| **Medical Assessment FeesFees (excluding GST) applicable to MAS 1A, 2A and 4A assessments conducted on or after 1 April 2017** |
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| Assessment Type | On Papers | Physical | Complex Physical or Non-Complex Occupational Therapy | ABI | Complex ABI or Complex Occupational Therapy | Psychiatric | Complex Psychiatric |
| Single application | $1230 | $1230 | $1640 | $1640 | $2050 | $1640 | $2050 |

| **Same Day Psychiatric Review Panel Assessment Fees per AssessmentFees (excluding GST) applicable for same day psychiatric Review Panel assessments** |
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| **Assessment Type** | **Same Day Assessment** | **Panel Chair** | **Certificate Writer** | **Extra Reading Time (per hour)** |
| **Non-Complex** | $2460 | $410 | $1025 | $410 |
| **Complex** | $2870 |
| **Additional Fees** |
| **Assessment** | **Additional Item** | **Description** | **Amount** |
| **All Assessments** | Neuropsychological assessment(ABI protocol) | * Screening assessment
* Full assessment
 | $2050$3280 |
| Medical Assessor conferencing | * Pro rata rate of $205 per hour
 | $205 |
| Extra ‘minor’ impairment assessments | * Minor skin or minor dental injuries
 | $205 |
| Two or more applications | * 1 hour equivalent
 | $410 |
| Multiple treatment disputes | * Up to 5 disputes
* More than   5 disputes
 | $205$410 |
| Interpreter loading | * Per medical assessment examination
 | $205 |
| Surveillance imaging review | * Pro rata rate of $205 per hour
 | $205 |
| Unreasonably late attendance by claimant or interpreter | * Requiring an extra 30 minutes or   more to complete medical assessment examination
* Requiring additional appointment to   complete medical assessment examination
 | $205$410 |
| Travel time to conduct an examination | * Pro rata rate of $205 per hour
 | $205 |
| Travel to conduct an examination | * Motor vehicle per kilometre rate
 | $0.66\* |
| **All Assessments (excluding Reviews)** | Non-attendance or Late Cancellation | * Notified with less than 1 weeks   notice
* Notified with less than 72 hours   notice
 | $410$820 |
| **Review Panel Assessments** | Non-attendance or Late Cancellation | * Physical examination/Assessor
* Psychiatric examination/Assessor
 | $410$820 |

**Explanatory Notes for Medical Assessment Fees**

* Medical assessment fees are based on an hourly rate of $410 and include the Medical Assessor’s review of the file, examination and preparation of a certificate including reasons.
* No additional fees are payable in relation to an obvious error application.
* Additional fees may be paid in relation to an incomplete certificate.
* Additional fees (above) are paid on the basis that the ‘additional item’ will incur additional time and therefore will be taken into account for any further request for additional fees.
* A discretionary assessment fee at the hourly rate of $410 may be approved in accordance with the *Medical Assessors Fee Schedule Additional Loadings Policy*.
* Travel expenses must be made using the current *Dispute Resolution Services Medical Assessor payment request* and in accordance with the current *SIRA Medical Assessors and Reviews Panel Assessors Travel Expenses Policy*.
* \*Travel expenses are based on the annual *Treasury Circular – Review of Meal, Travelling and other Allowances.*

**Permanent Impairment Assessments – physical and psychiatric**

**Non-Complex Fee**

* 1 or 2 body systems referred for assessment (there may be more than one injury in each body system).  For example, a soft tissue injury to the cervical, thoracic, lumbar spine and shoulders is non-complex because it involves 2 body systems – Spine and Upper Limb.
* The review of documents should not take more than one hour.

**Complex Fee**

* More than 2 body systems referred for assessment.
* Multiple injuries within 1 body system. For example, separate finger, wrist and shoulder injuries (bilateral injuries do not constitute a complex case).
* Medical assessment examination of the claimant is likely to take more than one hour for physical or up to two hours for psychiatric cases.
* A large quantity of documentation is provided which is likely to take more than one hour to review.

**Treatment Assessments**

**Non-Complex Fee**

* Assessment of several treatment disputes which relate to the same injury. For example, physiotherapy and arthroscopy disputes in a knee injury – single analysis of the current status and need for further intervention in relation to a knee injury only or massage therapy, CT scan and need for ongoing review by an orthopaedic specialist in relation to a soft tissue injury of the spine - all decisions in this case flow from a single analysis of the status and need for further intervention in relation to the spinal injury.
* The review of documents should not take more than one hour.

**Complex Fee**

* Medical assessment examination of the claimant is likely to take longer than one hour.
* A large quantity of documentation is provided, which is likely to require more than one hour to review.

**Medical Review Panel Assessments**

* 1st teleconference - 3 hours (non-complex fee) or 4 hours (complex fee) spent by each Panel Assessor where the determination is made at the 1st teleconference.
* 2nd teleconference - 2 additional hours for all Panel Assessors where a 2nd teleconference is required.
* 3rd teleconference - 1 additional hour for all Panel Assessors where a 3rd teleconference is required.

**Same Day Psychiatric Review Panel Assessments**

* Fees cover conferences and medical assessment examination conducted on the same day per assessment.
* Fees allow for 6 hours (non-complex fee) and 7 hours (complex fee) spent by each Panel Assessor for pre-reading, conferencing, medical assessment examination and later certificate editing.