

# Fee Schedule

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Snapdragon Speech is a private speech practice and fees apply for our services.

The following is the current fee schedule, effective July 2024. For expanded information, see pages 2-8.

### Speech Pathology

Services	NDIS fee	Private fee
Direct and Indirect Services	\$193.99/hr	\$200/hr
Travel (Time)	\$193.99/hr	\$200/hr
Travel (Non-Labour)	\$0.97/km	\$0.97/km

### Allied Health Assistant (AHA)

Services	Fee
Direct and Indirect Services	\$86.79/hr
Travel (time)	\$86.79/hr
Travel (Non-Labour)	\$0.97/km

### Initial Consultation

Services	Fee
Initial Consultation - NDIS	<b>\$387.98</b> (+ travel if applicable)
Initial Consultation - Private	<b>\$300</b> (+ travel if applicable)

### Assessment/Therapy Session

Services	45 minute appointment Fee	50 minute appointment Fee
Assessment/Therapy Appointments - NDIS	45 min direct time + 20 min of indirect time (+ travel if applicable) <b>\$210.16</b>	50 min direct time + 20 min of indirect time (+ travel if applicable) <b>\$226.32</b>
Assessment/Therapy Appointments - Private	45 min direct time + 15 min of indirect time (+ travel if applicable) <b>\$200.00</b>	50 min direct time + 15 min of indirect time (+ travel if applicable) <b>\$216.67</b>

### AHA Plan Development

Services	Development of Therapy Plan	Session with AHA
NDIS clients	\$193.99/hr	\$102.96 + travel (if applicable)
Private paying clients	\$200.00/hr	\$103.46 + travel (if applicable)



SPEECH PATHOLOGY			
<b>Direct Services</b>	Direct services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All initial, assessment and therapy sessions.</li> <li>• Meetings (e.g. care team meetings, NDIS review meetings).</li> <li>• Training as part of a therapy plan (e.g. teaching a parent or support worker how to use a device or learn a strategy).</li> </ul> <p>See below for information re: initial consultations, therapy sessions etc.</p>	<u>NDIS Clients</u>  \$193.99/ hour	<u>Private Paying Clients</u>  \$200/ hour
<b>Indirect Services</b>	Indirect services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports written (e.g. assessment reports, NDIS progress reports).</li> <li>• Phone calls, emails or letters to parents, teachers, professionals or other stakeholders as part of a therapy plan.</li> <li>• Resource creation (e.g. creating a home program or creating a visual support).</li> <li>• Device programming and maintenance for high tech AAC.</li> </ul>	<u>NDIS Clients</u>  \$193.99/ hour	<u>Private Paying Clients</u>  \$200/ hour
<b>Travel (Labour Costs i.e. time)</b>	Travel (labour costs) includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel to schools, childcare centres, kindergartens, or client homes will incur a travel fee in addition to the session fee.</li> <li>• In line with NDIS guidelines, Snapdragon Speech will claim for the time spent travelling to each participant up to 30 minutes.</li> <li>• Travel is only charged in one direction only (to the appointment), except for the final appointment of the day, in which travel is charged for in both directions.</li> </ul>	<u>NDIS Clients</u>  \$193.99/ hour	<u>Private Paying Clients</u>  \$200/ hour
<b>Travel (Non-Labour Costs i.e. KMs)</b>	Travel (non-labour costs) includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kilometres travelled to the appointment.</li> <li>• Kilometres travelled from the appointment (for the last appointment of the day).</li> </ul>	\$0.97/ kilometre	\$0.97/ kilometre



ALLIED HEALTH ASSISTANT (AHA)		
<b>Direct Services</b>	Direct services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapy sessions (following a plan set out by the speech pathologist).</li> <li>• Meetings (e.g. care team meetings, NDIS review meetings).</li> <li>• Training as part of a therapy plan (e.g. teaching a parent or support worker how to use a device or learn a strategy).</li> </ul> <p>See pages 4-5 for information re: appointments with an AHA</p>	\$86.79/hour
<b>Indirect Services</b>	Indirect services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone calls, emails or other correspondence to parents, teachers, professionals or other stakeholders as part of a therapy plan.</li> <li>• Resource creation (e.g. creating a home program or creating a visual support).</li> <li>• Device programming and maintenance for high tech AAC.</li> </ul>	\$86.79/hour
<b>Travel (Labour Costs i.e. time)</b>	Travel (labour costs) includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel to schools, childcare centres, kindergartens, or client homes will incur a travel fee in addition to the session fee.</li> <li>• In line with NDIS guidelines, Snapdragon Speech will claim for the time spent travelling to each participant up to 30 minutes.</li> <li>• Travel is only charged in one direction only (to the appointment), except for the final appointment of the day, in which travel is charged for in both directions.</li> </ul>	\$86.79/hour
<b>Travel (Non-Labour Costs i.e. KMs)</b>	Travel (non-labour costs) includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kilometres travelled to the appointment.</li> <li>• Kilometres travelled from the appointment (for the last appointment of the day).</li> </ul>	\$0.97/kilometre



Initial Consultations		
<p><b>Initial consultations (NDIS clients)</b></p>	<p>Initial consultations for NDIS clients are typically billed at 120 minutes + travel (if applicable).</p> <p>This includes 60 minutes of direct services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case history and goal setting</li> <li>• Informal/screening assessment administration and observations.</li> <li>• Preliminary verbal feedback (including if a more comprehensive assessment is recommended)</li> </ul> <p>And 60 minutes of indirect services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading of case history information and previous reports</li> <li>• Assessment scoring, analysis, and interpretation</li> <li>• Appointment-specific administrative tasks</li> <li>• A summary report of 2-3 pages with preliminary results and recommendations</li> </ul> <p>Snapdragon Speech will only charge for the time taken to complete the above services. If it takes more or less time, the speech pathologist will discuss with the client regarding this. 60 minutes of indirect time for NDIS clients is an estimate based on our previous experience.</p>	<p>\$387.98 (+ travel if applicable)</p>
<p><b>Initial consultations (Private paying clients)</b></p>	<p>Initial consultations for privately paying clients are typically billed at 90 minutes + travel (if applicable).</p> <p>This includes 60 minutes of direct services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case history and goal setting</li> <li>• Informal/screening assessment administration and observations.</li> <li>• Preliminary verbal feedback (including if a more comprehensive assessment is recommended)</li> </ul> <p>And 30 minutes of indirect services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading of case history information and previous reports</li> <li>• Assessment scoring, analysis, and interpretation</li> <li>• Appointment-specific administrative tasks</li> <li>• A summary report of 2-3 pages with preliminary results and recommendations</li> </ul> <p>Snapdragon Speech will only charge for the time taken to complete the above services. If it takes more or less time, the speech pathologist will discuss with the client regarding this. 30 minutes of indirect time for private paying clients is an estimate based on our previous experience.</p>	<p>\$300 (+ travel if applicable)</p>



### Assessment/Therapy Appointments

#### Assessment/ Therapy Appointments (NDIS clients)

Assessment and therapy sessions for NDIS clients are typically billed at 65-70 minutes + travel (if applicable)

This includes 45-50 minutes of direct services (client may decide if they would like their direct appointment time to be 45 minutes or 50 minutes):

- The time in the session
- Discussion and feedback to parent, or if a school session, with the teacher.

*Note: A 50 minute appointment may suit clients who need additional time to settle into the appointment or require additional breaks throughout; or for families that require additional time to debrief information.*

And 20 minutes of indirect services:

- Planning
- Note-keeping.
- Administration
- Assessment scoring (for assessment sessions)
- Brief phone calls and emails to keep you updated.

The administration time for an NDIS client is an estimate based on our previous experience of the time it takes to complete indirect services for NDIS clients (usually extra record keeping and time to plan for the session). However, Snapdragon Speech will only charge for the time taken to complete the above services. If it takes more or less time, the speech pathologist will discuss this with the client and bill accordingly.

Some assessments may take longer than one session to administer. If additional sessions are required, this will be discussed with you individually.

An assessment report is invoiced separately following the assessment at the indirect services rate. The cost of the report varies on the assessment completed, as speech pathology assessments vary in their complexity and level of analysis required.

45 minutes  
direct  
appointment  
(+ 20 minutes of  
indirect time)  
**\$210.16**

50 minutes  
direct  
appointment  
(+ 20 minutes of  
indirect time)  
**\$226.32**



**Assessment/  
Therapy  
Appointments  
(Private Paying  
Clients)**

Assessment and therapy sessions for Private Paying clients are typically billed at 60-65 minutes + travel (if applicable)

This includes 45-50 minutes of direct services (client may decide if they would like their direct appointment time to be 45 minutes or 50 minutes):

- The time in the session
- Discussion and feedback to parent, or if a school session, with the teacher.

*Note: A 50 minute appointment may suit clients who need additional time to settle into the appointment or require additional breaks throughout; or for families that require additional time to debrief information.*

And 15 minutes of indirect services:

- Planning
- Note-keeping.
- Administration
- Assessment scoring (for assessment sessions)
- Brief phone calls and emails to keep you updated.

The administration time for a private paying client is an estimate based on our previous experience of the time it takes to complete indirect services for our private paying clients clients. However, Snapdragon Speech will only charge for the time taken to complete the above services. If it takes more or less time, the speech pathologist will discuss this with the client and bill accordingly.

Some assessments may take longer than one session to administer. If additional sessions are required, this will be discussed with you individually.

An assessment report is invoiced separately following the assessment at the indirect services rate. The cost of the report varies on the assessment completed, as speech pathology assessments vary in their complexity and level of analysis required.

45 minutes  
direct  
appointment  
(+ 15 minutes of  
indirect time)  
**\$200.00**

50 minutes  
direct  
appointment  
(+ 15 minutes of  
indirect time)  
**\$216.67**



Snapdragon Speech also utilises allied health assistant (AHA's) for the provision of services. AHA's carry out therapy sessions under the guidance of the speech pathologist. The speech pathologist creates the therapy plan, and the AHA implements the plan. As such, supports delivered by an AHA are billed primarily at the AHA rate, with some billing being completed under the speech pathology rate, as below:

<b>AHA Plan Development/Assistance</b>			
<p><b>Development Of Therapy Plan</b></p>	<p>When commencing with an allied health assistant, the speech pathologist will create a therapy plan that outlines the client's goals, and activities on how to target these goals.</p> <p>This will typically be billed at 60 minutes (speech pathology rate). If additional time is needed, this will be discussed with you.</p> <p>The therapy plan will remain in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For 10 sessions, before a review of the therapy plan will be completed or;</li> <li>• The client has achieved the goals set out on the therapy plan or;</li> <li>• As advised by the speech pathologist or allied health assistant or;</li> <li>• At the request of the parent/guardian.</li> </ul>	<p><u>NDIS Clients</u></p> <p>\$193.99/ hour</p>	<p><u>Private Paying Clients</u></p> <p>\$200/ hour</p>
<p><b>Therapy With An Allied Health Assistant</b></p>	<p>Therapy appointments with an allied health assistant for all clients are typically billed at 60 minutes (allied health assistant rate) + travel (if applicable), and an additional 5 minutes (speech pathology rate).</p> <p>This includes 45 minutes of direct services with the allied health assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The time in the session</li> <li>• Discussion and feedback to parent, or if a school session, with the teacher.</li> </ul> <p>And 15 minutes of indirect services from the allied health assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session planning</li> <li>• Note-keeping</li> <li>• Administration</li> <li>• Brief phone calls and emails to keep you updated.</li> </ul> <p>And 5 minutes of indirect services from the speech pathologist:</p>	<p><u>NDIS Clients</u></p> <p>\$102.96 + travel (if applicable)</p>	<p><u>Private Paying Clients</u></p> <p>\$103.46 + travel (if applicable)</p>



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Checking over progress notes</li><li>• Measuring any progress against goals</li><li>• Discussion with the allied health assistant</li><li>• Making small adjustments to the therapy plan, as needed.</li></ul> |  |  |
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(Speech pathologist time will be billed on a monthly basis).

If additional time is needed to complete the above services, this will be discussed with you.

All fees are subject to change. We will make every reasonable effort to inform you of any pricing changes.