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Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998

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Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981

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1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998*¹.

[Regulation 1 amended in Gazette 1 Nov 2005 p. 4977.]

2. Scales of fees — medical specialists and other medical practitioners

- (1) Under section 292(2)(a)(i) of the Act, the scales of fees set out in Schedule 1 are prescribed as the scales of fees to be paid to medical specialists and other medical practitioners for attendance on, and treatment of, workers suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

- (2) In Schedule 1 —

MBS item number means the item number corresponding to a radiological service described in the Medicare Benefits Schedule published by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, as at November 2006.

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*[Regulation 2 amended in Gazette 28 Dec 2001 p. 6691;
23 Sep 2003 p. 4174; 19 Mar 2004 p. 863; 11 Nov 2005 p. 5569
and 5570; 22 Dec 2006 p. 5757-8; 7 Dec 2007 p. 6034.]*

3. Scale of fees — physiotherapists

- (1) Under section 292(2)(a)(iii) of the Act, the scale of fees set out in Schedule 2 is prescribed as the scale of fees to be paid to physiotherapists for attendance on, and treatment of, workers suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

[(2) deleted]

*[Regulation 3 amended in Gazette 21 Jan 2005 p. 278;
11 Nov 2005 p. 5569 and 5570; 22 Dec 2006 p. 5757-8;
7 Dec 2007 p. 6034.]*

4. Scale of fees — chiropractors

Under section 292(2)(a)(iv) of the Act, the scale of fees set out in Schedule 3 is prescribed as the scale of fees to be paid to chiropractors for attendance on, and treatment of, workers suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

*[Regulation 4 amended in Gazette 11 Nov 2005 p. 5569
and 5570; 22 Dec 2006 p. 5757-8; 7 Dec 2007 p. 6034.]*

5. Scale of fees — occupational therapists

Under section 292(2)(a)(v) of the Act, the scale of fees set out in Schedule 4 is prescribed as the scale of fees to be paid to occupational therapists for attendance on, and treatment of, workers suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

*[Regulation 5 amended in Gazette 11 Nov 2005 p. 5569
and 5570; 22 Dec 2006 p. 5757-8; 7 Dec 2007 p. 6034.]*

6. Scale of fees — clinical psychologists

- (1) Under section 292(2)(a)(vi) of the Act, the hourly rate of ~~-\$~~\$196.35 per hour is prescribed as the fee to be paid to clinical

psychologists for attendance on, and treatment of, workers suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

- (2) The hourly rate under subregulation (1) is also payable for compiling a treatment report, but the hours required to compile a report cannot exceed 3 hours per report.

[Regulation 6 inserted in Gazette 22 Dec 2006 p. 5758; amended in Gazette 7 Dec 2007 p. 6035; 17 Dec 2008 p. 5290; 30 Oct 2009 p. 4345.]

6A. Scale of fees — counselling psychology

Under section 292(2)(a)(viii) of the Act, the hourly rate of \$196.35 per hour is prescribed as the fee to be paid to a psychologist providing counselling services for the treatment of a worker suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

Note: "Counselling psychology" was approved as an "approved treatment" under section 5(1) of the Act in *Gazette* 10/1/2003, p. 55.

[Regulation 6A inserted in Gazette 22 Dec 2006 p. 5758; amended in Gazette 7 Dec 2007 p. 6035; 17 Dec 2008 p. 5290; 30 Oct 2009 p. 4346.]

7. Scale of fees — speech therapists

Under section 292(2)(a)(vii) of the Act, the scale of fees set out in Schedule 5 is prescribed as the scale of fees to be paid to speech pathologists for attendance on, and treatment of, workers suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

[Regulation 7 amended in Gazette 11 Nov 2005 p. 5569 and 5570; 22 Dec 2006 p. 5757-8; 7 Dec 2007 p. 6035.]

7A. Scale of fees — osteopaths

Under section 292(2)(a)(viii) of the Act, the amount of \$62.15 is prescribed as the fee to be paid to an osteopath for an osteopathic consultation with a worker suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

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Note: "Osteopathy" was approved as an "approved treatment" under section 5(1) of the Act in *Gazette* 29/9/2000, p. 5564.

[Regulation 7A inserted in Gazette 22 Dec 2006 p. 5759; amended in Gazette 7 Dec 2007 p. 6035; 17 Dec 2008 p. 5290; 30 Oct 2009 p. 4346.]

7B. Scale of fees — exercise physiologists

Under section 292(2)(a)(viii) of the Act, the scale of fees set out in Schedule 5A is prescribed as the scale of fees to be paid to exercise physiologists for attendance on, and treatment of, workers suffering injuries that are compensable under the Act.

[Regulation 7B inserted in Gazette 17 Dec 2008 p. 5290.]

8. Scale of fees — vocational rehabilitation providers

Under section 292(2)(b) of the Act, the hourly rate of \$146.65 per hour is prescribed as the fee to be paid to approved providers of vocational rehabilitation services when those services are provided to workers in accordance with the Act.

[Regulation 8 amended in Gazette 21 Dec 2000 p. 7626; 28 Dec 2001 p. 6692; 23 Sep 2003 p. 4174; 9 Jan 2004 p. 99; 21 Jan 2005 p. 279; 11 Nov 2005 p. 5569; 10 Jan 2006 p. 44; 22 Dec 2006 p. 5759; 7 Dec 2007 p. 6036; 17 Dec 2008 p. 5291; 30 Oct 2009 p. 4346.]

9. Scale of maximum fees — approved medical specialists

(1) Under section 292(3) of the Act, the scale of maximum fees set out in Schedule 6 is prescribed as the scale of maximum fees to be paid to approved medical specialists for making or attempting to make assessments referred to in Part VII Division 2 of the Act.

(2) In Schedule 6 Part 1 —
assessor has the meaning given by the WorkCover Guides;

report and certificate means a report referred to in section 146H(1)(a) of the Act and a certificate referred to in section 146H(1)(b) of the Act.

[Regulation 9 inserted in Gazette 11 Nov 2005 p. 5567-8.]

10. Effect of GST

- (1) In this regulation —
GST has the meaning given in *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* of the Commonwealth.
- (2) An amount fixed by these regulations is a net figure that does not include any GST that may be imposed due to the nature of the provision of the service or the service provider.
- (3) If GST is payable on a service listed in these regulations, the fee for the service is the applicable fee increased by 10%.
- (4) An injured worker's prescribed entitlements are to be calculated using the net cost of the treatment or service, without deducting any GST component.

[Regulation 10 inserted in Gazette 7 Dec 2007 p. 6036.]

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[Heading inserted in Gazette 20 Jul 1999 p. 3250.]

Part 1 — Medical specialists and other medical practitioners

[Heading inserted in Gazette 28 Dec 2001 p. 6692.]

Type of service/by whom	Fee \$
GENERAL PRACTITIONER	
CONSULTATIONS	
Surgery Consultation	
in hours	
Content based	
Minor or Specific Service (Level A or B)	\$61.05
Extended Service (Level C)	\$111.55
Comprehensive Service (Level D)	\$171.45
Time based	
up to 5 minutes	\$36.40
more than 5 minutes to 15 minutes	\$47.50
more than 15 minutes to 30 minutes	\$91.65
more than 30 minutes to 45 minutes	\$138.60
more than 45 minutes to 60 minutes	\$187.85

Surgery Consultations

out of hours

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

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Content based

Minor Service (Level A)	\$45.80
Specific Service (Level B)	\$91.65
Extended Service (Level C)	\$166.85
Comprehensive Service (Level D)	\$258.30

Time based

up to 5 minutes	\$72.55
more than 5 minutes to 15 minutes	\$78.70
more than 15 minutes to 30 minutes	\$122.05
more than 30 minutes	\$166.85

VISITS

Consultations at a place other than the Consulting Rooms

in hours

Minor Service (Level A)	\$76.40
Specific Service (Level B)	\$104.45
Extended Service (Level C)	\$155.00
Comprehensive Service (Level D)	\$216.05

out of hours

Minor Service (Level A)	\$91.65
Specific Service (Level B)	\$136.25
Extended Service (Level C)	\$209.05
Comprehensive Service (Level D)	\$305.35

TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Time based

up to 5 minutes	\$20.40
more than 5 minutes to 15 minutes	\$25.50
more than 15 minutes to 30 minutes	\$53.40
more than 30 minutes	\$80.00

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

per hour \$229.65

TRAVELLING FEES

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———Rate per kilometre \$4.10

PHYSICIANS, OCCUPATIONAL & REHABILITATION PHYSICIANS

PHYSICIANS

CONSULTATIONS

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

first attendance \$231.85

subsequent attendances \$116.00

VISITS

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

first attendance \$277.70

subsequent attendances \$160.25

REHABILITATION PHYSICIANS

CONSULTATIONS

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

first attendance \$231.85

subsequent attendances \$116.00

VISITS

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

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first attendance	\$277.70
subsequent attendances	\$160.25

OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICIANS

CONSULTATIONS

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

first attendance	\$235.70
subsequent attendances	\$116.00

VISITS

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

first attendance	\$277.70
subsequent attendances	\$160.25

TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Time based

up to 5 minutes	\$30.45
more than 5 minutes to 15 minutes	\$37.55
more than 15 minutes to 30 minutes	\$78.45
more than 30 minutes	\$118.45

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

per hour	\$340.55
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TRAVELLING FEES

Rate per kilometre	\$4.10
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CONSULTANT PSYCHIATRISTS

CONSULTATIONS

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

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Time based

up to 15 minutes	\$68.00
more than 15 minutes to 30 minutes	\$135.70
more than 30 minutes to 45 minutes	\$203.25
more than 45 minutes to 60 minutes	\$271.90
more than 60 minutes to 75 minutes	\$307.70
more than 75 minutes	\$343.45

VISITS

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

Visits include both attendance at hospitals and home visits

Time based

up to 15 minutes	\$111.65
more than 15 minutes to 30 minutes	\$180.35
more than 30 minutes to 45 minutes	\$246.10
more than 45 minutes to 75 minutes	\$314.85
more than 75 minutes	\$379.35

TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Time based

up to 45 minutes	\$90.20
more than 45 minutes	\$197.00

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

per hour	\$340.55
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TRAVELLING FEES

Rate per kilometre	\$4.10
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SPECIALISTS

SURGEONS

CONSULTATIONS

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

first attendance	\$131.85
subsequent attendances	\$68.75

VISITS

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

first attendance	\$177.70
subsequent attendances	\$113.25

DERMATOLOGISTS

CONSULTATIONS

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

first attendance	\$131.85
subsequent attendances	\$68.75

VISITS

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

first attendance	\$177.40
subsequent attendances	\$113.05

TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Time based

up to 5 minutes	\$30.45
more than 5 minutes to 15 minutes	\$37.55
more than 15 minutes to 30 minutes	\$78.45

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more than 30 minutes \$118.45

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

per hour \$340.55

TRAVELLING FEES

Rate per kilometre \$4.10

ANAESTHETISTS

All anaesthesia fees are calculated by multiplying the units for the consultation, attendance, procedure or service by the \$ value per unit allocated by this Schedule.

\$ VALUE PER UNIT

\$ value per unit \$68.55

CONSULTATIONS AND ATTENDANCES Units

Anaesthetist Consultation

— an attendance of 15 minutes or less duration 2

— an attendance of more than 15 minutes but not more than 30 minutes duration 4

— an attendance of more than 30 minutes but not more than 45 minutes duration 6

— an attendance of more than 45 minutes duration 8

Post anaesthesia patient care following a day procedure 2

EMERGENCY ATTENDANCES

After hours — where immediate attendance is required after 6 p.m. and before 8 a.m. on any weekday, or at any time on a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday 6

Note: No after hours loading applies to the above item

Attendance on a patient in imminent danger of death requiring continuous life saving emergency treatment to the exclusion of all other patients 6

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\$ value per unit	\$68.55
CONSULTATIONS AND ATTENDANCES	Units

Call back from home, office or other distant location for the provision of emergency services	4
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PROCEDURES AND SERVICES

All anaesthesia fees in relation to procedures and services are to be charged on the relative value guide (RVG) system. In most cases, the RVG system comprises 3 elements: base units (BUs), modifying units (MUs) and time units (TUs).

In Part A, the fee for a procedure is calculated by adding the base units for the procedure, the time units, and any modifying units and multiplying the result by the \$ value per unit allocated by this Schedule.

$$(BUs + TUs + MUs) \times \$ \text{ value per unit} = \text{Fee}$$

In Part B, the fee for a therapeutic or diagnostic service only includes modifying units (MUs), and time units (TUs) if the item notes that service as including either or both.

Base units

The appropriate number of base units for each procedure has been established and is set out in this Schedule.

[The number of base units for each procedure has been calculated so as to include usual postoperative visits, the administration of fluids and/or blood incidental to the anaesthesia care and usual monitoring procedures.]

Time units

For the first 2 hours, each 15 minutes (or part thereof) of anaesthetic time constitutes one time unit. After 2 hours, time units are calculated at one per 10 minutes (or part thereof).

Modifying units

Many anaesthetic services are provided under particularly difficult circumstances depending on factors such as the medical condition of the patient and unusual risk factors. These factors significantly affect the character of the anaesthetic services provided. Circumstances giving rise to additional modifying units are set out in this Schedule.

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[Note: The modifying units are, in the main, derived from the modifying units set out in the AMA's "List of Medical Services and Fees".]

Description	Units
A normal healthy patient	0
A patient with a mild systemic disease	0
A patient with a severe systemic disease	1
A patient with a severe systemic disease that is a constant threat to life	4
A moribund patient who is not expected to survive for 24 hours with or without the operation	6
A patient who is morbidly obese (body mass index is more than 35)	2
A patient who is in the 3 rd trimester of pregnancy	2
A patient declared brain dead whose organs are being removed for donor purposes	0
Where the patient is aged under 1 year or over 70 years old	1
Emergency surgery (i.e. When undue delay in treatment of the patient would lead to a significant increase in a threat to life or body part)	2
Anaesthesia in the prone position (not applicable to lower intestinal endoscopic procedures)	3

Anaesthesia for after-hours emergencies

A 50% loading should apply to emergency after-hours anaesthesia. It is calculated using the "total relative value". The 50% loading and the emergency surgery modifier should not be used together.

After-hours is defined as that period between 6.00 p.m. and the following 8.00 a.m. on weekdays and between 8.00 a.m. and the following 8.00 a.m. on weekend days and public holidays.

PART A — PROCEDURES

Description of procedure, etc	Units
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Head

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Description of procedure, etc	Units
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin and subcutaneous tissue, muscles, salivary glands and superficial blood vessels of the head, including biopsy, unless otherwise specified	5
— plastic repair of cleft lip	6
Anaesthesia for electroconvulsive therapy	4
Anaesthesia for all procedures on external, middle or inner ear, including biopsy, unless otherwise specified	5
— otoscopy	4
Anaesthesia for all procedures on eye unless otherwise specified	5
— lens surgery	6
— retinal surgery	6
— corneal transplant	8
— vitrectomy	8
— biopsy of conjunctiva	5
— ophthalmoscopy	4
Anaesthesia for all procedures on nose and accessory sinuses unless otherwise specified	6
— radical surgery	7
— biopsy, soft tissue	4
Anaesthesia for all intraoral procedures, including biopsy, unless otherwise specified	6
— repair of cleft palate	7
— excision of retropharyngeal tumour	9
— radical intraoral surgery	10
Anaesthesia for all procedures on facial bones unless otherwise specified	5
— extensive surgery on facial bones (including prognathism and extensive facial bone reconstruction)	10

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Anaesthesia for all intracranial procedures unless otherwise specified	15
— subdural taps	5
— burr holes	9
— intracranial vascular procedures including those for aneurysms and arterio-venous abnormalities	20
— spinal fluid shunt procedures	10
— ablation of intracranial nerve	6
Anaesthesia for all cranial bone procedures	12
Neck	
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the neck unless otherwise specified	5
Anaesthesia for incision and drainage of large haematoma, large abscess, cellulitis, or similar lesion causing life threatening airway obstruction	15
Anaesthesia for all procedures on oesophagus, thyroid, larynx, trachea and lymphatic system muscles, nerves or other deep tissues of the neck unless otherwise specified	6
— for laryngectomy, hemi laryngectomy, laryngopharyngectomy, or pharyngectomy	10
Anaesthesia for laser surgery to the airway	8
Anaesthesia for all procedures on major vessels of neck unless otherwise specified	10
— simple ligation	5
Thorax (Chest Wall/Shoulder Girdle)	
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the chest unless otherwise specified	3
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the breast unless otherwise specified	4

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— reconstructive procedures on the breast (eg. reduction or augmentation, mammoplasty)	5
— removal of breast lump or for breast segmentectomy where axillary node dissection is performed	5
— mastectomy	6
— reconstructive procedures on the breast using myocutaneous flaps	8
— radical or modified radical procedures on breast with internal mammary node dissection	13
— electrical conversion of arrhythmias	5
Anaesthesia for percutaneous bone marrow biopsy of the sternum	4
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the clavicle, scapula or sternum unless otherwise specified	5
— radical surgery	6
Anaesthesia for partial rib resection unless otherwise specified	6
— thoracoplasty	10
— extensive procedures (eg. pectus excavatum)	13
Intrathoracic	
Anaesthesia for open procedures on the oesophagus	15
Anaesthesia for all closed chest procedures (including rigid oesophagoscopy or bronchoscopy) unless otherwise specified	6
— needle biopsy of pleura	4
— pneumocentesis	4
— thoracoscopy	10
— mediastinoscopy	8
Anaesthesia for all thoracotomy procedures involving lungs, pleura, diaphragm, and mediastinum unless otherwise specified	13
— pulmonary decortication	15
— pulmonary resection with thoracoplasty	15

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— intrathoracic repair of trauma to trachea and bronchi	15
Anaesthesia for all open procedures on the heart, pericardium, and great vessels of the chest	20
Anaesthesia for heart transplant	20
Anaesthesia for heart and lung transplant	20
Cadaver harvesting of heart and/or lungs	8
Spine and spinal cord	
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the cervical spine and/or cord unless otherwise specified (for myelography and discography see items in 'Other Procedures')	10
— posterior cervical laminectomy in sitting position	13
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the thoracic spine and/or cord unless otherwise specified	10
— thoracolumbar sympathectomy	13
Anaesthesia for all procedures in the lumbar region unless otherwise specified	8
— lumbar sympathectomy	7
— chemonucleolysis	10
Anaesthesia for extensive spine and spinal cord procedures	13
Anaesthesia for manipulation of spine	3
Anaesthesia for percutaneous spinal procedures	5
Upper abdomen	
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the upper abdominal wall unless otherwise specified	3
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the nerves, muscles, tendons and fascia of the upper abdominal wall	4
Anaesthesia for diagnostic laparoscopy	6
Anaesthesia for laparoscopic procedures unless otherwise specified	7

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Anaesthesia for extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy	6
Anaesthesia for upper gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures	5
Anaesthesia for upper gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures in association with imaging techniques including fluoroscopy and ultrasound	6
Anaesthesia for upper gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures in association with acute gastrointestinal haemorrhage	6
Anaesthesia for all hernia repairs in upper abdomen unless otherwise specified	4
— repair of incisional hernia and/or wound dehiscence	6
— repair of omphalocele	7
— transabdominal repair of diaphragmatic hernia	9
Anaesthesia for all procedures on major abdominal blood vessels	15
Anaesthesia for all procedures within the peritoneal cavity in upper abdomen including cholecystectomy, gastrectomy, laparoscopic nephrectomy, bowel shunts and cadaver harvesting of organs unless otherwise specified	8
Anaesthesia for gastric reduction or gastroplasty for the treatment of morbid obesity	10
Anaesthesia for partial hepatectomy (excluding liver biopsy)	13
Anaesthesia for extended or trisegmental hepatectomy	15
Anaesthesia for pancreatectomy, partial or total (eg. Whipple procedure)	12
Anaesthesia for liver transplant (recipient)	30
Anaesthesia for neuro endocrine tumour removal (eg. carcinoid)	10
Anaesthesia for percutaneous procedures on an intra-abdominal organ in the upper abdomen	6
Lower abdomen	
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the lower abdominal wall unless otherwise specified	3

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— lipectomy	5
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the nerves, muscles, tendons and fascia of the lower abdominal wall (with the exception of abdominal lipectomy)	4
Anaesthesia for diagnostic laparoscopy	6
Anaesthesia for laparoscopic procedures	7
Anaesthesia for all lower intestinal endoscopic procedures (modifier for prone position is not applicable)	4
Anaesthesia for extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy	6
Anaesthesia for all hernia repairs in lower abdomen unless otherwise specified	4
— repair of incisional hernia and/or wound dehiscence	6
Anaesthesia for all procedures within the peritoneal cavity in the lower abdomen (including appendicectomy) unless otherwise specified	6
Anaesthesia for bowel resection, including laparoscopic bowel resection, unless otherwise specified	8
— amniocentesis	4
— abdominoperineal resection, including pull through procedures, ultra low anterior resection and formation of bowel reservoir	10
— radical prostatectomy	10
— radical hysterectomy	10
— radical ovarian surgery	10
— pelvic exenteration	10
— Caesarean section	10
— Caesarean hysterectomy or hysterectomy within 24 hours of delivery	15
Anaesthesia for all extraperitoneal procedures in lower abdomen, including urinary tract, unless otherwise specified	6

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— renal procedures, including upper 1/3 or ureter	7
— total cystectomy	10
— adrenalectomy	10
— neuro endocrine tumour removal (eg. carcinoid)	10
— renal transplant (donor or recipient)	10
Anaesthesia for all procedures on major lower abdominal vessels unless otherwise specified	15
— inferior vena cava ligation	10
— percutaneous umbrella insertion	5
Anaesthesia for percutaneous procedures on an intra-abdominal organ in the lower abdomen	6
Perineum	
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the perineum (including biopsy of male genital system) unless otherwise specified	3
— anorectal procedure (including endoscopy and/or biopsy)	4
— radical perineal procedure including radical perineal prostatectomy or radical vulvectomy	7
— vulvectomy	4
Anaesthesia for all transurethral procedures (including urethrocystoscopy) unless otherwise specified	4
— transurethral resection of bladder tumour(s)	5
— transurethral resection of prostate	7
— post-transurethral resection bleeding	7
Anaesthesia for all procedures on male external genitalia unless otherwise specified	3
— undescended testis, unilateral or bilateral	4
Anaesthesia for procedures on the cord and/or testes unless otherwise specified	4

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— radical orchidectomy, inguinal approach	4
— radical orchidectomy, abdominal approach	6
— orchiopexy, unilateral or bilateral	4
— complete amputation of the penis	4
— complete amputation of the penis with bilateral inguinal lymphadenectomy	6
— complete amputation of the penis with bilateral inguinal and iliac lymphadenectomy	8
— insertion of penile prosthesis (perianal approach)	4
Anaesthesia for all vaginal procedures (including biopsy of labia, vagina, cervix or endometrium) unless otherwise specified	4
— colpotomy, colpectomy, colporrhaphy	5
— transvaginal assisted reproductive services	4
— vaginal hysterectomy	6
— vaginal delivery	6
— purse string ligation of cervix	4
— culdoscopy	5
— hysteroscopy	4
Anaesthesia for endometrial ablation or resection in association with hysteroscopy	5
— correction of inverted uterus	8
Anaesthesia for evacuation of retained products of conception, as a complication of confinement	4
— for the manual removal of retained placenta or for repair of vaginal or perineal tear following delivery	5
— for vaginal procedures in the management of post partum haemorrhage	7

Pelvis — except hip

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Description of procedure, etc	Units
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin and subcutaneous tissue of the pelvic region, except external genitalia	3
Anaesthesia for percutaneous bone marrow biopsy of the anterior iliac crest	4
— percutaneous bone marrow biopsy of the posterior iliac crest	5
Anaesthesia for percutaneous bone marrow harvesting from the pelvis	6
Anaesthesia for procedures on bony pelvis	6
Anaesthesia for body cast application or revision	3
Anaesthesia for interpelviabdominal (hind quarter) amputation	15
Anaesthesia for radical procedures for tumour of pelvis, except hind quarter amputation	10
Anaesthesia for closed procedures involving symphysis pubis or sacroiliac joint	4
Anaesthesia for open procedures involving symphysis pubis or sacroiliac joint	8
Upper leg — except knee	
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the upper leg	3
— on the nerves, muscles, tendons, fascia, or bursae of the upper leg	4
Anaesthesia for all closed procedures involving hip joint	4
Anaesthesia for arthroscopic procedures of hip joint	4
Anaesthesia for all open procedures involving hip joint unless otherwise specified	6
— hip disarticulation	10
— total hip replacement or revision	10
Anaesthesia for bilateral total hip replacement	14
Anaesthesia for all closed procedures involving upper 2/3 of femur	4

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Anaesthesia for all open procedures involving upper 2/3 of femur unless otherwise specified	6
— amputation	5
— radical resection	8
Anaesthesia for all procedures involving veins of the upper leg including exploration	4
Anaesthesia for all procedures involving arteries of the upper leg, including bypass graft, unless otherwise specified	8
— femoral artery ligation	4
— femoral artery embolectomy	6
— for microsurgical reimplantation of upper leg	15
Knee and popliteal area	
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin and subcutaneous tissue of the knee and/or popliteal area	3
Anaesthesia for all procedures on nerves, muscles, tendons, fascia and bursae of the knee and/or popliteal area	4
Anaesthesia for all closed procedures on the lower 1/3 of femur	4
Anaesthesia for all open procedures on the lower 1/3 of femur	5
Anaesthesia for all closed procedures on the knee joint	3
Anaesthesia for arthroscopic procedures of the knee joint	4
Anaesthesia for all closed procedures on upper ends of the tibia and fibula, and/or patella	3
Anaesthesia for all open procedures on upper ends of the tibia and fibula, and/or patella	4
Anaesthesia for open procedures on the knee joint unless otherwise specified	4
— knee replacement	7
— bilateral knee replacement	10
— disarticulation of knee	5

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Anaesthesia for all cast applications, removal, or repair involving the knee joint	3
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the veins of the knee and popliteal area unless otherwise specified	4
— repair of arteriovenous fistula	5
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the arteries of the knee and popliteal area unless otherwise specified	8
Lower leg — below knee (includes ankle and foot)	
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the lower leg, ankle and foot	3
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the nerves, muscles, tendons and fascia of the lower leg, ankle, and foot unless otherwise specified	4
Anaesthesia for all closed procedures on the lower leg, ankle and foot	3
Anaesthesia for arthroscopic procedure of ankle joint	4
— gastrocnemius recession	5
Anaesthesia for all open procedures on the bones of the lower leg, ankle and foot, including amputation, unless otherwise specified	4
— radical resection	5
— osteotomy or osteoplasty of tibia and fibula	5
— total ankle replacement	7
Anaesthesia for lower leg cast application, removal or repair	3
Anaesthesia for all procedures on arteries of the lower leg, including bypass graft unless otherwise specified	8
— embolectomy	6
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the veins of the lower leg unless otherwise specified	4
— venous thrombectomy	5

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Description of procedure, etc	Units
— for microsurgical reimplantation of the lower leg, ankle or foot	15
— for microsurgical reimplantation of the toe	8
Shoulder and axilla (<i>includes humeral head and neck, sternoclavicular joint, acromioclavicular joint and shoulder joint</i>)	
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the shoulder or axilla	3
Anaesthesia for all procedures on nerves, muscles, tendons, fascia and bursae of shoulder and axilla, including axillary dissection	5
Anaesthesia for all closed procedures on humeral head and neck, sternoclavicular joint, acromioclavicular joint or the shoulder joint	4
Anaesthesia for all arthroscopic procedures of the shoulder joint	5
Anaesthesia for all open procedures on the humeral head and neck, sternoclavicular joint, acromioclavicular joint or the shoulder joint unless otherwise specified	5
— radical resection	6
— shoulder disarticulation	9
— interthoracoscaphular (forequarter) amputation	15
— total shoulder replacement	10
Anaesthesia for all procedures on arteries of shoulder and axilla unless otherwise specified	8
— axillary-brachial aneurysm	10
— bypass graft	8
— axillary-femoral bypass graft	10
Anaesthesia for all procedures on veins of shoulder and axilla	4
Anaesthesia for all shoulder cast application, removal or repair unless otherwise specified	3
— shoulder spica	4

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Upper arm and elbow	
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the upper arm and elbow	3
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the nerves, muscles, tendons, fascia and bursae of upper arm and elbow, unless otherwise specified	4
— tenotomy, elbow to shoulder, open	5
— tenoplasty, elbow to shoulder	5
— tenodesis, rupture of long tendon of biceps	5
Anaesthesia for all closed procedures on the humerus and elbow	3
Anaesthesia for arthroscopic procedures of elbow joint	4
Anaesthesia for all open procedures on the humerus and elbow unless otherwise specified	5
— radical procedures	6
— total elbow replacement	7
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the arteries of the upper arm unless otherwise specified	8
— embolectomy	6
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the veins of the upper arm unless otherwise specified	4
— for microsurgical reimplantation of the upper arm	15
Forearm, wrist and hand	
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the skin or subcutaneous tissue of the forearm, wrist and hand	3
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the nerves, muscles, tendons, fascia and bursae of the forearm, wrist and hand	4
Anaesthesia for all closed procedures on radius, ulna, wrist, or hand bones	3
Anaesthesia for all open procedures on radius, ulna, wrist, or hand bones unless otherwise specified	4

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Description of procedure, etc	Units
— total wrist replacement	7
Anaesthesia for arthroscopic procedures of the wrist joint	4
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the arteries of the forearm, wrist, and hand unless otherwise specified	8
— embolectomy	6
Anaesthesia for all procedures on the veins of the forearm, wrist, and hand unless otherwise specified	4
Anaesthesia for forearm, wrist, or hand cast application, removal or repair	3
— for microsurgical reimplantation of forearm, wrist or hand	15
— for microsurgical reimplantation of a finger	8
Burns	
Anaesthesia for excision of debridement of burns with or without skin grafting	
— where the burnt area involves not more than 3% of total body surface	3
— where the burnt area involves more than 3% but less than 10% of total body surface	5
— where the burnt area involves 10% or more but less than 20% of total body surface	7
— where the burnt area involves 20% or more but less than 30% of total body surface	9
— where the burnt area involves 30% or more but less than 40% of total body surface	11
— where the burnt area involves 40% or more but less than 50% of total body surface	13
— where the burnt area involves 50% or more but less than 60% of total body surface	15
— where the burnt area involves 60% or more but less than 70% of total body surface	17

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Description of procedure, etc	Units
— where the burnt area involves 70% or more but less than 80% of total body surface	19
— where the burnt area involves 80% or more of total body surface	21
Other procedures	
Anaesthesia for injection procedure for myelography:	
— lumbar or thoracic	5
— cervical	6
— posterior fossa	9
Anaesthesia for injection procedure for discography:	
— lumbar or thoracic	5
— cervical	6
Anaesthesia for peripheral arteriogram	5
Anaesthesia for arteriograms:	
— carotid, cerebral or vertebral	5
— retrograde, brachial or femoral	5
Anaesthesia for computerised axial tomography scanning, magnetic resonance scanning, ultrasound scanning or digital subtraction angiography scanning	7
Anaesthesia for radiology unless otherwise specified	4
Anaesthesia for retrograde cystography, retrograde urethrography or retrograde cystourethrography	4
Anaesthesia for flouroscopy	5
Anaesthesia for small bowel enema, barium or other opaque study of the small bowel	5
Anaesthesia for bronchography	6
Anaesthesia for phlebography	5
Anaesthesia for heart, 2 dimensional real time transoesophageal examination	6

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Description of procedure, etc	Units
Anaesthesia for peripheral venous cannulation	3
Anaesthesia for cardiac catheterisation including coronary arteriography, ventriculography, cardiac mapping, insertion of automatic defibrillator or transvenous pacemaker	7
Anaesthesia for cardiac electrophysiological procedures including radio frequency ablation	10
Anaesthesia for central vein catheterisation or insertion of right heart balloon catheter	5
Anaesthesia for lumbar puncture, cisternal puncture, or epidural injection	5
Anaesthesia for harvesting of bone marrow for the purpose of transplantation	5
Anaesthesia for muscle biopsy for malignant hyperpyrexia	10
Anaesthesia for electroencephalography	5
Anaesthesia for brain stem evoked audiometry	5
Anaesthesia for electrocochleography by extratympanic method or transtympanic membrane insertion method	5
Anaesthesia for a therapeutic procedure where it can be demonstrated that there is a clinical need for anaesthesia	5
Anaesthesia during hyperbaric therapy where the medical practitioner is not confined in the chamber (including the administration of oxygen)	8
Anaesthesia during hyperbaric therapy where the medical practitioner is confined in the chamber (including the administration of oxygen)	15
Anaesthesia for brachytherapy using radioactive sealed sources	5
Anaesthesia for therapeutic nuclear medicine	5
Anaesthesia for radiotherapy	7
Anaesthesia where no procedure ensues	3

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The AMA recognise that in determining the number of units applicable, the anaesthetist shall have regard to equivalent procedures

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Description of service, etc.	MUs	TUs	BUs
Collection of blood for autologous transfusion or when homologous blood is required for immediate transfusion in an emergency situation	no	no	3
Administration of blood or bone marrow already collected when performed in association with the administration of anaesthesia	no	no	4
Venous cannulation and blood transfusion (or blood products) not associated with anaesthesia	no	no	5
Intubation, endotracheal, emergency procedure, where the patient's airway is unsecured and at high risk of occlusion, (eg. epiglottitis or haematoma post thyroidectomy) not associated with surgery	yes	yes	15
Intubation, endotracheal, not associated with anaesthesia, when subsequent management is not in an intensive care unit	yes	yes	4
Awake endotracheal intubation with flexible fiberoptic scope, associated with difficult airway, when performed in association with the administration of anaesthesia	no	no	4
Double lumen endobronchial tube or bronchial blocker, insertion of, when performed in association with the administration of anaesthesia	no	no	4

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Description of service, etc.	MUs	TUs	BUs
Monitoring of depth of anaesthesia, incorporating continuous measurement of the EEG during anaesthesia for the diagnosis of awareness	no	no	3
Venous cannulation and commencement of intravenous infusion, under age of 3 years, not associated with anaesthesia	no	no	3
Venous cannulation, cutdown	no	no	5
Venous cannulation and commencement of intravenous infusion not associated with anaesthesia	no	no	2
Right heart balloon catheter, insertion of, including pulmonary wedge pressure and cardiac output measurement	no	no	7
Pulmonary artery pressure monitoring	no	no	3
Left atrial pressure monitoring via left atrial catheter	no	no	3
Invasive pressure monitoring, not otherwise listed	no	no	3
Measurement of the mechanical or gas exchange function of the respiration system, or of respiratory muscle function, or of ventilatory control mechanisms, using measurements of parameters including pressures, volumes, flow, gas concentrations in inspired or expired air, alveolar gas or blood and incorporating serial arterial blood gas analysis and a written record of the results, when performed in association with the administration of anaesthesia	no	no	7
Central vein catheterization catheterisation , percutaneous via jugular, subclavian or femoral vein	no	no	3

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Central vein catheterization catheterisation by cutdown	no	no	5
Central venous pressure monitoring	no	no	3
Arterial cannulation, percutaneous	no	no	3
Arterial puncture, withdrawal of blood for diagnosis	no	no	1
Arterial cannulation, by cutdown	no	no	5
Intra arterial pressure monitoring	no	no	3
Catheterization Catheterisation , umbilical artery, newborn, for diagnosis, or therapy	no	no	5
Intra-arterial infusion or retrograde intravenous perfusion of a sympatholytic agent	no	no	4
Intravenous regional anaesthesia of limb by retrograde perfusion	no	no	4
Perfusion of limb or organ	no	no	12
Medical management of cardio-pulmonary bypass perfusion using heart/lung machine	yes	yes	20
Hypothermia, total body	no	no	5
Cardioplegia, blood or crystalloid, administration by any route	no	no	10
Deep hypothermia to a core temperature of less than 22 degrees in association with circulatory arrest	no	no	15
Standby medical management of cardio-pulmonary bypass perfusion using heart/lung machine	no	yes	5
Major nerve block (proximal to the elbow or knee), including intercostal nerve clock(s) or plexus block to provide post operative pain relief	no	no	4

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Description of service, etc.	MUs	TUs	BUs
Minor nerve block (specify type) to provide post operative pain relief (does not include subcutaneous infiltration)	no	no	2
Intrathecal or epidural injection (initial) of a therapeutic substance, with or without insertion of a catheter, in association with anaesthesia and surgery, for post operative pain management	no	no	5
Intrathecal or epidural injection (subsequent) of a therapeutic substance, in association with anaesthesia and surgery, for post operative pain management	no	no	3
Subarachnoid puncture, lumbar, diagnostic	no	no	5
Insertion of subarachnoid drain	no	no	8
Intrathecal, or epidural or injection, (initial or commencement of infusion) of a therapeutic substance, including up to one hour of continuous attendance by a medical practitioner	no	no	8
Intrathecal, or epidural or injection, (initial or commencement of infusion) of a therapeutic substance, where continuous attendance by a medical practitioner extends beyond the first hour. Derived fee being 8 units for the first hour plus one unit for each additional 15 minutes or part thereof	no	no	0
Intrathecal, or epidural or injection, (initial or commencement of infusion) of a therapeutic substance, including up to one hour of continuous attendance by a medical practitioner after hours for a patient in labour	no	no	15

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Intrathecal, or epidural or injection, (initial or commencement of infusion) of a therapeutic substance, where continuous after hours attendance by a medical practitioner extends beyond the first hour for a patient in labour. Derived fee being 15 units for the first hour plus one unit for each additional 15 minutes or part thereof	no	no	0
Subsequent injection (or revision of infusion) of a therapeutic substance to maintain regional anaesthesia or analgesia where the period of continuous medical practitioner attendance is 15 minutes or less	no	no	3
Subsequent injection (or revision of infusion) of a therapeutic substance to maintain regional anaesthesia or analgesia where the period of continuous medical practitioner attendance is more than 15 minutes	no	no	4
Interpleural block, initial injection or commencement of infusion of a therapeutic substance	no	no	5
Intrathecal, epidural or caudal injection of neurolytic substance	no	no	20
Intrathecal, epidural or caudal injection of substance other than anaesthetic, contrast or neurolytic solutions, not being a service to which another item in the Group applies	no	no	8
Epidural injection of blood for blood patch	no	no	8
Injection of an anaesthetic agent			
— trigeminal nerve, primary division of	no	no	10
— trigeminal nerve, peripheral branch of	no	no	5
— facial nerve	no	no	3

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— retrobulbar or peribulbar	no	no	5
— greater occipital nerve	no	no	3
— vagus nerve	no	no	8
— glossopharyngeal nerve	no	no	8
— phrenic nerve	no	no	7
— spinal accessory nerve	no	no	5
— cervical plexus	no	no	8
— brachial plexus	no	no	8
— suprascapular nerve	no	no	5
— intercostal nerve, single	no	no	5
— intercostal nerves, multiple	no	no	7
— ilioinguinal, iliohypogastric or genito femoral nerves, one or more of	no	no	5
— pudendal nerve	no	no	8
— ulnar, radial or median nerve of main trunk, one or more of, not being associated with a brachial plexus block	no	no	5
— paracervical (uterine) nerve	no	no	5
— obturator nerve	no	no	7
— femoral nerve	no	no	7
— saphenous, sural, popliteal or posterior tibial nerve of main trunk, one or more of	no	no	5
— paravertebral, cervical, thoracic, lumbar, sacral or coccygeal nerves, single vertebral level	no	no	7
— paravertebral nerves, multiple levels	no	no	10
— sciatic nerve	no	no	7
— other peripheral nerve or branch	no	no	5

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— sphenopalatine ganglion	no	no	10
— carotid sinus, as an independent percutaneous procedure	no	no	8
— stellate ganglion (cervical sympathetic block)	no	no	8
— lumbar or thoracic nerves (paravertebral sympathetic block)	no	no	8
— coeliac plexus or splanchnic nerves	no	no	10
Cranial nerve other than trigeminal, destruction by a neurolytic agent, not being a service associated with the injection of botulinum toxin	no	no	20
Nerve branch, not covered by any other item in this Group, destruction by a neurolytic agent, not being a service associated with the injection of botulinum toxin	no	no	10
Coeliac plexus or splanchnic nerves, destruction by a neurolytic agent	no	no	20
Lumbar sympathetic chain, destruction by a neurolytic agent	no	no	15
Cervical or thoracic sympathetic chain, destruction by a neurolytic agent	no	no	20
Cardioversion, elective, electrical conversion of arrhythmia, external	no	no	4
Hyperbaric oxygen treatment when the specialist is inside the chamber	yes	yes	15
Hyperbaric oxygen treatment when the specialist is outside the chamber	yes	yes	8

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Description of service, etc.	MUs	TUs	BUs
Heart, 2 dimensional real time transoesophageal examination of, at least 2 oesophageal windows performed using a mechanical sector scanner or phased array transducer with —			
(a) measurement blood flow velocities across the cardiac valves using pulsed wave and continuous Doppler techniques;			
(b) real time colour flow mapping from at least 2 oesophageal windows; and			
(c) recording on video tape	no	no	10
Intra-operative 2 dimensional real time transoesophageal echocardiography incorporating Doppler techniques with colour flow mapping and recording onto video tape, performed during cardiac surgery incorporating sequential assessment of cardiac function before and after the surgical procedure	no	no	14
The use of 2 dimensional imaging ultrasound guidance to assist percutaneous major vascular access involving catheterisation of the jugular, subclavian or femoral vein	no	no	3
The use of 2 dimensional imaging ultrasound guidance to assist percutaneous neural blockade involving the branchial plexus, or femoral and/or sciatic nerve	no	no	3
Skin testing for allergy to anaesthetic agents	no	yes	4
Assistance in the administration of an anaesthetic	yes	yes	5

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For an unlisted service, the number of units is to be determined by reference to the nearest listed anaesthetic procedure

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Type of procedure	Fee \$
GENERAL	
Localised burns	50.90
Localised burns, including dressing of, under general anaesthetic	144.85
Extensive burns	87.80
Extensive burns, including dressing of, under general anaesthetic	306.55
Dressing of wounds, under general anaesthetic	144.85
Acupuncture, including consultation	67.55
DISLOCATIONS	
<i>closed reduction means non-operative reduction of the dislocation, and included percutaneous fixation and/or external splintage by cast or splint.</i>	
<i>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.</i>	
<i>other means treatment by any other method and includes</i>	

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Type of procedure	Fee \$
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	273.10
Elbow, by open reduction	362.20
Interphalangeal joint, by closed reduction	117.10
Interphalangeal joint, by open reduction	156.10
Mandible, by closed reduction	97.60
Clavicle, by closed reduction	115.75
Clavicle, by open reduction	234.10
Shoulder, not requiring general anaesthetic	130.25
Shoulder, by open reduction, with general anaesthetic	466.85
Shoulder, other, with general anaesthetic	231.25
Metacarpophalangeal joint, by closed reduction	156.10
Metacarpophalangeal joint, by open reduction	209.05
Patella, by closed reduction	175.50
Patella, by open reduction	234.10
Radioulnar joint, by closed reduction	273.10
Radioulnar joint, by open reduction	362.20
Toe, by closed reduction	97.60
Toe, by open reduction	129.60
REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODIES —	
as independent procedure	42.45
superficial	189.45
deep tissue or muscle	529.55
ear, other than by syringing	136.50

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nose, other than by simple probing	136.50
cornea or sclera, embedded	139.35
FRACTURES	
<i>closed reduction</i> means non-operative reduction of the fracture, and included percutaneous fixation and/or external splintage by cast or splint.	
<i>open reduction</i> means treatment by either closed reduction and intra-medullary fixation or treatment by operative exposure of the fracture including internal or external fixation.	
<i>other</i> 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	175.50
fracture, intra-articular, by closed reduction	203.45
fracture, by open reduction	234.10
fracture, intra-articular, by open reduction	292.60
Middle phalanx of finger	
fracture, by closed reduction	264.75
fracture, intra-articular, by closed reduction	299.50
fracture, by open reduction	348.30
fracture, intra-articular, by open reduction	438.85
Proximal phalanx of finger or thumb	
fracture, by closed reduction	348.30
fracture, intra-articular, by closed reduction	410.90

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fracture, by open reduction	466.85
fracture, intra-articular, by open reduction	585.20
Metacarpal	
fracture, by closed reduction	348.30
fracture, intra-articular, by closed reduction	410.90
fracture, by open reduction	466.85
fracture, intra-articular, by open reduction	585.20
Carpal Scaphoid, by open reduction	780.25
Carpal Scaphoid, other	348.30
Carpus (excluding Scaphoid), by open reduction	487.60
Carpus (excluding Scaphoid), other	195.05
Radius	
by closed management	390.05
by open management	780.25
Radius or Ulnar, distal end, (Colies', Smith's or Barton's)	
by closed reduction	585.20
by open reduction	780.25
Ribs (1 or more), each attendance	89.30
Tibia, plateau of, medial or lateral	
by closed reduction	703.65
by open reduction	933.45
Tibia, plateau of, medial and lateral	
by closed reduction	1 170.30
by open reduction	1 567.40

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face or neck, less than 7 cm, superficial	139.35
face or neck, less than 7 cm, deep	211.75
face or neck, more than 7 cm, superficial	211.75
face or neck, more than 7 cm, deep	362.20
except face or neck, less than 7 cm, superficial	105.85
except face or neck, less than 7 cm, deep	158.85
except face or neck, more than 7 cm, superficial	158.85
except face or neck, more than 7 cm, deep	348.30
AMPUTATIONS	
Hand, midcarpal or transmetacarpal	529.55
Hand, forearm or through arm	613.05
At shoulder	1 037.90
Interscapulothoracic	2 061.95
One digit of foot	278.55
Two digits of one foot	418.00
Three digits of one foot	564.25
Four digits of one foot	703.65
Five digits of one foot	842.90
Toe including metatarsal or part of metatarsal — each toe	328.90
Foot, at ankle	613.05
Foot, midtarsal or transmetatarsal	529.55
Through thigh, at knee or below knee	905.70

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Type of procedure	Fee \$
At hip	1 274.70

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 \$175.50, whichever is greater.

USE OF PRIVATE THEATRES

A theatre fee of **\$105.85** 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.

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ULTRASOUND

MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
55028	170.65
55029	59.20
55030	170.65
55031	59.20
55032	170.65
55033	59.20
55036	174.05
55037	59.20
55038	170.65
55039	59.20

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MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
55044	174.05
55045	59.20
55048	170.65
55049	59.20
55054	170.65
55070	153.65
55073	53.20
55076	170.65
55079	59.20
55084	153.65
55085	53.20
55113	360.75
55114	360.75
55115	360.75
55116	401.15
55117	401.15
55118	430.85
55130	265.95
55135	553.05
55238	265.05
55244	265.05
55246	265.05
55248	265.05
55252	265.05
55274	265.05
55276	265.05
55278	265.05
55280	265.05
55282	265.05
55284	265.05

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MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
55292	265.05
55294	265.05
55296	173.75
55600	170.65
55603	170.65
55700	93.75
55703	54.75
55704	109.50
55705	54.75
55706	156.45
55707	109.50
55708	54.75
55709	59.45
55712	179.85
55715	62.55
55718	156.45
55721	179.85
55723	59.45
55725	62.55
55729	42.60
55731	153.35
55733	54.75
55736	198.60
55739	89.10
55759	234.60
55762	93.75
55764	250.20
55766	101.60
55768	234.60
55770	93.75

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MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
55772	250.20
55774	101.60
55800	170.65
55802	59.20
55804	170.65
55806	59.20
55808	170.65
55810	59.20
55812	170.65
55814	59.20
55816	170.65
55818	59.20
55820	170.65
55822	59.20
55824	170.65
55826	59.20
55828	170.65
55830	59.20
55832	170.65
55834	59.20
55836	170.65
55838	59.20
55840	170.65
55842	59.20
55844	136.60
55846	59.20
55848	170.65
55850	239.05
55852	170.65
55854	59.20

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MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
56001	280.10
56007	359.15
56010	362.05
56013	359.15
56016	416.60
56022	323.20
56028	483.80
56030	323.20
56036	483.80
56041	141.90
56047	181.15
56050	184.20
56053	184.20
56056	223.20
56062	162.50
56068	241.90
56070	162.50
56076	241.90
56101	330.45
56107	488.50
56141	167.25
56147	246.55
56219	468.55
56220	344.80
56221	344.80
56223	344.80
56224	504.80
56225	504.80

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MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
56226	504.80
56227	175.95
56228	175.95
56229	175.95
56230	254.90
56231	254.90
56232	254.90
56233	344.80
56234	504.80
56235	175.90
56236	254.90
56237	344.80
56238	504.80
56239	175.90
56240	254.90
56259	236.70
56301	423.80
56307	574.50
56341	214.70
56347	290.15
56401	359.15
56407	517.10
56409	359.15
56412	517.10
56441	182.10
56447	260.65
56449	182.10
56452	260.65
56501	553.05
56507	689.50

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MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
56541	277.45
56547	350.10
56549	553.05
56551	553.05
56619	316.05
56625	480.70
56659	161.00
56665	240.50
56801	670.20
56807	804.45
56841	335.20
56847	407.80
57001	670.35
57007	815.55
57041	335.25
57047	407.85
57201	222.90
57247	111.35
57341	675.15
57345	347.05
57350	732.60
57351	732.60
57355	379.45
57356	379.45

DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY

MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
57506	49.35
57509	65.95

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MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
57512	67.20
57515	89.55
57518	53.90
57521	71.95
57524	82.05
57527	109.10
57700	67.20
57703	89.55
57706	53.90
57709	71.95
57712	78.20
57715	101.05
57721	164.65
57901	106.95
57902	106.95
57903	78.45
57906	106.95
57909	106.95
57912	78.20
57915	78.20
57918	78.20
57921	78.20
57924	78.20
57927	82.30
57930	54.55
57933	129.80
57939	106.95
57942	82.30
57945	71.95
57960	78.65

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57963	78.65
57966	78.65
57969	78.65
58100	111.35
58103	91.40
58106	127.70
58108	220.45
58109	78.00
58112	161.35
58115	220.45
58300	66.55
58306	148.30
58500	58.65
58503	78.20
58506	100.85
58509	65.95
58521	71.95
58524	93.70
58527	115.10
58700	76.45
58706	261.90
58715	251.40
58718	209.25
58721	229.35
58900	59.20
58903	78.90
58909	149.15
58912	182.90
58915	130.90
58916	229.70

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MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
58921	224.35
58924	139.45
58927	126.90
58933	341.10
58936	325.10
58939	231.10
59103	35.35
59300	148.45
59303	89.50
59306	166.40
59309	332.70
59312	144.35
59314	87.05
59318	78.05
59503	148.30
59700	160.20
59703	125.90
59712	188.65
59715	238.15
59718	223.45
59724	375.70
59733	178.65
59736	102.85
59739	122.45
59751	230.85
59754	363.85
59760	191.00
59763	222.15
59903	190.05
59912	506.30

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59925	601.20
59970	279.30
59971	95.05
59972	253.15
59973	300.65
59974	139.65
60000	935.60
60003	1 372.10
60006	1 951.05
60009	2 283.20
60012	935.60
60015	1 372.10
60018	1 951.05
60021	2 283.20
60024	935.60
60027	1 372.10
60030	1 951.05
60033	2 283.20
60036	935.60
60039	1 372.10
60042	1 951.05
60045	2 283.20
60048	935.60
60051	1 372.10
60054	1 951.05
60057	2 283.20
60060	935.60
60063	1 372.10
60066	1 951.05
60069	2 283.20

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MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
60072	79.85
60075	159.40
60078	239.25
60100	100.85
60500	71.95
60503	49.35
60506	105.75
60509	164.00
60918	78.20
60927	63.15
61109	429.50

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MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
61302	573.55
61303	722.30
61306	906.80
61307	1 066.85
61310	469.35
61313	387.65
61314	536.65
61316	487.10
61317	629.15
61320	292.50
61328	290.90
61340	323.25
61348	566.50
61352	331.35
61353	493.95

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61356	501.90
61360	515.40
61361	589.60
61364	635.05
61368	285.10
61369	2 575.60
61372	285.10
61373	625.65
61376	183.20
61381	733.80
61383	798.45
61384	878.70
61386	424.90
61387	550.40
61389	473.45
61390	523.85
61393	773.65
61397	315.40
61401	207.40
61402	773.15
61405	442.10
61409	1 116.15
61413	288.70
61417	151.85
61421	613.10
61425	767.50
61426	708.85
61429	693.80
61430	842.60
61433	635.05

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MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
61434	786.35
61437	693.60
61438	859.90
61441	625.65
61442	961.40
61445	366.40
61446	426.25
61449	582.90
61450	507.95
61453	657.65
61454	444.75
61457	601.10
61458	507.15
61461	674.40
61462	166.45
61465	339.20
61469	444.75
61473	224.05
61480	494.30
61484	1 125.60
61485	1 276.70
61495	285.10
61499	323.25
61650	1 122.70

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING

MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
63000-63200	832.05
63201	1 248.05

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MBS item number (1 November 2008)	Fee \$
63202-63203	832.05
63204	1 248.05
63219-63243	1 248.05
63271-63473	832.05
63491-63494	95.10
63497	285.55

[Part 3 inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4359-75; amended in Gazette 22 Dec 2009 p. 5277.]

Schedule 2 — Scale of fees — physiotherapists

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[Heading inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4375.]

Part 1 — General

[Heading inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4375.]

Service Code	Service	Set Fee
PA001	Initial Consultation A consultation with the physiotherapist including the following elements — Subjective assessment — of the following points as required: Major symptoms and lifestyle dysfunction; current history and treatment; past history and treatment; pain, 24-hour behaviour, aggravating and relieving factors; general health, medication, risk factors. Objective assessment — of the following points as required: Movement — active, passive, resisted, repeated; muscle tone, spasm, weakness; accessory movements, passive intervertebral movements etc. Appropriate procedures/tests as indicated. Appropriate initial management, treatment or advice — based on assessment findings that could include the following as required: Provisional diagnosis; goals of treatment; treatment plan. Discussion with the patient regarding working hypothesis and treatment goals and expected outcomes; initial treatment and response; advice regarding home care including any exercise programs to be followed.	\$68.00

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Service Code	Service
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Documentation of consultation — as required that could include:

The assessment findings, physiotherapy intervention(s), evaluation of interventions, plan for future treatment and results of other relevant tests and warnings (if applicable).

Includes:

- Individual services provided in rooms, home or hospital; hydrotherapy treatment; extended treatments; and services provided outside of normal business hours.
- Courtesy communication by the physiotherapist with the medical practitioner such as ~~acknowledgement~~[acknowledgment](#) of referral.
- The physiotherapist's brief communication with the medical practitioner regarding the injured worker's management.

Does not include:

- Any oral or written communication by the physiotherapist with a third party initiated by or requested by the insurer and/or the employer relating to the treatment or rehabilitation of a specific worker (such as suitable work duties).
- Communication by the physiotherapist with a third party initiated by or requested by the insurer and/or the employer. This service has a specific item number in this Table (PK001).

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Service Code	Service	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Physiotherapist's involvement in case conferences. The physiotherapist's involvement in case conferences has a specific item number in this Table (PQ001).	
PB001	Standard Consultation	Set Fee
	Consultation for one body area or condition including the following elements —	\$54.60
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">subjective re-assessment;objective re-assessment;appropriate management, intervention or advice;documentation of consultation.	
	Includes:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Individual services provided in rooms, home or hospital; hydrotherapy treatment; extended treatments; and services provided outside of normal business hours.Courtesy communication by the physiotherapist such as brief oral and/or written updates to the medical practitioner.	
	Does not include:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any oral or written communication by the physiotherapist with a third party initiated by or requested by the insurer and/or the employer relating to the treatment or rehabilitation of a specific worker (such as suitable work duties).Communication by the physiotherapist with a third party initiated by or requested by the insurer and/or the employer has a specific item number in this Table (PK001).	

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Service Code	Service	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The physiotherapist's involvement in case conferences. The physiotherapist's involvement in case conferences has a specific item number in this Table (PQ001). 	
PC001	<p>Two distinct areas of treatment per visit</p> <p>Same description as PB001 except relates to the treatment/management of 2 distinct areas/conditions.</p>	<p>Set Fee</p> <p>\$69.05</p>
PG001	<p>Group Consultation — per person</p> <p>Includes non-individualised services provided to more than one individual whether —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in rooms, home or hospital; hydrotherapy treatment; extended treatments; services provided outside of normal business hours. 	<p>Cost per participant</p> <p>\$16.80</p>
PE001	<p>Worksite Visit — prior approval from insurer required.</p> <p>Prior to a worksite evaluation, consideration of details such as relevance to injury; intended outcomes; likely duration and reporting requirements should be made and discussed with the insurer with a suggested maximum duration of 2 hours.</p> <p>Does not include reports or travel.</p>	<p>Hourly rate**</p> <p>\$155.10</p>
PR001	<p>Reports</p> <p>Any report relating to a specific worker required by or requested by —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> medical specialist; medical practitioner; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employer; • insurer. <p>Excludes courtesy communication such as acknowledgement of referral and brief updates to the medical practitioner.</p>	
	Progress/Standard report	Set Fee
	Report should contain summarised information or assessment findings, treatment services provided, results obtained with specific recommendations for further management and return to work if applicable.	\$68.00
	Comprehensive report	Hourly rate**
	As above for progress/standard report and contains information relating to more detailed assessments and interventions performed.	\$155.10
	The specific requirements for a comprehensive report must be discussed with the insurer prior to approval with a suggested maximum duration of 2 hours.	
PT001	Travel	Hourly Rate rate**
	Travel when the most appropriate management of the patient requires the provider to travel away from their normal practice. The insurer must provide pre-approval for travel in excess of one hour.	\$124.10
	If services are provided to more than one worker before leaving a venue, the fee for the journey is to be apportioned equally between workers.	

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Service Code	Service	
PQ001	Case Conferences	
	Face-to-face or telephone communication involving the physiotherapist with one or more of the following —	\$15.60 per 6 minute block
	doctor, employer, insurer/claims manager, rehabilitation providers and worker.	
	The aim of the case conference is to plan, implement, manage or review treatment options and/or rehabilitation plan.	
PK001	Communication	
	Any requested or required oral communication by the physiotherapist with relevant parties (treating medical practitioners, employers and insurers) relating to the treatment or rehabilitation of a specific worker.	\$15.60 per 6 minute block
	Excludes courtesy communication such as acknowledgement of referral and brief updates to the medical practitioner.	
	Maximum time allowable per communication of 30 minutes.	
PS001	Specific Physiotherapy Assessment — prior approval from insurer required.	Hourly Rate **
	Includes specific types of assessments not classified elsewhere in these scales required by the insurer which physiotherapists may undertake (e.g. diagnostic ultrasound imaging, Functional Capacity Assessments (FCE's), seating and wheelchair assessments).	\$155.10

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Service Code	Service	Hourly Rate**
PW001	<p>Specific Physiotherapy Intervention — prior approval from insurer required (*replaces PD001).</p> <p>Includes treatments not classified elsewhere in these scales required by the insurer which physiotherapists may undertake (e.g. treatment of severe multiple area trauma, burns, neurologically injured patients and patients with severe spinal injuries, ergonomic corrections of workplace, specialised real-time ultrasound imaging, short consultations).</p>	<p>\$155.10</p> <p>Max duration of service provision 2 hours</p>

** Denotes that where the service provided is a fraction of one hour, the amount chargeable is to be calculated as that fraction of the maximum amount.

[Part 1 inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4375-81.]

Part 2 — Exercise-based programs

[Heading inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4382.]

Type of service	Fee
<p>EXE20 Initial Consultation/Assessment</p> <p>Insurer approval must be obtained prior to undertaking the service.</p> <p>Review of current medical and vocational status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication/Liaison with relevant parties. • Physiological Assessment/testing. • Screening Questionnaires relating to worker's level of function. • Program design based on above. • Exercise facility/equipment coordination (pool or gym based). • Provider to patient ratio must be 1:1 for the duration of the consultation. 	<p>\$155.10</p> <p>per hour to a maximum of 2 hours**</p>

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Part 2 Exercise-based programs

	Type of service	Fee
EXE21	<p>Subsequent Exercise Consultation/Assessment</p> <p>Includes —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • program implementation — prescription and provision of exercises (land or pool based); • program monitoring; • post program screening questionnaire relating to worker's level of function; • psychosocial reassessment; • communication/liaison with relevant parties. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • program monitoring; • post program screening questionnaire relating to worker's level of function; • psychosocial reassessment; • communication/liaison with relevant parties. 	<p>\$155.10 per hour to a maximum of one hour**</p>
EXE02	<p>Initial report</p> <p>Includes —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • initial assessment report outlining results (self-reported and objective), recommendations and exercise rehabilitation plan; • current status as per medical certification and proposed outcome status; • detailed cost plan outlining proposed outcome, services required and proposed costs for insurer approval. 	<p>\$155.10 per hour to a maximum of one hour**</p>
EXE03	<p>Subsequent reports</p> <p>Progress report to be provided at the request of the referrer.</p>	<p>\$155.10 per hour to a maximum of 30 minutes**</p>

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	Type of service	Fee
EXE04	Final report Comprehensive report to be provided at the end of the service delivery detailing — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physiological testing results pre and post program; • worker attendance/programme compliance. 	\$155.10 per hour to a maximum of 30 minutes**
EXE05	Gym membership/Entry fees Includes direct cost of membership (pool or gym). Prior approval from insurer required.	Market rates
EXE06	Travel Travel when the most appropriate management of the patient requires the provider to travel away from their normal practice. The insurer must provide pre-approval for travel in excess of one hour. If services are provided to more than one worker before leaving a venue, the fee for the journey is to be apportioned equally between workers.	\$124.10 per hour **
EXE08	Communication Any requested or required oral communication with relevant parties (treating medical practitioners, employers and insurers) relating to the treatment of a specific worker. Excludes courtesy communication such as acknowledgement acknowledgment of referral and brief updates to the medical practitioner. Maximum time allowable per communication of 30 minutes.	\$15.60 per 6 minute block
EXE09	Attendance at Medical Case Conferences Prior insurer approval must be obtained prior to undertaking the service.	\$155.10 per hour **

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** Denotes that where the service provided is a fraction of one hour, the amount chargeable is to be calculated as that fraction of the maximum amount.

[Part 2 inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4382-4.]

Schedule 3 — Scale of fees — chiropractors

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[Heading inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4384.]

Type of service	Fee \$
1. Initial consultation and examination	53.80
2. Subsequent consultation	44.85
3. Spinal x-ray, one region	106.85
4. Spinal x-ray, 2 or more regions	160.45
5. Travel (per kilometre)	0.80

[Schedule 3 inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4384-5.]

Schedule 4 — Scale of fees — occupational therapists

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[Heading inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4385.]

Type of Service service	Fee \$
1. Brief consultation (< 15 minutes)	23.20
2. Short consultation (15 minutes to < 30 minutes)	46.55
3. Standard consultation (30 minutes to < 45 minutes)	76.70
4. Extended consultation (45 minutes to < one hour)	115.05
5. Extended consultation (> one hour)	153.45
6. Standard group consultation (30 minutes) per person	50.35
7. Travel costs are to be calculated at the hourly rate by the length of time spent travelling.	

[Schedule 4 inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4385.]

Schedule 5 — Scale of fees — speech pathologists

[r. 7]

[Heading inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4385.]

Type of service	Fee \$
1. Initial consultation/assessment (up to and including one hour)	141.80
2. Initial consultation/assessment (exceeding one hour)	183.65
3. Subsequent consultation (1/2 < 1/2 hour)	61.90
4. Subsequent consultation (1/2 hour – one hour)	80.30
5. Subsequent consultation (> one hour)	108.40

[Schedule 5 inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4385-6.]

Schedule 5A — Scale of fees — exercise physiologists

[r. 7B]

[Heading inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4386.]

Exercise-based programs

	Type of service	Fee
EXE20	Initial Consultation/Assessment Insurer approval must be obtained prior to undertaking the service. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of current medical and vocational status.• Communication/Liaison with relevant parties.• Physiological Assessment/testing.• Screening questionnaires relating to worker's level of function.• Program design based on above.• Exercise facility/equipment coordination (pool or gym based). Provider to patient ratio must be 1:1 for the duration of the consultation.	\$155.10 per hour to a maximum of 2 hours**
EXE21	Subsequent Exercise Consultation/Assessment Includes — <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>program implementation — prescription and provision of exercises (land or pool based);</u>• <u>program monitoring;</u>• <u>post program screening questionnaire relating to worker's level of function;</u>• <u>psychosocial reassessment;</u>• <u>communication/liaison with relevant parties.</u>	\$155.10 per hour to a maximum of one hour**

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Type of service	Fee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • program monitoring; • post program screening questionnaire relating to worker's level of function; • psychosocial reassessment; • communication/liaison with relevant parties. 	
EXE02 Initial report	
Includes —	\$155.10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • initial assessment report outlining results (self-reported and objective), recommendations and exercise rehabilitation plan; • current status as per medical certification and proposed outcome status; • detailed cost plan outlining proposed outcome, services required and proposed costs for insurer approval. 	per hour to a maximum of one hour**
EXE03 Subsequent reports	
Progress report to be provided at the request of the referrer.	\$155.10
	per hour to a maximum of 30 minutes**
EXE04 Final report	
Comprehensive report to be provided at the end of the service delivery detailing —	\$155.10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physiological testing results pre and post program; • worker attendance/program compliance. 	per hour to a maximum of 30 minutes**

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	Type of service	Fee
EXE05	Gym membership/Entry fees Includes direct cost of membership (pool or gym). Prior approval from insurer required.	Market rates
EXE06	Travel Travel when the most appropriate management of the patient requires the provider to travel away from their normal practice. The insurer must provide pre-approval for travel in excess of one hour. If services are provided to more than one worker before leaving a venue, the fee for the journey is to be apportioned equally between workers.	\$124.10 per hour **
EXE08	Communication Any requested or required oral communication with relevant parties (treating medical practitioners, employers and insurers) relating to the treatment of a specific worker. Excludes courtesy communication such as acknowledgment of referral and brief updates to the medical practitioner. Maximum time allowable per communication of 30 minutes.	\$15.60 per 6 minute block
EXE09	Attendance at Medical Case Conferences Prior insurer approval must be obtained prior to undertaking the service.	\$155.10 per hour **

** Denotes that where the service provided is a fraction of one hour, the amount chargeable is to be calculated as that fraction of the maximum amount.

[Schedule 5A inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4386-9.]

**Schedule 6 — Scale of maximum fees — approved medical
specialists**

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[Heading inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4389.]

Part 1 — Assessments

[Heading inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 43.]

Description of assessment	Maximum fee**
1. Examination and provision of report and certificate — straightforward assessment — other than a service mentioned in item 4, 5, 6 or 8.	\$1 046.15 (or, if an interpreter is present at the examination, \$1 307.60 excluding any fee payable to the interpreter)
2. Examination and provision of report and certificate — moderately complex assessment (e.g. reviewing multiple questions and reports; impairment involving more complex assessments; more than one body system involved) — other than a service mentioned in item 4, 5, 6 or 8.	\$1 307.60 (or, if an interpreter is present at the examination, \$1 569.15 excluding any fee payable to the interpreter)
3. Examination and provision of report and certificate — complex assessment (e.g. multiple injuries; severe impairment such as spinal cord injury or head injury) — other than a service mentioned in item 4, 5, 6 or 8.	\$1 569.15 (or, if an interpreter is present at the examination, \$1 830.65 excluding any fee payable to the interpreter)
4. Examination of any of ear, nose and throat only, including audiometric testing, and provision of report and certificate — other than a service mentioned in item 8.	\$1 046.15 (or, if an interpreter is present at the examination, \$1 307.60 excluding any fee payable to the interpreter)

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Schedule 6 Scale of maximum fees — approved medical specialists

Part 1 Assessments

Description of assessment	Maximum fee**
5. Examination and provision of report and certificate — psychiatric — standard assessment — other than a service mentioned in item 8.	\$1 569.15 (or, if an interpreter is present at the examination, \$1 830.65 excluding any fee payable to the interpreter)
6. Examination and provision of report and certificate — psychiatric — complex assessment (e.g. reviewing significant documented prior psychiatric history) — other than a service mentioned in item 8.	\$2 615.20 (or, if an interpreter is present at the examination, \$2 876.70 excluding any fee payable to the interpreter)
7. Consolidation of written assessments from multiple assessors.	\$523.00
8. Re-examination and provision of report and certificate.	\$784.55 (or, if an interpreter is present at the examination, \$1 046.15 excluding any fee payable to the interpreter)
9. Provision of supplementary report and certificate.	\$261.55

[Part 1 inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4389-90.]

Part 2 — Attempted assessments

[Heading inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4390.]

Description of circumstances	Maximum fee**
1. If a worker who is required under Part VII Division 2 of the Act to submit to an examination by an approved medical specialist does not attend, in a case in which — (a) no prior arrangements to cancel the examination are made; or (b) the examination is cancelled, otherwise than at the request of the approved medical specialist, with less than one working day's notice.	\$523.00

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[Part 2 inserted in Gazette 30 Oct 2009 p. 4390-1.]



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Notes

- ¹ This [reprint](#) is a compilation [as at 7 May 2010](#) of the *Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Regulations-1998* and includes the amendments made by the other written laws referred to in the following table ². The table also contains information about any reprint.

Compilation table

Citation	Gazettal	Commencement
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998</i> ³	13 Oct 1998 p. 5709-25	13 Oct 1998
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 1999</i>	20 Jul 1999 p. 3249-77	20 Jul 1999
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1999</i>	31 Aug 1999 p. 4244 4264 -5	31 Aug 1999
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2000</i>	21 Dec 2000 p. 7623-51 (correction 6 Feb 2001 p. 743)	21 Dec 2000
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2001</i>	14 Dec 2001 p. 6416-17	14 Dec 2001
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2001</i>	28 Dec 2001 p. 6691-710	28 Dec 2001
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2002</i>	21 May 2002 p. 2593-4	21 May 2002
Reprint of the <i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998</i> as at 24 May 2002 (includes amendments listed above)		
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2002</i>	10 Sep 2002 p. 4602-3	10 Sep 2002
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2003</i>	7 Mar 2003 p. 741-2	7 Mar 2003

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Citation	Gazettal	Commencement
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2003</i>	25 Mar 2003 p. 922-3	25 Mar 2003
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2003</i>	9 May 2003 p. 1626	9 May 2003
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 4) 2003</i>	12 Sep 2003 p. 4081-2	12 Sep 2003
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 5) 2003</i>	23 Sep 2003 p. 4173-86	23 Sep 2003
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 6) 2003</i>	9 Jan 2004 p. 98-100	9 Jan 2004
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2004</i>	19 Mar 2004 p. 861-910	19 Mar 2004
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2004</i>	29 Oct 2004 p. 4940-2	29 Oct 2004
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2005</i>	21 Jan 2005 p. 278-86	21 Jan 2005
<i>Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2005</i>	1 Nov 2005 p. 4976-84	1 Nov 2005
<i>Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2005</i>	11 Nov 2005 p. 5567-70	14 Nov 2005 (see r. 2 and <i>Gazette</i> 31 Dec 2004 p. 7131 and 17 Jun 2005 p. 2657)
<i>Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2006</i>	10 Jan 2006 p. 41-71	10 Jan 2006
Reprint 2: The Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998 as at 3 Mar 2006 (includes amendments listed above)		
<i>Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2006</i>	28 Apr 2006 p. 1660	28 Apr 2006

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Citation	Gazettal	Commencement
<i>Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (ScaleScales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2006</i>	22 Dec 2006 p. 5755-94	22 Dec 2006
Reprint 3: The Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998 as at 2 Mar 2007 (includes amendments listed above)		
<i>Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (ScaleScales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2007</i>	7 Dec 2007 p. 6031-71	r. 1 and 2: 7 Dec 2007 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 8 Dec 2007 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (ScaleScales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2008</i>	17 Dec 2008 p. 5287-330	r. 1 and 2: 17 Dec 2008 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 18 Dec 2008 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (ScaleScales of Fees) Amendment Regulations 2009</i>	30 Oct 2009 p. 4343-91	r. 1 and 2: 30 Oct 2009 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Nov 2009 (see r. 2(b))
<i>Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (ScaleScales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2009</i>	22 Dec 2009 p. 2576 5276-7	r. 1 and 2: 22 Dec 2009 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 23 Dec 2009 (see r. 2(b))
<u>Reprint 4: The Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998 as at 7 May 2010</u> (includes amendments listed above)		

² The amendments in the *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation (Scales of Fees) Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2004* published in *Gazette* 4 Jan 2005 p. 6-14 have no effect because of an error in the reference to the principal regulations to be amended.

³ Now known as the *Workers' Compensation and Injury Management (Scales of Fees) Regulations 1998*; citation changed (see note under r. 1).