



Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal

Guideline No. 2 of 2007

FEES FOR THE PREPARATION OF REPORTS AND PROVISION OF COUNSELLING SERVICES

Purpose

This Guideline is issued by the Chief Magistrate pursuant to section 45(1A) of the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 1996* for the purpose of guiding Tribunal Members and Registrars in awarding financial assistance for expenses relating to counselling reports and sessions. A Tribunal Member may depart from this Guideline in appropriate circumstances.

Scope

This Guideline applies to all awards for counselling made on and after the commencement date, and for reports filed on or after the commencement date.

Related documents

This Guideline should be read in conjunction with the Chief Magistrate's Practice Direction 9/2003 regarding procedures to be followed by treating counsellors (psychologists and non-psychologists) in relation to the preparation of reports and requests for awards of financial assistance for expenses relating to reports and counselling sessions.

Fees for Preparation of Reports

Report Type	Fee (including GST)	
	Registered Psychologist	Non-Psychologist
First report recommending an award of financial assistance for 5 hours or less of counselling	* \$250.00	\$250.00
First report recommending an award of financial assistance for more than 5 hours of counselling	* \$300.00 to \$500.00	\$300.00 to \$500.00
Subsequent report for award of financial assistance recommending financial assistance for further counselling than previously awarded	* \$250.00	\$250.00

* and for up to 2 hours at the authorised hourly rate for time spent conducting formal testing that is necessary for the purpose of preparing the report.

Fees for Counselling Services

Duration of Individual Client Counselling Sessions	Fee (including GST)	
	Registered Psychologist	Non-Psychologist
30 minutes	\$65.00	\$50.00
60 minutes	\$130.00	\$100.00
90 minutes	\$195.00	\$150.00

Duration of Group or Family Counselling Sessions	Fee (including GST)	
	Registered Psychologist	Non-Psychologist
30 minutes	\$37.50 per person to a maximum of \$137.50	\$30.00 per person to a maximum of \$110.00
60 minutes	\$75.00 per person to a maximum of \$250.00	\$60.00 per person to a maximum of \$200.00

Commencement date

The Guideline has effect from 1 January 2008.

IAN L GRAY
Chief Magistrate

21 December 2007