



Assessment Fees Guide

A detailed guide to common assessment pathways and fees at Playology Clinic.

Every assessment starts with a question – whether that is understanding your child’s development, learning, communication, everyday functioning or whether they meet criteria for a particular diagnosis. The assessment components we recommend will depend on what is needed to answer that question and understand your child well.

We know assessment fees and the different options can feel overwhelming, which is why we believe in being transparent about both the process and the likely costs. You are not expected to work out which assessment components your child needs yourself. Your clinician will recommend the components that are clinically useful, while avoiding assessment that is unnecessary or duplicates suitable information you already have.

Our clinical recommendations are based on what information is needed to answer the assessment question, rather than on which components cost more or less. We will explain the recommended assessment plan and expected fees with you before proceeding, and if something changes during the assessment, we will discuss this with you first.

Fees are based on the clinician time allocated to each assessment component, including appointments and associated scoring, analysis, interpretation, liaison and report writing where applicable.

You do not need to pay for a whole assessment upfront. Fees are paid progressively as each part of the assessment is completed.

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This Assessment Fees Guide should be read together with Playology Clinic’s Fee Policy (PC-007.001) and Fee Schedule (PC-007.003).

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How assessment fees work

Playology uses a building-block approach to assessment. This means we can combine the assessment components needed to answer your child's referral questions, without automatically including components that are not required.

- Assessment rates are not arbitrary. Rather, they are directly tied to the hours involved in the administration, scoring, analysis and report writing involved.
- Your clinician will discuss the recommended assessment plan and expected fees before proceeding.
- Some assessments follow a common comprehensive pathway; others are more targeted.
- If additional assessment becomes useful after the assessment has started, we will discuss this with you before arranging it.
- Where a recent, suitable assessment has already been completed, it may not need to be repeated.
- School or kinder consultation, natural-setting observation or additional questionnaires may be added where clinically useful.

The totals below are guides to common pathways - not fixed packages. Your child's assessment may cost less or more depending on what is needed.

Clinician rates used in this guide

Clinician	Hourly rate
General Psychologist	\$215.00
Provisional Psychologist	\$156.00
Occupational Therapist	\$193.99
Speech Pathologist	\$193.99

Where both registered and provisional psychologist fees are shown, the assessment pathway is the same but the clinician rate differs.

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Psychology assessments

Psychology assessments are tailored to the referral question and may bring together developmental history, direct assessment, questionnaires, information from school or kinder, scoring and interpretation, a written report and feedback.

Psychology assessment components

Assessment component	Typical clinician time (combined direct and indirect)	Registered	Provisional
Developmental history	2 hours	\$430.00	\$312.00
Cognitive assessment	2.5 hours	\$537.50	\$390.00
Autism direct assessment (e.g. ADOS-2)	2 hours	\$430.00	\$312.00
Autism questionnaires	1 hour	\$215.00	\$156.00
ADHD questionnaires	1 hour	\$215.00	\$156.00
Functional / adaptive questionnaires	1 hour	\$215.00	\$156.00
Other questionnaires	1 hour	\$215.00	\$156.00
Learning assessment (e.g. WIAT)	3 hours	\$645.00	\$468.00
Phonological processing assessment (e.g. CTOPP)	1.5 hours	\$322.50	\$234.00
Educator / teacher consultation	1 hour	\$215.00	\$156.00
Natural setting observation (duration and cost depends on travel time)	2 - 2.5 hours	\$430.00 - \$537.50 plus \$1.01 p/km travel	\$312.00 - \$390.00 plus \$1.01 p/km travel
Report finalisation	1 hour	\$215.00	\$156.00
Feedback appointment	1 hour	\$215.00	\$156.00

Common comprehensive pathways

Assessment	Registered Psychologist	Provisional Psychologist
Autism assessment	\$2,042.50	\$1,482.00
ADHD assessment	\$1,612.50	\$1,170.00
Cognitive assessment	\$1,397.50	\$1,014.00
Intellectual disability assessment	\$1,612.50	\$1,170.00
Educational / learning assessment	\$2,042.50	\$1,482.00

These totals reflect the common pathways described below. Additional assessment, consultation or observation may increase the total. The cost may be lower where a component is not required or a recent suitable assessment can be used.

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What is usually included?

Autism assessment

A common comprehensive autism assessment includes developmental history, ADOS-2, cognitive assessment, autism questionnaires, report finalisation and feedback.

Typical total: \$2,042.50 with a Registered Psychologist or \$1,482.00 with a Provisional Psychologist.

The total may be lower where a cognitive assessment is not required, such as when a recent suitable cognitive assessment is available or the child is too young for the planned cognitive measure. It may be higher where additional observation, school/kinder consultation, learning assessment or another component is useful.

ADHD assessment

A common comprehensive ADHD assessment includes developmental and clinical history, cognitive assessment, ADHD questionnaires across relevant settings, report finalisation and feedback.

Typical total: \$1,612.50 with a Registered Psychologist or \$1,170.00 with a Provisional Psychologist.

Additional assessment may be recommended where learning, autism, adaptive functioning or another area also needs to be explored.

Cognitive assessment

A standalone cognitive assessment commonly includes developmental history, cognitive testing, report finalisation and feedback.

Typical total: \$1,397.50 with a Registered Psychologist or \$1,014.00 with a Provisional Psychologist.

Intellectual disability assessment

Assessment for intellectual disability brings together cognitive assessment and adaptive functioning information, alongside developmental history, report finalisation and feedback.

Typical total: \$1,612.50 with a Registered Psychologist or \$1,170.00 with a Provisional Psychologist.

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Educational / learning assessment

A comprehensive learning assessment commonly includes developmental history, cognitive assessment, academic achievement assessment, report finalisation and feedback. It may explore Specific Learning Disorder, including difficulties in reading, written expression or mathematics.

Typical total: \$2,042.50 with a Registered Psychologist or \$1,482.00 with a Provisional Psychologist.

Sometimes the initial assessment indicates that a particular area needs to be explored in more depth, such as phonological processing or specific reading skills. An example may be where dyslexia is being queried, but not all elements of reading are universally low. Additional assessment will increase the total and will be discussed before proceeding.



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Occupational Therapy assessments

OT assessments focus on how a child participates in everyday activities and environments. The pathway depends on the referral question and whether a comprehensive report is required.

Other Occupational Therapy assessment components

These component fees may be used where an OT assessment needs to be tailored beyond one of the common pathways. The exact combination depends on the referral question.

Assessment component	Typical clinician time	Fee
Developmental / functional history	2 hours	\$387.98
Direct observation	1.5 hours	\$290.99
Motor assessment (e.g. Movement ABC)	2.5 hours	\$387.98
Visual-motor assessment (including handwriting)	2 hours	\$387.98
Sensory profile – in person administration	2 hours	\$387.98
Sensory profile – online administration	1 hour	\$193.99
Functional questionnaires	1 hour	\$193.99
Carer impact assessment	1 hour	\$193.99
Educator / teacher consultation	1 hour	\$193.99
Natural-setting observation	2-2.5 hours	\$387.98-\$484.96 plus \$1.01 p/km travel
Report finalisation	1 hour	\$193.99
Feedback appointment	1 hour	\$193.99
Brief feedback appointment	30 mins	\$97.00

Common comprehensive pathways

Assessment	
Functional Capacity Assessment	\$1,746.00
Handwriting assessment	\$1,067.00
Sensory profile (with online questionnaire administration)	\$873.00

These totals reflect the common pathways described below. Additional assessment, consultation or observation may increase the total. The cost may be lower where a component is not required or a recent suitable assessment can be used.



Functional Capacity Assessment (FCA)

A comprehensive Functional Capacity Assessment commonly includes a developmental and functional history, observation of your child's functional skills, direct assessment, information from educators and questionnaires, report development and finalisation, and a feedback appointment.

A typical comprehensive Functional Capacity Assessment costs approximately \$1,746.
The final total may vary depending on assessment and report-writing time.

Handwriting assessment

A comprehensive Handwriting Assessment commonly includes developmental history and observation, direct assessment of handwriting and related skills, information from educators where relevant, report development and finalisation, and a feedback appointment.

Typical comprehensive total for a new client: up to approximately \$1,067.
Existing OT clients may have a lower total where a separate developmental history appointment is not needed.

Sensory Profile Assessment

A comprehensive Sensory Profile Assessment commonly includes developmental history and observation, parent/carer questionnaires, assessment review and scoring, report development and finalisation, and a feedback appointment.

Typical comprehensive total for a new client: approximately \$873.
Existing OT clients may have a lower total where a separate developmental history appointment is not needed.



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Speech Pathology assessments

Speech Pathology assessments are selected according to the communication question being explored. A comprehensive assessment is not always necessary: shorter or more targeted assessment options may be appropriate when the question is specific or a comprehensive written report is not required.

Speech Pathology assessment components

Assessment component	Typical clinician time	Fee
Developmental / communication history	2 hours	\$387.98
General language assessment	4.5 hours	\$872.96
Pragmatics questionnaire - online	1 hour	\$193.99
Pragmatics questionnaire - in person	2 hours	\$387.98
Pragmatics assessment session	1.5 hours	\$290.99
Supplementary language subtests	2 hours	\$193.99
Phonological processing assessment (e.g. CTOPP)	1.5 hours	\$290.99
Autism direct assessment session (e.g. ADOS-2)	2 hours	\$387.98
Educator / teacher consultation	1 hour	\$193.99
Natural-setting observation	2-2.5 hours	\$387.98 - \$484.96 plus \$1.01 p/km travel
Report finalisation	1 hour	\$193.99
Feedback appointment	1 hour	\$193.99

Speech Pathology assessment blocks are selected according to the communication, literacy, social communication or other question being explored. Not every assessment requires every component below.

Common comprehensive pathways

Assessment	
Comprehensive Language Assessment (Receptive & Expressive Language)	\$1,648.92



Common comprehensive pathways

A comprehensive Language Assessment commonly includes a detailed developmental and communication history, direct assessment of receptive and expressive language, scoring and analysis of assessment results, report development and finalisation, and a feedback appointment.

Typical comprehensive total: approximately \$1,648.92.

Not every child needs this comprehensive pathway. A shorter or more targeted assessment may be suitable if you are exploring a specific concern, do not require a comprehensive written report, or your child is already working with one of our Speech Pathologists. Additional assessment can also be added where social communication or particular language skills need to be explored in more depth.

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Orofacial Myology Assessment

An Orofacial Myology assessment looks at the structure and function of the lips, tongue, jaw and related oral patterns. The assessment pathway can vary depending on the referral question and whether a comprehensive report or letter is required.

Component	Typical arrangement	Fee
Parent developmental history	1-hour clinic or telehealth appointment	\$193.99
Comprehensive structural + functional assessment	90-minute block; a full assessment may require 1-2 blocks	\$290.99 per block
Report / video and photo analysis	2-3 hours where required	\$387.98-\$581.97

A typical assessment is approximately \$969-\$1,163 depending on the assessment and reporting required.

If treatment is recommended following assessment, therapy fees are separate from the assessment fee.

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Possible additional assessment costs

Some children need information or assessment beyond the common pathways in this guide. Where relevant, your clinician may recommend an additional component such as:

- educator or teacher consultation
- school, kinder, childcare or other natural-setting observation
- additional questionnaires
- supplementary cognitive, learning, language, social communication, motor or functional assessment
- additional report-writing or integration time where the assessment is particularly complex

These are not added automatically. We will discuss why an additional component may be useful and the expected fee before proceeding.

Funding, Medicare and private health

The fee for an assessment does not change based on the funding source. What may differ is whether a rebate is available and how payment or claiming is processed.

- Medicare rebates for diagnostic assessment are only available under specific referral pathways and eligibility criteria. A Mental Health Treatment Plan or GP Chronic Condition Management Plan cannot be used to claim diagnostic assessment appointments.
- Assessment appointments may be eligible for private health extras rebates, depending on your insurer and level of cover. Provisional psychologist services are generally not eligible.
- Playology supports self-managed and plan-managed NDIS participants. Whether an assessment can be funded from a participant's plan depends on the plan and current NDIS requirements.

If you are unsure whether a referral, rebate or funding pathway applies, please send your referral or funding information to our Client Care team before the assessment begins so we can help you understand the options.



Not sure which assessment you need?

You do not need to work this out before contacting us. The best assessment pathway depends on what you are hoping to understand, what information is already available and how the results will be used.

Our Client Care team can help you choose the right starting point, or you can book a first assessment appointment online for selected assessment types.

Fees in this guide are effective from 28 September 2026 and may be updated from time to time. The assessment plan and expected fees for your child will be discussed before proceeding. This guide should be read together with Playology Clinic's current Fee Policy and Fee Schedule.



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