



Australian Government

Department of Health

Australian Government Hearing Services Program

Schedule of Fees

For the period of 01 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

(amended 1 October 2019)

Schedule of Fees

Annual indexation of fees

Under the Australian Government Hearing Services Program, the GST exclusive amount for service items will be adjusted on the 1st 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 2019, but the date of service occurs on or after 1 July 2019

The device prices payable are those specified under the previous Schedule of Fees, prior to 1 July 2019. The service fees payable are those specified under the Schedule of Fees under the Service Provider Contract, from 1 July 2019.

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 \$27.00.

Minor Maintenance

As of 1 October 2019, minor maintenance (item 900/910) is no longer available. Providers can still claim minor maintenance if the date of service was prior to 1 October 2019. Any 900/910 claims with a date of service after 30 September 2019 will be automatically recovered by the program

Payments from Clients

Annual Hearing Aid Maintenance Charge - The annual hearing aid maintenance charge collected from the Client is \$46.25 (\$44.05 base fee plus \$2.20 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 (\$46.25 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 \$30.00.

Hearing Services Program Schedule of Fees 2019-20

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

Assessment

600	First Assessment	\$141.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$141.90
610	Audiological case management	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
800	Reassessment	\$141.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$141.90
810	Audiological case management	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00

Fitting

630	Initial fitting, rehabilitation and maintenance- Monaural	\$452.85	\$6.20	\$0.62	\$453.47
640	Initial fitting, rehabilitation and maintenance- Binaural	\$566.55	\$19.13	\$1.91	\$568.46
650	Initial fitting and rehabilitation - Monaural	\$440.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$440.45
660	Initial fitting and rehabilitation - Binaural	\$528.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$528.30
760	Subsequent initial fitting, rehabilitation and maintenance	\$116.00	\$16.28	\$1.63	\$117.63
770	Subsequent initial fitting and rehabilitation	\$83.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83.45
820	Refitting and rehabilitation - Monaural	\$378.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$378.50
830	Refitting and rehabilitation - Binaural	\$376.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$376.20

Hearing Device Prices

Category 1	\$481.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$481.05
Category 2	\$455.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$455.10
Category 3	\$417.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$417.90
BTE Additional Dispensing Fee	\$27.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27.00

Hearing Services Program Schedule of Fees 2019-20

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

Maintenance

700	Maintenance and battery supply - Monaural	\$73.15	\$36.58	\$3.66	\$76.81
710	Maintenance and battery supply - Binaural	\$193.80	\$96.90	\$9.69	\$203.49
711	Relocated maintenance and battery supply - Monaural	\$117.20	\$58.60	\$5.86	\$123.06
722	Relocated maintenance and battery supply - Binaural	\$237.85	\$118.93	\$11.89	\$249.74
777	Payment of client contribution for maintenance/batteries DVA eligible clients	\$44.05	\$22.03	\$2.20	\$46.25
790	Maintenance and battery supply - Monaural (Private)	\$73.15	\$36.58	\$3.66	\$76.81
791	Maintenance and battery supply - Binaural (Private)	\$193.80	\$96.90	\$9.69	\$203.49

Replacements

840	Replacement of Lost/DBR Device - Monaural	\$71.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71.00
850	Replacement of Lost/DBR Device - Binaural	\$103.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$103.60
555	Payment of Client Contribution for Exempt Clients (Manual Claim)	\$41.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.60
888	Payment of Client Contribution for Replacement for DVA Eligible Clients	\$41.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.60

Other

670	Rehabilitation Service	\$205.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$205.10
680	Rehabilitation Plus	\$145.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145.30
681	Rehabilitation Plus	\$72.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.15
930	Client Review - Monaural (previously known as Aid Adjustment)	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
940	Client Review - Binaural (previously known as Aid Adjustment)	\$123.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$123.95

Hearing Services Program Schedule of Fees 2019-20 (Portal Submitted Payments)

Item	Service Description	Benefit Excluding GST (Rounded)	GST Liabile	GST	Total Benefit Inclusive of GST
1	Aid returned for credit Monaural – initial fitting (650)	\$220.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$220.20
	Aid returned for credit Monaural – subsequent initial fitting (770)	\$41.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.75
	Aid returned for credit Monaural – refitting (820)	\$189.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$189.25
	ALD returned for credit Monaural – initial fitting (655)	\$92.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$92.90
	ALD returned for credit Monaural – refitting (825)	\$62.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.35
2	Aid returned for credit Binaural – initial fitting (660)	\$264.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$264.15
	Aid returned for credit Binaural – refitting (830)	\$188.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$188.10
3	Dispensing Fee (BTE only)	\$27.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27.00
631	First H/Aid Fitting with a Non Follow up appointment- Monaural	\$226.45	\$6.20	\$0.62	\$227.07
635	Initial fitting, rehabilitation and maintenance – Alternative Listening Device (ALD)	\$203.85	\$9.03	\$0.90	\$204.75
636	Initial Fitting ALD with a Non Follow up appointment	\$101.95	\$9.03	\$0.90	\$102.85
641	First H/Aid Fitting with a Non Follow up appointment-Binaural	\$283.30	\$19.13	\$1.91	\$285.21
651	First H/Aid Fitting without maintenance. with a Non follow up appointment-Monaural	\$220.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$220.25
655	Initial fitting and rehabilitation - ALD	\$185.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185.80
656	Initial Fitting ALD without maintenance with a non follow-up appointment	\$92.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$92.90
661	First H/Aid Fitting without maintenance. with a Non follow up appointment-Binaural	\$264.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$264.15
761	Fitting of second Hearing Aid with a Non Follow up appointment	\$58.00	\$16.28	\$1.63	\$59.63
771	Fitting of second H/Aid without maintenance and Non follow up appointment	\$41.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.75
821	Refit with a Non Follow up appointment - Monaural	\$189.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$189.25
825	Refitting and rehabilitation - ALD	\$130.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$130.70
826	Refit ALD with a Non follow up appointment	\$65.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.35

Item	Service Description	Benefit Excluding GST (Rounded)	GST Liable	GST	Total Benefit Inclusive of GST
831	Refit with a Non Follow up appointment - Binaural	\$188.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$188.10
960	Spare Aid	\$75.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.50

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.

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.