

Autism and ADHD Assessment

Information for Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for your interest in autism assessments with Assessments and Answers Psychology. Please find below an overview of what is involved in the process, including session structure, timelines, and fees.

Assessment Overview and Timeline

Our comprehensive assessment process is designed to understand your child's cognitive, academic, and developmental profile. Through this multi-step approach, we aim to highlight strengths and identify areas where additional support may be helpful.

Session 1: Intake Appointment/Young DIVA Assessment- \$375

Duration: Approximately 90 minutes (via phone or videoconference with a parent/caregiver)

The clinician will gather detailed information about the child's developmental history, medical background, family history, and educational performance. The appointment will include discussion of current symptoms, behaviours, and concerns, as well as review of any previous assessments or reports. Standardised ADHD rating scales or questionnaires may be administered to caregivers and teachers. The clinician will also assess for possible co-existing conditions, such as anxiety, learning disorders, or behavioural issues. The goal is to develop a thorough understanding of the child's functioning across settings to inform diagnosis and next steps.

Session 2: Autism Diagnostic Interview – Revised (ADI-R) — \$500

Duration: Approximately 2 hours (via phone or videoconference with a parent/caregiver)

A structured interview that collects detailed information about your child's early development, communication skills, social interactions, and behavioural patterns. This step is crucial for understanding developmental history and identifying longstanding features associated with autism.

Session 3: Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule – Second Edition (ADOS-2) — \$250

Duration: Approximately 1 hour (in-person assessment)

A play- and conversation-based assessment conducted directly with your child. This gold-standard tool allows us to observe social communication and behaviours in a natural, interactive setting, helping to identify features of autism.

Session 4: Cognitive Assessment (ages 2–5) — \$500

Duration: 60–120 minutes (in-person assessment)

The Wechsler Preschool & Primary Scale of Intelligence, Fourth Edition (WPPSI-IV) is a comprehensive cognitive assessment that evaluates intellectual abilities across verbal comprehension, visual-spatial reasoning, working memory, and processing speed. This helps distinguish between developmental delays, learning differences, and attentional profiles.

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Session 4: Cognitive Assessment (ages 6–16) — \$500

Duration: 90–120 minutes (in-person assessment)

The Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children – Fifth Edition (WISC-V) is a comprehensive cognitive assessment that evaluates intellectual abilities across verbal comprehension, visual-spatial reasoning, working memory, and processing speed. This helps distinguish between developmental delays, learning differences, and attentional profiles.

Session 5: Test of Everyday Attention for Children – Second Edition (TEA-Ch2) — \$250

Duration: Approximately 1 hour (in-person assessment)

An assessment focusing on key aspects of attention, including sustained and selective attention, as well as attentional control. This helps identify features consistent with ADHD or other attentional processing challenges.

Session 6: Feedback Appointment — \$250

Duration: Approximately 1 hour (via phone or videoconference with a parent/caregiver)

A dedicated session to review assessment results, discuss any diagnoses (if applicable), and provide tailored recommendations for support at home, school, and in other relevant settings.

Mobile Combined Autism & ADHD Assessments Fee Estimate: \$3,870

(Based on 15 hours of clinical time, assessment materials, interpretation and analysis of results, a comprehensive report, and personalised recommendations)

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Important Notes

- **Invoicing:** An invoice will be issued following the completion of each assessment component.
- **Payment:** Full payment must be received for the assessment report to be released.
- **Private Health Insurance:** Some psychological services may qualify for rebates. Contact your insurer to confirm eligibility.
- **NDIS Funding:** Diagnostic assessments are not funded by the NDIS unless specifically requested by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). Cognitive assessments may be covered under certain circumstances; please consult your local area coordinator for details.

Medicare Rebates for Referrals

If your child is referred by a **paediatrician or psychiatrist**, you may be eligible for a Medicare rebate under the Complex Neurodevelopmental Disorder and Eligible Disabilities initiative. Key details include:

- **Eligibility:** Patients under 25 years old with a suspected or diagnosed complex neurodevelopmental disorder (such as Autism Spectrum Disorder) or eligible disability.
- **Rebate Coverage:** Up to eight allied health assessment services per patient per lifetime.
- **Service Provision:** An eligible allied health practitioner can provide up to four services before a mandatory review by the referring psychiatrist. The psychiatrist must agree to the need for any additional allied health services prior to the delivery of the remaining four assessment services.