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**WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND REHABILITATION
ACT 1981**

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION
AND REHABILITATION
(SCALES OF FEES)
AMENDMENT REGULATIONS
2000**

Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 1981

Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2000

Made by the Governor in Executive Council, on the recommendation of the Commission, under section 176(1a).

1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2000*.

2. The regulations amended

The amendments in these regulations are to the *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998**.

[* *Published in Gazette 13 October 1998, pp. 5711-25.*
For amendments to 29 November 2000 see 1999 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 4, p. 344.]

3. Regulation 6 amended

Regulation 6 is amended by deleting "\$135.50" and inserting —
" \$138.65 ”.

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4. Regulation 8 amended

Regulation 8 is amended by deleting "\$100.00" and inserting —
 " \$102.30 ".

5. Schedule 1 amended

- (1) Schedule 1 Part 1 is amended by deleting from the start of that Part to the end of the Specialists item headed "ANAESTHETISTS" and inserting —

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<i>Type of service/by whom</i>	<i>Fee</i>
	\$

GENERAL PRACTITIONER

CONSULTATIONS

Surgery Consultation: In Hours

Content based	\$
Minor Service (Level A)	17.90
Specific Service (Level B)	37.95
Extended Service (Level C)	67.55
Comprehensive Service (Level D)	97.20
Time based	\$
up to 5 mins	26.10
5-15 mins	33.25
15-30 mins	64.45
30-45 mins	96.20
45-60 mins	130.95

Surgery Consultations: Out of hours

For attendances between the hours of 6pm and 8am on a weekday or between 12 noon on Saturday and 8am on the following Monday, and Public Holiday

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Content based	\$
Minor Service (Level A)	27.45
Specific Service (Level B)	56.90
Extended Service (Level C)	101.30
Comprehensive Service (Level D)	147.35
Time based	\$
up to 5 mins	47.10
5-15 mins	55.25
15-30 mins	84.95
30 + mins	116.65

VISITS

<u>Consultations at a place other than the Consulting Rooms</u>	\$
in hours	
Minor Service (Level A)	45.35
Specific Service (Level B)	65.40
Extended Service (Level C)	94.15
Comprehensive Service (Level D)	122.80
out of hours	\$
Minor Service (Level A)	54.85
Specific Service (Level B)	83.30
Extended Service (Level C)	126.85
Comprehensive Service (Level D)	173.95

TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Time based	\$
up to 5 mins	15.05
5-15 mins	18.80
15-30 mins	39.30
30 + mins	58.95

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CASE CONFERENCES, discussions with employers/insurers,
rehabilitation providers, workplace assessments etc

per hour	\$169.20
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TRAVELLING FEES

Outside the metropolitan area

Rate per kilometre	\$3.00
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***PHYSICIANS, OCCUPATIONAL & REHABILITATION
PHYSICIANS***

PHYSICIANS

CONSULTATIONS

<u>Professional attendance at consulting rooms and issue of certificate (if required) et al</u>	\$
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first attendance	170.75
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subsequent attendances	85.45
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VISITS

<u>Professional attendance at a place other than consulting rooms and issue of certificate (if required) et al</u>	\$
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first attendance	202.45
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subsequent attendances	118.05
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REHABILITATION PHYSICIANS

CONSULTATIONS

Professional attendance at consulting rooms
and issue of certificate (if required) et al \$

first attendance 170.75

subsequent attendances 85.45

VISITS

Professional attendance at a place other than
consulting rooms and issue of certificate (if
required) et al \$

first attendance 204.50

subsequent attendances 118.05

OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICIANS

CONSULTATIONS

Professional attendance at consulting rooms
and issue of certificate (if required) et al \$

first attendance 170.75

subsequent attendances 85.45

VISITS

Professional attendance at a place other than
consulting rooms and issue of certificate (if
required) et al \$

first attendance 170.75

subsequent attendances 85.45

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TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Time based	\$
up to 5 mins	22.35
5 to 15 mins	27.65
15-30 mins	57.80
30 + mins	87.30

CASE CONFERENCES, discussions with employers/insurers, rehabilitation providers, workplace assessments etc

per hour	\$250.80
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TRAVELLING FEES

Outside the metropolitan area

Rate per kilometre	\$3.00
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CONSULTANT PSYCHIATRISTS

CONSULTATIONS

<u>Professional attendance at consulting rooms and issue of certificate (if required) et al</u>	\$
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Time based

up to 15 mins	50.10
15-30 mins	99.95
30-45 mins	149.70
45-60 mins	200.30
60-75 mins	226.70
75 + mins	253.00

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VISITS

Professional attendance at a place other than
consulting rooms and issue of certificate (if
required) et al

\$

Time based

up to 15 mins

82.25

15-30 mins

132.80

30-45 mins

181.35

45-75 mins

231.95

75 + mins

279.40

TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Time based

\$

up to 45 mins

68.55

45 + mins

149.70

**CASE CONFERENCES, discussions with employers/insurers,
rehabilitation providers, workplace assessments etc**

per hour

\$250.80

TRAVELLING FEES

Outside the metropolitan area

Rate per kilometre

\$3.00

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SPECIALISTS

SURGEONS

CONSULTATIONS

Professional attendance at consulting rooms
and issue of certificate (if required) et al \$

first attendance 97.10

subsequent attendances 50.65

VISITS

Professional attendance at a place other than
consulting rooms and issue of certificate (if
required) et al \$

first attendance 130.95

subsequent attendances 83.40

DERMATOLOGISTS

CONSULTATIONS

Professional attendance at consulting rooms
and issue of certificate (if required) et al \$

first attendance 97.00

subsequent attendances 50.65

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VISITS

Professional attendance at a place other than
consulting rooms and issue of certificate (if
required) et al

\$

first attendance	130.75
subsequent attendances	83.30

TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Time based

\$

up to 5 mins	22.35
5-15 mins	27.65
15-30 mins	57.80
30 + mins	87.30

CASE CONFERENCES, discussions with employers/insurers,
rehabilitation providers, workplace assessments etc

per hour	\$250.80
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TRAVELLING FEES

Country

Rate per kilometre	\$3.00
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ANAESTHETISTS

CONSULTATIONS

\$

Standard pre-anaesthesia	61.85
Referred pre-anaesthesia —	
initial attendance	123.70
subsequent attendance	61.85

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- (2) Schedule 1 Part 1 is amended before the heading to Part A, under the heading “\$ VALUE PER UNIT”, by deleting “\$30.23” and inserting instead —
- “ \$30.95 ”.
- (3) Schedule 1 Parts 2 and 3 are deleted and the following Parts are inserted instead —

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Part 2 — Medical procedures

<i>Type of procedure</i>	<i>Fee</i>
	\$
GENERAL	
Localised burns	37.35
Localised burns, including dressing of, under general anaesthetic	106.40
Extensive burns	64.45
Extensive burns, including dressing of, under general anaesthetic	225.10
Dressing of wounds, under general anaesthetic	106.40
Acupuncture, including consultation	49.65

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DISLOCATIONS

'closed reduction' means non operative reduction of the dislocation, and included percutaneous fixation and/or external splintage by cast or splint

'open reduction' means treatment by either closed reduction and intra-medullary fixation or treatment by operative exposure of the dislocation including internal or external fixation

'other' means treatment by any other method and includes the use of external splintage

[Where injuries are associated with a compound (open) wound, an additional fee of 50% of the fee listed is to apply]

	\$
Elbow, by closed reduction	200.55
Elbow, by open reduction	266.00
Interphalangeal joint, by closed reduction	85.95
Interphalangeal joint, by open reduction	114.60
Mandible, by closed reduction	71.65
Clavicle, by closed reduction	84.95
Clavicle, by open reduction	171.90
Shoulder, not requiring general anaesthetic	84.95
Shoulder, by open reduction, with general anaesthetic	342.75
Shoulder, other, with general anaesthetic	169.85

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Metacarpophalangeal joint, by closed reduction	114.60
Metacarpophalangeal joint, by open reduction	153.45
Patella, by closed reduction	128.90
Patella, by open reduction	171.90
Radioulnar joint, by closed reduction	200.55
Radioulnar joint, by open reduction	266.00
Toe, by closed reduction	71.65
Toe by open reduction	95.15
REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODIES —	
	\$
as independent procedure	31.20
superficial	139.15
deep tissue or muscle	388.75
ear, other than by syringing	100.25
nose, other than by simple probing	100.25
cornea or sclera, embedded	102.30

FRACTURES

'closed reduction' means non operative reduction of the fracture, and included percutaneous fixation and/or external splintage by cast or splint

'open reduction' means treatment by either closed reduction and intra-medullary fixation or treatment by operative exposure of the fracture including internal or external fixation

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'other' means treatment by any other method and includes the use of external splintage

[Where injuries are associated with a compound (open) wound, an additional fee of 50% of the fee listed is to apply]

	\$
Distal phalanx of finger or thumb fracture, by closed reduction	128.90
fracture, intra-articular, by closed reduction	149.40
fracture, by open reduction	171.90
fracture, intra-articular, by open reduction	214.85
Middle phalanx of finger fracture, by closed reduction	194.40
fracture, intra-articular, by closed reduction	219.95
fracture, by open reduction	255.75
fracture, intra-articular, by open reduction	322.25
Proximal phalanx of finger or thumb fracture, by closed reduction	255.75
fracture, intra-articular, by closed reduction	301.80
fracture, by open reduction	342.75
fracture, intra-articular, by open reduction	429.70

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Metacarpal	
fracture, by closed reduction	255.75
fracture, intra-articular, by closed reduction	301.80
fracture, by open reduction	342.75
fracture, intra-articular, by open reduction	429.70
Carpal Scaphoid, by open reduction	572.90
Carpal Scaphoid, other	255.75
Carpus (excluding Scaphoid), by open reduction	358.05
Carpus (excluding Scaphoid), other	143.25
Radius	
by closed management	286.45
by open management	572.90
Radius or Ulnar, distal end, (Colies', Smith's or Barton's)	
by closed reduction	429.70
by open reduction	572.90
Ribs (1 or more), each attendance	65.50
Tibia, plateau of, medial or lateral	
by closed reduction	516.65
by open reduction	685.45

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Tibia, plateau of, medial and lateral	
by closed reduction	859.35
by open reduction	1150.90

SUTURES

	\$
face or neck, less than 7 cm, superficial	102.30
face or neck, less than 7 cm, deep	155.50
face or neck, more than 7 cm, superficial	155.50
face or neck, more than 7 cm, deep	266.00
except face or neck, less than 7cm, superficial	77.75
except face or neck, less than 7cm, deep	116.65
except face or neck, more than 7cm, superficial	116.65
except face or neck, less than 7cm, deep	255.75

AMPUTATIONS

	\$
Hand, midcarpal or transmetacarpal	388.75
Hand, forearm or through arm	450.15
At shoulder	762.15
Interscapulothoracic	1514.05
One digit of foot	204.60
Two digits of one foot	306.90
Three digits of one foot	414.35
Four digits of one foot	516.65
Five digits of one foot	618.95
Foot, at ankle	450.15
Foot, midtarsal or transmetatarsal	388.75

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Through thigh, at knee or below knee	664.95
Hand, forearm or arm	450.15
At hip	936.05

ASSISTANCE AT OPERATIONS

The fee for assistance at any operation (or series or combination of operations) is to be related to the fee listed for the operation (or series or combination of operations) itself.

The fee is 20% of the total fee or the minimum sum of \$128.90, whichever is greater.

USE OF PRIVATE THEATRES

A theatre fee of \$77.75 will be paid to practitioners for the use of their private theatre, but this fee may only be charged if the patient would otherwise have been sent to hospital.

Part 3 — Radiology

<i>Radiographic Examination and Report</i> <i>(with or without fluoroscopy)</i>	<i>Fee</i> \$
HANDS AND FEET	
Digits or phalanges - all or any of either hand or either foot	75.70
Hand, wrist, forearm, elbow or arm (elbow to shoulder)	75.70

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Hand, wrist, lower forearm or upper forearm and elbow or elbow and arm (elbow to shoulder)	98.25
Foot, ankle, lower leg, upper leg or thigh (femur)	81.85
Foot, ankle, lower leg or upper leg and thigh (femur)	120.75

SHOULDER OR HIP JOINT

	\$
Shoulder or Scapula	98.25
Clavicle	79.80
Hip	92.10
Pelvic Girdle	114.60
Sacroiliac joint	114.60
Femur, internal fixation of neck or intertrochanteric (per trochanteric) fracture	190.30

HEAD

	\$
Skull (Calvarium)	120.75
Sinuses	92.10
Mastoids	151.40
Petrous temporal bones	120.75
Facial bones - orbit, maxilla or malar, any or all	124.85
Mandible	114.60
Salivary calculus	114.60
Nose	92.10
Eye	92.10
Temporo-Mandibular joints	120.75
Teeth - single area (not applicable to dentists)	75.70
Teeth - full mouth (not applicable to dentists)	190.30

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Palato-Pharyngeal studies with fluoroscopic screening	114.60
Palato-Pharyngeal studies without fluoroscopic screening	92.10
Larynx	81.85

SPINE

	\$
Spine - cervical	120.75
Spine - thoracic	101.30
Spine - lumbo-sacral	141.20
Spine - sacro-coccygeal	84.95
Spine - functional views of one area	37.85

BONE AGE & SKELETAL SURVEYS

	\$
Skeletal survey involving four or more regions	167.80

THORACIC

	\$
Chest (lung fields) by direct radiography	92.10
Chest (lung fields) by direct radiography with fluoroscopic screening	114.60
Thoracic inlet or trachea	92.10
Chest by miniature radiography	41.95
Cardiac examination (including barium swallow)	114.60
Sternum or ribs on one side	92.10
Sternum and ribs on one side, or ribs on both sides	114.60
Sternum and ribs on both sides	141.20

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URINARY TRACT

	\$
Plain renal only	92.10
Drip infusion pyelography	250.65
Intravenous pyelography, including preliminary plain film	225.10
Intravenous pyelography, including preliminary plain film with delayed examination for cysto-uretic reflex	281.35
Antegrade and retrograde pyelography – unilateral including preliminary plain film	184.15
Retrograde cystography or retrograde urethrography	124.85
Retrograde micturating cysto-urethrography	151.40
Retro-Peritoneal pneumogram	98.25

ALIMENTARY TRACT & BILIARY SYSTEM

	\$
Plain abdominal only	92.10
Oesophagus, with or without examination for foreign body or barium swallow	128.90
Barium or other opaque meal of oesophagus, stomach and duodenum, with or without screening of chest	173.95
Barium or other opaque meal of oesophagus, stomach, duodenum and follow through to colon, with or without screening of chest	202.55
Barium or other opaque meal - small bowel series only	151.40
Opaque enema	173.95
Opaque enema, including air contrast study	202.55
Graham's Test (Cholecystography)	137.10
Cholegraphy, operative or post operative	147.35
Cholegraphy - intravenous	202.55
Cholegraphy - percutaneous transhepatic	147.35

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Cholegraphy - drip infusion 250.65

**FOR LOCALIZATION OF FOREIGN
BODIES**

\$

Foreign body in eye (special method, Sweet's or
other) 124.85

Foreign body, localization of and report, not
covered by any other item in this Part 37.85

TOMOGRAPHY

\$

Tomography of any part and report 114.60

STEREOSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS

\$

Stereoscopic examination and report 23.05

**FLUOROSCOPIC EXAMINATION AND
REPORT** (Fluoroscopic examination and Report not
covered by any other item in this Part - where radiograph is
not taken)

\$

Examination with general anaesthesia 81.85

Examination without general anaesthesia 52.20

WITH OPAQUE OR CONTRAST MEDIA

(Selective coronary arteriography)

\$

Discography - one disc 124.85

Dacryocystography 92.10

Encephalography 214.85

Cerebral ventriculography 167.80

Hysterosalpingography 128.90

Bronchography - one side 190.30

190.30

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Phlebography - one side	190.30
Splenography	225.10
Myelography - one region	128.90
Sialography - one gland	128.90
Vasoepididymography - one side	41.95
Sinuses and fistulae	92.10
Pneumoarthrography	92.10
Contrast arthrography	151.40
Double contrast arthrography	
Lymphangiography, including follow up radiography	124.85 216.90
Peritoneogram (herniography)	

PREPARATION

["**Preparation**" for radiological procedure means the injection of opaque or contrast media, or the removal of fluid and its replacement by air, oxygen or other contrast media or other similar preparation.]

	\$
Encephalography	296.70
Cerebral angiography - percutaneous, one side	230.20
Cerebral angiography - catheter or open exposure, one side	230.20
Cerebral ventriculography	296.70
Dacryocystography - one side	75.70
Bronchography - one or both sides	114.60
Aortography	114.60
Arteriography - peripheral, one artery	116.65
Splenography	92.10
Retroperitoneal pneumogram	92.10
Selective phlebogram	92.10
Selective arteriogram	92.10
Pneumoarthrography	95.15

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Hysterosalpingography	114.60
Drip-infusion pyelography or cholegraphy	56.30
Discography - one disc	75.70
Intra-osseous venography	75.70
Myelography	225.10
Cisternal puncture	151.40
Sinus or fistula, injection into	37.85
Lymphangiography - one side	225.10
Laryngography	114.60
Percutaneous transhepatic cholegram (Cholangiogram)	225.10
Magnetic Resonance Imaging	
	\$
Magnetic Resonance Study of one region of the body or 2 contiguous regions of the body	709.80
Magnetic Resonance Study of 3 or more contiguous regions of the body, or 2 or more separate regions of the body	1419.45
Use of gadolinium	84.40

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6. Schedules 2, 3, 4 and 5 replaced

Schedules 2, 3, 4 and 5 are repealed and the following schedules are inserted instead —

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Schedule 2

(regulation 3)

Scale of fees — physiotherapists

	<i>Type of service</i>	<i>Fee</i>
1.	Standard consultation — Rooms	\$34.55
2.	Standard consultation — Home	\$51.85
3.	Standard consultation — Hospital	\$43.20
4.	Initial (comprehensive) consultation — Rooms	\$43.20
5.	Initial (comprehensive) consultation — Home	\$60.50
6.	Initial (comprehensive) consultation — Hospital	\$51.85
7.	Two distinct areas of treatment per visit	\$51.85
8.	Three or more distinct areas of treatment per visit	\$69.05
9.	Consultation in Rooms outside normal hours	\$43.20
10.	Consultation in Hospital outside normal hours	\$51.85
11.	Consultation in Home outside normal hours	\$69.05
12.	Extended Home visit	\$69.05
13.	Worksite visit (per hour)	\$98.25
14.	Solicitors reports	\$69.05
15.	Travel (per kilometre)	\$00.60
16.	Classes	

<i>Max. No. of People</i>	<i>1hr</i>	<i>2hrs</i>
2	\$49.10	\$98.25 (per person)
4	\$24.55	\$49.10 (per person)
6	\$16.40	\$32.75 (per person)
8	\$12.30	\$24.55 (per person)

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17.	Hydrotherapy	
	Individual treatment (one to one)	\$34.55
	Group treatment (up to 6 patients - individual programmes)	\$25.90
	Class treatment (maximum 10 patients - similar programmes)	\$17.30
18.	Specialist consultations	
	Initial (comprehensive) consultation	\$98.25
	Standard consultation	\$69.05

[Normal hours: Monday to Friday - 8.00am to 6.00pm*]

**Excluding public holidays*

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Schedule 3

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Scale of fees — chiropractors

<i>Type of service</i>	<i>Fee</i>
1. First consultation and examination — Rooms	\$40.85
2. Standard consultation — Rooms	\$34.10
3. Standard consultation — Home	\$50.95
4. Standard consultation — Rooms (out of hours)	\$40.85
5. Travel (per kilometre)	\$00.60
6. Fees for X-Ray (and report when requested)	
Spine	
1 region	\$78.40
2 regions	\$120.10
3 regions	\$149.05
Spot films	\$30.10
up to 18cm x 24cm	\$24.15
35cm x 43cm	\$36.05
35cm x 90cm	\$60.15

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Schedule 4

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Scale of fees — occupational therapists

	<i>Type of service</i>	<i>Fee</i>
1.	Initial comprehensive consultation (up to ½ hour)	\$62.25
2.	Initial comprehensive consultation (½ to 1 hour)	\$119.70
3.	Short consultation (up to ½ hour)	\$26.60
4.	Standard consultation (½ hour to ¾ hour)	\$53.20
5.	Extended consultation (¾ hour to 1 hour)	\$79.80
6.	Extended consultation (1 hour or more)	\$106.40
7.	Standard group consultations (½ hour)	
	2 people	\$53.20 per person
	3 people	\$37.25 per person
	4 people	\$26.60 per person
	More than 4 people	\$21.30 per person
8.	Travel costs are to be calculated at the hourly rate by the length of time spent travelling.	

NOTE: Consultations that extend beyond the scheduled times are charged as a multiple of the standard consultation fee.

