$66.30</b>
<b>2</b>	Aid returned for credit Binaural - initial fitting (660)	\$267.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$267.85</b>
	Aid returned for credit Binaural - refitting (830)	\$190.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$190.75</b>
<b>3</b>	Dispensing Fee (BTE only)	\$27.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$27.40</b>

**Item 1** is when the client has been monaurally fitted and does not want the aid – the aid is returned to the manufacturer and a credit is given to the provider. The payment made is **half the cost** of the initial fitting of item # 650, 655, 770, 820 or 825 that does not contain the maintenance component.

**Item 2** is when the client has been binaurally fitted and does not want the aid – the aids are returned to the manufacturer and a credit is given to the provider. The payment made is **half the cost** of the initial fitting of item # 660 and 830 that does not contain the maintenance component.

**Note:** The date of service for these items must match the original fitting date of the device before they were returned when the claim is submitted.