



Treating Doctors
(General Practitioners)
Current as of 1 November 2012

Medical services covered by this schedule

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

As far as possible, these fees are aligned with those paid by the Disability Compensation section in relation to claims for Disability Pensions.

Medical services not covered

With the exception of the Invalidity Details form, the Department of Veterans' Affairs 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 Invalidity Details form or other requested medical report form. **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 addressed 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.

The relevant fees are listed on the next page.

Types of services and/or reports that may be requested

A. Invalidation Details form

Veterans lodging claims for Invalidation 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 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 Invalidation Details form.

When completing the Invalidation Details form, it is not necessary to provide information about a disability, beyond the diagnosis.

	Type of service provided	Fee for consultation	Fee for report
A1.	Provision of medical diagnoses on page 2 of the Invalidation Details form	As per Medical Benefits Schedule	\$29.30
	Goods and Services Tax		\$ 2.93
	Total		\$32.23
A2.	Provision of medical diagnoses on Invalidation Details form plus provision of specialist reports, results of tests, etc.	As per Medical Benefits Schedule	\$60.60
	Goods and Services Tax		\$ 6.06
	Total		\$66.66

B. Completion of GARP forms or Work Test Questionnaire where a consultation is not required

For completion of departmental medical report (GARP) forms and/or Work Test Questionnaire, the fee is \$15.79 (includes GST) per page.

Note: A fee of \$15.79 will only be paid for a page that contains substantial and useable information in relation to the disability(ies) that are impairing the veteran's ability to work.

C. Conducting medical examinations and completion of medical report forms

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

	Type of service provided	Fee for consultation	Fee for report (per page)
C1.	GARP examination and completion of forms provided (including Work Test Questionnaire)	\$36.30	\$14.35
	Standard consultation - less than 20 minutes		
	Goods and Services Tax	\$ 3.63	\$ 1.44
	Total	\$39.93	\$15.79
C2.	GARP examination and completion of forms provided (including Work Test Questionnaire)	\$70.30	\$14.35
	Long consultation - less than 40 minutes		
	Goods and Services Tax	\$ 7.03	\$ 1.44
	Total	\$77.33	\$15.79
C3.	GARP examination and completion of forms provided (including Work Test Questionnaire)	\$103.50	\$14.35
	Prolonged consultation - at least 40 minutes		
	Goods and Services Tax	\$10.35	\$ 1.44
	Total	\$113.85	\$15.79
C4.	Consultation and completion of Work Test Questionnaire	\$65.60	
	Goods and Services Tax	\$ 6.56	
	Total	\$72.16	