

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS SCHEDULE OF FEES EFFECTIVE 1 MARCH 2019



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DEFINITIONS

Initial Consultation

- Up to two initial consultations can be claimed in a 12 month referral period. Each initial must be for a new episode of care or a new and unrelated condition and for which a new referral has been issued.
- Treatment for White Card holders must be related to an accepted disability. Eligibility must be established prior to commencement of treatment.

Subsequent Consultation:

- Cannot be claimed on the same day as an initial consultation for the same patient.
- Should be claimed for ongoing treatment of a condition.
- Two consultations cannot be claimed for the same patient on the same day.

Special Consultation:

- To be claimed for home visits only where measurements are taken for major structural home modifications such as structural bathroom modifications, ramps, water lifts and stair climbers.
- Follow-up to special consultations can be claimed where in-depth follow-up concerning structural modifications is required, such as pre-construction and post-construction home visits.

Shaded item numbers require prior financial authorisation from DVA. To obtain prior financial authorisation, please contact DVA using the contact details at the end of this Schedule.

FURTHER INFORMATION TO ASSIST YOU WHEN TREATING MEMBERS OF THE VETERAN COMMUNITY IS CONTAINED IN THE 'NOTES FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS' AVAILABLE ON THE DVA WEBSITE AT:

<http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/allied-health-professionals>

ROOMS

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT01	Initial Consultation	\$ 88.30	GST-free
OT07	Subsequent Consultation	\$ 88.30	GST-free

HOME

An out of rooms loading is automatically added to consultations

TREATMENT

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT02	Initial Consultation	\$ 110.40	GST-free
OT08	Subsequent Consultation	\$ 110.40	GST-free

AIDS ASSESSMENT

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT20	Standard Consultation	\$ 88.40	GST-free
OT30	Extended Consultation	\$ 110.40	GST-free
OT35	Follow-up Consultation	\$ 86.35	GST-free
OT40	Special Consultation (major modifications only)	\$ 198.75	GST-free
OT41	Follow-up to Special Consultation (major modifications only)	\$ 132.45	GST-free

INSTITUTIONS REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL

(1) PUBLIC HOSPITALS

The Department will only pay for health care services carried out in public hospitals in exceptional circumstances, and only where DVA has given prior financial authorisation.

(2) HIGH LEVEL CARE IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES (RACFs)

The level of care an entitled person receives in a RACF refers to the health status and classification of the eligible veteran, as determined under the *Classification Principles 2014*, not the facility in which they reside.

Prior Financial authorisation is required before providing clinically necessary allied health services to an eligible person in a RACF classified as requiring a greater level of care as described in paragraph 7(6)(a) of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014*.

Note: A person in a RACF classified as requiring a greater level of care is described in paragraph 7(6)(a) of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014* as a care recipient in residential care whose classification level under the *Classification Principles 2014* includes any of the following:

- (i) high ADL domain category;
- (ii) high CHC domain category;
- (iii) high behaviour domain category;
- (iv) a medium domain category in at least 2 domains; or
- (v) a care recipient whose classification level is high level residential respite care.

TREATMENT*

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT03	Initial Consultation	\$ 110.40	GST-free
OT09	Subsequent Consultation	\$ 110.40	GST-free

AIDS ASSESSMENT*

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT21	Standard Consultation	\$ 88.40	GST-free
OT31	Extended Consultation	\$ 110.40	GST-free
OT36	Follow-up Consultation	\$ 86.35	GST-free

INSTITUTIONS NOT REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL

(1) PRIVATE HOSPITALS

The Department will only pay for health care services carried out by providers in private hospitals when the contract between DVA and the hospital does not already cover these services. It is the provider's responsibility to determine whether or not health care services are included in the bed-day rate under the DVA contract, before providing services. To do this, please contact the Veteran Liaison Officer at the hospital or contact DVA.

(2) LOW LEVEL CARE IN A RACF

Prior financial authorisation is not required for clinically necessary allied health services provided to an eligible veteran in a RACF classified as requiring a lower level of care who is not referred to in paragraph 7(6)(a) of the *Quality of Care Principles 2014*.

If a provider is in doubt about the classification of an eligible veteran in a RACF who has been referred to them, they must contact the facility. It is the provider's responsibility to ascertain the classification of an eligible veteran before they provide treatment.

TREATMENT

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT06	Initial Consultation	\$ 110.40	GST-free
OT12	Subsequent Consultation	\$ 110.40	GST-free

AIDS ASSESSMENT

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT24	Standard Consultation	\$ 88.40	GST-free
OT34	Extended Consultation	\$ 110.40	GST-free
OT39	Follow-up Consultation	\$ 86.35	GST-free

LYMPHOEDEMA TREATMENT

- Only occupational therapists with appropriate training, which is recognised by DVA, in the treatment of lymphoedema, are able to provide this treatment to entitled persons.
- Item OT26 should be claimed for all aspects of clinical treatment.
- Prior approval is not necessary for the maximum of 20 sessions per calendar year.

- If treatment outside of the maximum limit is required, contact DVA for prior approval.
- Treatment for lymphoedema cannot be provided to patients already receiving lymphoedema treatment from a physiotherapist.
- Clinically required consumables should be claimed under item OT71 or OT72. Clinically required aids and appliances should be claimed under item OT75.
- All other clinically required consumables, aids and appliances should be sourced through DVA's Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP).
- Do not claim for items that the entitled person can purchase through a pharmacy or supermarket for on-going self management of conditions.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT26	Lymphoedema – per session (maximum of 20 sessions per calendar year)	\$ 136.20	GST-free

TRANSPORT COSTS TO ISLANDS (effective 1 July 2018)

Use these items to claim the reimbursement of travel expenses and waiting time when providing treatment and aids assessment in the home of entitled persons living on the islands: North Stradbroke, Lamb, Russell, Macleay, Coochiemudlo, Karragarra, Magnetic and Torres Strait Islands (list subject to change).

- Use this item to claim the cost of transport to the island (e.g. ferry fare) and transport on the island (e.g. taxi fare).

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT81	Travel/Transport costs <i>Claim invoiced cost only exclusive of GST, not exceeding the maximum fee. DVA will automatically add GST to the amount claimed.</i>	Max. Fee \$ 315.55	Taxable

- Use this item to claim for waiting time for transport to and from the island.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT82	Travel waiting time <i>This item is capped at a maximum of 2 hours and is claimed per 15 minutes. This item can only be claimed in conjunction with OT81.</i>	\$ 22.10 per 15 mins	GST-free

REMOTE AREA ALLOWANCE

- Payable where the OT is required to travel in excess of a 50 kilometre radius from their normal place of business.
- The OT must be the nearest suitable provider and the claim must be from the nearest practice location to the entitled persons place of residence.
- Must be claimed as a separate item number.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT80	Allowance – Per Kilometre	\$ 0.90	GST-free

REPORT WRITING

A standard report (OT50) is claimable in association with an Aids Assessment consultation (Standard or Extended) when submitting a direct order form or prior approval form.

A schematic report (OT51) is claimable in association with a Special Consultation or a Follow-up Special Consultation (OT40-OT41) and only where a detailed diagram or diagrams are required for major structural home modifications.

Please note: Report writing items are not to be claimed for creating or maintaining patient records.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT50	Standard Report	\$ 44.20	Taxable
OT51	Schematic Report	\$ 88.30	Taxable

CLINICALLY REQUIRED CONSUMABLES

- Use these items only for the supply of consumables and small items. Please ensure that you retain documentation and/or invoices on file to substantiate claims.
- Small aids and appliances covered by section 38-45 of the GST Act may be provided under the Item No. OT75.
- All other aids and appliances must be sourced through RAP.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT71	Consumables clinically required immediately during the consultation/treatment <i>Do not claim for items that the entitled person should purchase through a pharmacy or supermarket for ongoing self-management of conditions. Claim invoiced cost only, not exceeding the maximum fee.</i>	Max. Fee \$ 51.95	GST-Free φφ
OT72	Consumables clinically required for treatment after consultation <i>Do not claim for items that the entitled person should purchase through a pharmacy or supermarket for ongoing self-management of conditions. Claim invoiced cost only exclusive of GST, not exceeding the maximum fee. DVA will automatically add GST to the amount claimed.</i>	Max. Fee \$ 51.95	Taxable

SPLINTS/CASTS

- Use these items only for the supply of splints and casts that are covered by section 38-45 of the GST Act.
- Prior financial authorisation must be sought from DVA if the cost of a static splint or cast exceeds \$91.00, or exceeds \$194.90 for a dynamic splint. Splints may also be sourced through RAP.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT73	Static Splint/Cast <i>Claim the invoiced amount only, not exceeding the maximum fee.</i>	Max. Fee \$ 91.00	GST-Free φφ
OT74	Dynamic Splint <i>Claim the invoiced amount only, not exceeding the maximum fee.</i>	Max. Fee \$ 194.90	GST-Free φφ

SMALL MEDICAL AIDS AND APPLIANCES

Use this item:

- for the supply of small medical aids and appliances that are covered by section 38-45 of the GST Act.
- to facilitate the provision of small medical aids and appliances, e.g. soft collar, braces for knee, ankle, elbow or wrist, lumbar corsets etc.

All other aids and appliances must be sourced through RAP.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT75	Small Medical Aids and Appliances <i>Use this item to facilitate the provision of small medical aids and appliances covered by section 38-45 of the GST Act. Claim the invoiced cost only, not exceeding the maximum fee, and attach a copy of the invoice to your claim.</i>	Max. Fee \$ 104.05	GST-free φφ
OT98	Small Medical Aids and Appliances – Postage/Freight <i>Use this item to claim an actual amount of postage or freight directly attributable to an item purchased for an entitled person and claimed under OT75. Claim the invoiced cost only, not exceeding the maximum fee.</i> Restriction: <i>This item cannot be claimed separately, i.e. it can only be claimed in conjunction with Item OT75.</i>	Max. Fee \$ 12.75	Taxable

DIRECT SUPPLY TO DVA

(Subject to prior financial authorisation)

Use item number OT99 only when DVA contacts you directly to request that you provide:

- a written report; or
- a consultation or assessment to entitled persons, either separately or in conjunction with a written report.

For example, this may occur when DVA requires a second opinion concerning treatment for an entitled person. DVA will give financial authorisation and advise the fee at the time of the request, according to the above schedule items. The kilometre allowance and remote area allowance are included in the fee, and are not to be claimed in addition to the fee.

Please note: Item number OT99 does not cover the supply of clinical notes, care plans or other information requested by DVA as part of monitoring activities, as these are provided free-of-charge under DVA requirements.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (excluding GST)	GST STATUS ++
OT99	Report or service specifically requested by DVA	Fee specified at time of request	Taxable

KEY

++ Recognised Professional	Paragraph 38-10(1)(b) of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Act states that only a 'recognised professional' can supply GST-free health services as listed in section 38-10. Please refer to section 195-1 of the GST Act for the definition of 'recognised professional' for GST purposes.
φφ GST-free consumables	Please refer to sections 38-10(3), 38-20(3), 38-45, 38-47 of the 'A New Tax System Act 1999' (GST Act) to determine the status of the health good, and GSTR2001/8 for determining the GST status and whether apportionment is required if there are GST-free and taxable components in a supply.

<p>DVA CONTACTS:</p> <p>PHONE NUMBERS:</p> <p>Non-metropolitan callers: 1800 550 457 Metropolitan callers: 1300 550 457</p> <p>POSTAL ADDRESS FOR ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES:</p> <p>Medical and Allied Health Department of Veterans' Affairs GPO Box 9998 ADELAIDE SA 5001</p> <p>DVA FAX NUMBER FOR APPROVALS:</p> <p>(08) 8290 0422 (for all States and Territories)</p> <p>DVA WEBSITE:</p> <p>http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/allied-health-professionals</p>	<p>CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT</p> <p>For more information about claims for payment visit: www.dva.gov.au/providers/how-claim</p> <p>Claiming Online</p> <p>DVA offers online claiming utilising Medicare Online Claiming. For more information about the online solutions available :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • email onlineclaiming@dva.gov.au or • visit the Department of Human Services' website at www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/business/online/index.jsp <p>DVA Webclaim : DVA Webclaim is available on the Department of Human Services (DHS) Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) portal</p> <p>HPOS Technical Support enquiries: Phone: 1800 700 199 or email: eBusiness@humanservices.gov.au</p> <p>Billing, banking and claim enquiries: Phone: 1300 550 017 or email: veterans.processing@humanservices.gov.au</p> <p>Manual Claiming</p> <p>Please send all claims for payment to:</p> <p>Veterans' Affairs Processing (VAP) Department of Human Services GPO Box 964 ADELAIDE SA 5001</p> <p>Claim Enquiries: 1300 550 017 (Option 2 Allied Health)</p>
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