



Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal

Guideline No. 2 of 2019

**FEES FOR THE PREPARATION OF REPORTS AND
PROVISION OF COUNSELLING SERVICES**

Purpose

This Guideline is issued by the Chief Magistrate pursuant to section 45(1A) of the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 1996* for the purpose of guiding Tribunal Members and Registrars in awarding financial assistance for expenses relating to counselling reports and sessions. A Tribunal Member may depart from this Guideline in appropriate circumstances.

Scope

This Guideline applies to all awards for counselling made on and after the commencement date, and for reports filed on or after the commencement date.

Related documents

This Guideline should be read in conjunction with the Chief Magistrate's Practice Directions 1 of 2014 regarding procedures to be followed by treating counsellors (psychologists and non-psychologists) and Practice Direction 2 of 2014 regarding procedures to follow in the preparation and filing of assessment reports prepared by a psychologist who will not be providing treatment/counselling.

Fees for Preparation of Reports

Report Type	Fee	
	Registered Psychologist	Non-Psychologist
First report recommending an award of financial assistance for 5 hours or less of counselling	\$320	\$320
First report recommending an award of financial assistance for more than 5 hours of counselling	* \$390 to \$645	\$390 to \$645
Subsequent report for award of financial assistance recommending financial assistance for further counselling than previously awarded	*\$320	\$320

* and for up to 2 hours at the authorised hourly rate for time spent conducting formal testing that is necessary for the purpose of preparing the report.

Report Type	Fee (including GST)
	Registered Psychologist / Psychiatrist
Assessment report by non-treating psychologist	\$390 to \$650

Fees for Counselling Services

Duration of Individual Client Counselling Sessions	Fee	
	Registered Psychologist	Non-Psychologist
30 minutes	\$95	\$75
60 minutes	\$170	\$135
90 minutes	\$255	\$195

Duration of Group or Family Counselling Sessions	Fee	
	Registered Psychologist	Non-Psychologist
30 minutes	\$65 per person to a maximum of \$180	\$50 per person to a maximum of \$150
60 minutes	\$105 per person to a maximum of \$320	\$85 per person to a maximum of \$260

Commencement date

The Guideline has effect from 1 January 2019.



PETER LAURITSEN
Chief Magistrate