



Psychiatrists

as at 1 November 2013

Medical services covered by this schedule

This schedule of fees applies to medical reports and examinations conducted at the request of the Income Support section to investigate claims for Invalidity Service Pension. It does not apply to any aspect of treatment.

Medical services not covered

With the exception of the Invalidity Details form, the Department does not pay the provider for medical reports where they are requested by other parties, including veterans, veterans' advocates and veterans' solicitors.

Invoicing procedure

An account (*or invoice*) must be lodged for payment to be made. To enable prompt payment, the account should be attached to the requested medical report forms. **Please do not use the Treatment Services Vouchers for these accounts.**

The fees for reports and consultations provided as part of this investigation incurred Goods and Services Tax (*GST*) if the provider is GST registered. GST registered providers should make claims for payment on a 'Tax Invoice'.

The report and the account should be sent to the officer who requested the report, at the Department of Veterans' Affairs in your state.

An account will not be paid until the related report is received.

Prior approval for additional procedures

Where tests or procedures are necessary in order for you to complete the requested report, you should ensure that you obtain approval from the requesting officer prior to arranging such tests.

Note

For Invalidity Service Pension purposes, because the disability does not have to be service related, it is not necessary to provide a full report that addresses all parts of the Diagnostic Guidelines for Psychiatric Assessment.

The relevant fees are listed on the next page.

Types of services and/or reports that may be requested

Invalidity Details form

Veterans lodging claims for Invalidity Service Pension who are not receiving disability pension at the special rate (*T&PI*) and who are not blind in both eyes may be required to ask their treating doctor (*or psychiatrist*) to provide a medical diagnosis in relation to the disability(ies) the veteran claims is impairing their ability to work. This diagnosis is to be provided on the Invalidity Details form.

GARP forms and the Work Test Questionnaire

Psychiatrists may be asked to conduct medical examinations and complete a set of forms needed for the investigation of veterans' claims for Invalidity Service Pension. These forms, aside from the Invalidity Details form, may include GARP impairment forms and/or a Work Test Questionnaire.

	Type of service provided	Fee for report
1.	For treating psychiatrist, provision of diagnosis without further consultation (<i>completion of Invalidity Details form</i>)	\$176.27
	Goods and Services Tax	\$ 17.63
	Total	\$193.90
2.	For a diagnosis and <i>brief</i> summary of the evidence on which the diagnosis is based and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an assessment of all specified emotional and behavioural conditions including completion of a Departmental Emotional and Behavioural Impairment worksheet (<i>the fee includes all consultations with the veteran and family members or other third parties in which the sole or major objective was to obtain data to assess the impairment</i>) • completion of the work test questionnaire 	\$731.82
	Goods and Services Tax	\$73.18
	Total	\$805.00
3.	In certain circumstances, the Department will agree to payment of additional fees, but only after prior agreement. It is necessary to obtain approval in writing from the Senior Medical Officer (<i>Compensation</i>) before any additional fees are paid.	