

**SIRA MEDICAL ASSESSORS**

**FEE SCHEDULE FOR MEDICAL & REVIEW PANEL ASSESSMENTS**

**1999 MACA SCHEME**

<b>Medical Assessment Fees</b>							
Fees applicable to MAS 1A, 2A and 4A assessments conducted on or after 1 April 2017							
Assessment Type	On Papers	Physical	Complex Physical or Non-Complex Occupational Therapy	ABI	Complex ABI or Complex Occupational Therapy	Psychiatric	Complex Psychiatric
Single application	\$1230	\$1230	\$1640	\$1640	\$2050	\$1640	\$2050

<b>Medical Review Panel Assessment Fees</b>							
Fees applicable to MAS 5A Review Panel assessments							
Assessment Type	Determined at 1 <sup>st</sup> Conference	Determined at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Conference	Determined at 3 <sup>rd</sup> Conference	Additional Fees			
				Physical Examiner	Psychiatric Examiner	Certificate Writer	Panel Chair
Non-complex	\$1230	\$2050	\$2460	\$410	\$820	\$1025	\$410
Complex	\$1640	\$2460	\$2870				

<b>Same Day Psychiatric Review Panel Assessment Fees per Assessment</b>				
Fees applicable for same day psychiatric Review Panel assessments				
Assessment Type	Same Day Assessment	Panel Chair	Certificate Writer	Extra Reading Time (per hour)
Non-Complex	\$2460	\$410	\$1025	\$410
Complex	\$2870			

Additional Fees			
Assessment	Additional Item	Description	Amount
All Assessments	Neuropsychological assessment (ABI protocol)	• Screening assessment	\$2050
		• Full assessment	\$3280
	Medical Assessor conferencing	• Pro rata rate of \$205 per hour	\$205
	Extra 'minor' impairment assessments	• Minor skin or minor dental injuries	\$205
	Two or more applications	• 1 hour equivalent	\$410
	Multiple treatment disputes	• Up to 5 disputes	\$205
		• More than 5 disputes	\$410
	Interpreter loading	• Per medical assessment examination	\$205
	Surveillance imaging review	• Pro rata rate of \$205 per hour	\$205
	Unreasonably late attendance by claimant or interpreter	• Requiring an extra 30 minutes or more to complete medical assessment examination	\$205
• Requiring additional appointment to complete medical assessment examination		\$410	
Travel time to conduct an examination	• Pro rata rate of \$205 per hour	\$205	
Travel to conduct an examination	• Motor vehicle per kilometre rate	\$0.66*	
All Assessments (excluding Reviews)	Non-attendance or Late Cancellation	• Notified with less than 1 weeks notice	\$410
		• Notified with less than 72 hours notice	\$820
Review Panel Assessments	Non-attendance or Late Cancellation	• Physical examination/Assessor	\$410
		• Psychiatric examination/Assessor	\$820

### Explanatory Notes for Medical Assessment Fees

- Medical assessment fees are based on an hourly rate of \$410 and include the Medical Assessor's review of the file, examination and preparation of a certificate including reasons.
- No additional fees are payable in relation to an obvious error application.
- Additional fees may be paid in relation to an incomplete certificate.
- Additional fees (above) are paid on the basis that the 'additional item' will incur additional time and therefore will be taken into account for any further request for additional fees.
- A discretionary assessment fee at the hourly rate of \$410 may be approved in accordance with the *Medical Assessors Fee Schedule Additional Loadings Policy*.
- Travel expenses must be made using the current *Dispute Resolution Services Medical Assessor payment request* and in accordance with the current *SIRA Medical Assessors and Reviews Panel Assessors Travel Expenses Policy*.
- \*Travel expenses are based on the annual *Treasury Circular – Review of Meal, Travelling and other Allowances*.

### Permanent Impairment Assessments – physical and psychiatric

#### *Non-Complex Fee*

- 1 or 2 body systems referred for assessment (there may be more than one injury in each body system). For example, a soft tissue injury to the cervical, thoracic, lumbar spine and shoulders is non-complex because it involves 2 body systems – Spine and Upper Limb.
- The review of documents should not take more than one hour.

#### *Complex Fee*

- More than 2 body systems referred for assessment.
- Multiple injuries within 1 body system. For example, separate finger, wrist and shoulder injuries (bilateral injuries do not constitute a complex case).
- Medical assessment examination of the claimant is likely to take more than one hour for physical or up to two hours for psychiatric cases.
- A large quantity of documentation is provided which is likely to take more than one hour to review.

### Treatment Assessments

#### *Non-Complex Fee*

- Assessment of several treatment disputes which relate to the same injury. For example, physiotherapy and arthroscopy disputes in a knee injury – single analysis of the current status and need for further intervention in relation to a knee injury only or massage therapy, CT scan and need for ongoing review by an orthopaedic specialist in relation to a soft tissue injury of the spine - all decisions in this case flow from a single analysis of the status and need for further intervention in relation to the spinal injury.
- The review of documents should not take more than one hour.

#### *Complex Fee*

- Medical assessment examination of the claimant is likely to take longer than one hour.
- A large quantity of documentation is provided, which is likely to require more than one hour to review.

### Further Assessments

- A complex fee is allocated to all further assessments.

### Occupational Therapy Treatment Assessments

#### *Non-Complex Fee*

- Medical assessment examination of the claimant takes no longer than two hours.
- Documentation is not likely to require more than one hour to review.
- The Assessor is required to certify 1 or 2 separate periods of care.

#### *Complex Fee*

- Medical assessment examination of the claimant is likely to take longer than two hours.
- A large quantity of documentation is provided, which is likely to require more than one hour to review.

### ABI Assessments

- The complex ABI (Acquired Brain Injury) fee applies where the Assessor is asked to examine an ABI injury in addition to more than 2 other body systems.

### Medical Review Panel Assessments

- 1<sup>st</sup> teleconference - 3 hours (non-complex fee) or 4 hours (complex fee) spent by each Panel Assessor where the determination is made at the 1<sup>st</sup> teleconference.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> teleconference - 2 additional hours for all Panel Assessors where a 2<sup>nd</sup> teleconference is required.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> teleconference - 1 additional hour for all Panel Assessors where a 3<sup>rd</sup> teleconference is required.

### Same Day Psychiatric Review Panel Assessments

- Fees cover conferences and medical assessment examination conducted on the same day per assessment.
- Fees allow for 6 hours (non-complex fee) and 7 hours (complex fee) spent by each Panel Assessor for pre-reading, conferencing, medical assessment examination and later certificate editing.