



Fee Information

This information is intended as a guide only. Playful Connections is committed to making Speech Pathology support accessible for a wide range of families and supports outside of what is listed below may be available depending on circumstance – please contact us if you have any questions.

All fees are charged according to hourly rates below, as guided by current NDIS pricing structure (2023-2024). We reserve the right to change our fees according to the NDIS recommended schedule.

Initial Appointment, One-off Consults and Assessments

Initial Phone Consultation (10 mins)	No charge
Standard rate	193.99/hour
25% discounted rate for families without funding packages	145.49/hour

Playful Connections does not charge a set fee for assessments – each child is different and assessment length and requirements will vary according to need. Please note that all assessments will include one of the following indirect supports, charged at the same hourly rate as detailed above:

- Short assessment summary and planning recommendations – 30 mins
- Assessment summary and home program – 60-90 mins
- Detailed assessment report for use by NDIS/education – 60-120 mins

For example purposes only – an initial early language assessment with accompanying home program (if therapy spot unavailable or not immediately required) may involve 120- 150 mins of total time and therefore cost \$300 - \$375.

Therapy – Direct and Indirect support

Therapy sessions range from 30-60 minutes depending on client need

Standard rate	193.99/hour
25% discounted rate for families without funding packages	145.49/hour

Indirect Supports

All supports detailed below are charged at the hourly rate listed above

- Report writing (summary, transition) – frequency of reports will be determined in conjunction with families
- Clinician/Caregiver Therapy Management Plan meeting to determine specific goals
- Extended discussions via phone or email (15 minutes or longer) with other service providers involved in your care (e.g. other allied health providers, educators, doctors)
- Making resources required for home based activities
- Travel time – this will be split between clients where applicable

As well as the above, all sessions may have direct and in-direct supports built in to allocated time (i.e. a one hour session includes 45 mins direct client contact and 15 mins for planning, documentation and follow up).

In accepting services through Playful Connections, you are providing initial, one-off consent that indirect supports will be undertaken and charged as needed. As these are not always be able to be discussed prior to occurring, completing a service agreement with Playful Connections is viewed as pre-authorisation for these supports to be charged.

Group Programs

- Group therapy programs for existing Playful Connections Speech Pathology clients will be charged at the hourly rate of \$193.99 and split between the participants (e.g. for a group of 4 participants, the cost per hour for one client would be \$48.50). These sessions are goal based and comprise targeted intervention strategies specific to the participants. Groups typically run for 60-90 mins and indirect supports (as above) will be included in the group cost. Discounts apply for families without government funded assistance.
- Group programs which are NOT Speech Pathology interventions but which are based on community capacity building and informal parent support will be charged at a price determined by Playful Connections Speech Pathology.
- Parent and Educator workshop prices will be individually quoted dependent on program type.

Funding Options

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Playful Connections Speech Pathology is a provider of government funded disability support for National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants who are Plan Managed or Self-Managed. Dependent on client need, travel fees may apply and will be discussed with you prior to booking.

Medicare Plans

A Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Plan is a GP managed plan that provides a Medicare rebate for allied health services. A CDM Plan provides a maximum of 5 total rebates per calendar year. Full payment for services is requested. A receipt will then be issued promptly which can be lodged with Medicare in order to receive your rebate.

Private Health Insurance

Playful Connections Speech Pathology is registered with Private Health Insurers. As all covers differ, we ask you to contact your Insurance Company to enquire about the level of cover you have for speech pathology.