

FEE INFORMATION

This information is intended as a guide only, and we recognise the need to be flexible as the needs of each child, family and school are different. All fees are guided by current NDIS pricing structure, and we reserve the right to change our fees according to recommendations. All Ridgy Didge Speech Pathology services are charged at the rates listed below and discussed with clients prior to any billable service occurring. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the fees and billing structure.

INITIAL CONSULT & ASSESSMENT

Initial phone consultation (10-minutes)	No charge
Standard rate	\$290.00 +GST

Inclusions:

- 1 hour assessment (face-to-face)
- 30-minutes of non-contact time: new client case history; scoring and analysis of assessment; initial liaison with involved service providers; session preparation; record keeping.

Each assessment process is individualised based on the child/students' presenting difficulties, so this may vary the time required for a comprehensive assessment.

**If additional assessment time is warranted, it will be charged as required.*

ASSESSMENT RELATED INDIRECT SUPPORTS

These indirect supports can be provided following the assessment and are charged at the following rates:

Standard rate	\$193.99/hour +GST
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Short summary & initial recommendations (no formal program/resources) 30 minutes

Assessment summary & initial program 60 – 90 minutes

Comprehensive report – suitable for educational setting and/or NDIS application 60 – 120 minutes

Parents can decide what they wish to receive as an outcome from the assessment appointment; this can be guided by the Speech Pathologist.

NB: Assessment may need to occur over several sessions, so sometimes a report may not be able to be written after the initial consult.

INDIVIDUAL THERAPY SESSIONS

Standard rate	\$193.99/hour +GST
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Inclusions:

- 45-minute (face-to-face)
- 15-minute non-contact time: preparation, record keeping, email session summary

GROUP THERAPY SESSIONS

Standard rate \$193.99/hour +GST total for group

Split between participants (e.g., \$48.50/hour each for a group of 4):

- 45-minute (face-to-face)
- 15-minute non-contact time: preparation, record keeping, email session summary

**Travel fees may apply depending on location – where possible will be shared between clients.*

NB: Group sessions which are NOT specific speech pathology client intervention but are based on community capacity building and informal parent or educator support will be charged at a price determined by Ridgy Didge Speech Pathology.

WORKSHOPS & CAPACITY BUILDING

Parent, Educator and Community workshop prices will be individually quoted dependent on program type. See Workshops for topics available.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES (INDIRECT SUPPORTS)

Standard rate \$193.99/hour +GST

- Reports
- Progress reports
- Home programs
- Resource development (for home-based program)
- Support letters
- Meeting/s or communication with other professionals involved in child/students care (*greater than 15-minutes in time*)

**Travel fees may apply for any of the direct / face-to-face services – where possible will be shared between clients.*

TRAVEL

Standard rate \$3.23/min +GST

**Travel fees where possible will be shared between clients.*

FUNDING OPTIONS

- Private Health Insurance:
Some private health policies entitle you to a rebate for speech pathology services. You are encouraged to discuss eligibility with your insurer. Families will be required to pay the full session fee and then seek the rebate from their private health fund.
- Medicare:
A Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Plan is a GP managed plan that provides access to 5 subsidised allied health sessions within a calendar year (this is at a rebated rate). Families will be required to pay the full session fee and then seek the rebate back from Medicare.
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS):
The NDIS is a government-funded disability support program. Ridgy Didge Speech Pathology can provide services to NDIS participants if they are self-managed or plan-managed.

Cancellation Policy/Fee: 2 clear working days' notice or charged 100% fee.