



Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal

## Guideline No. 2 of 2022

### **FEEES 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 2021 regarding procedures to be followed by treating counsellors (psychologists and non-psychologists) and Practice Direction 2 of 2022 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	Mental Health Social Worker/ Non-Psychologist
First report recommending an award of financial assistance for 5 hours or less of counselling	\$340	\$340
First report recommending an award of financial assistance for more than 5 hours of counselling	*\$420 to \$695	\$420 to \$695
Subsequent report for award of financial assistance recommending financial assistance for further counselling than previously awarded	*\$340	\$340

\* 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/ Mental Health Social Worker
Assessment report by non-treating psychologist	\$420 to \$695

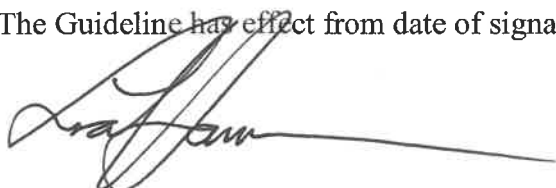
### Fees for Counselling Services

Duration of Individual Client Counselling Sessions	Fee		
	Registered Psychologist	Mental Health Social Worker	Non-Psychologist/ Social Worker
30 minutes	\$110	\$100	\$90
60 minutes	\$185	\$165	\$150
90 minutes	\$270	\$235	\$210

Duration of Group or Family Counselling Sessions	Fee		
	Registered Psychologist	Mental Health Social Worker	Non-Psychologist/ Social Worker
30 minutes	\$80 per person to a maximum of \$195	\$70 per person to a maximum of \$185	\$60 per person to a maximum of \$165
60 minutes	\$120 per person to a maximum of \$340	\$110 per person to a maximum of \$310	\$100 per person to a maximum of \$275

### Commencement date

The Guideline has effect from date of signature.



**JUDGE HANNAN**  
Chief Magistrate

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