

Cognitive and Learning Assessments

Information for Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for your interest in cognitive and learning 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 assessments are designed to explore your child's cognitive, academic, and developmental profile—highlighting their strengths and identifying areas where additional support may be beneficial. This process involves several steps:

Session 1: Intake Appointment — \$250

Duration: 50–60 minutes (via phone or videoconference with a parent/caregiver)

A parent or caregiver meets with the psychologist to discuss the child's background, including developmental history, medical and family history, and current academic concerns. This helps tailor the assessment process to your child's individual needs.

Session 2: 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.

Session 2: 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 3: Academic Achievement Assessment — \$750

Duration: 2–3 hours (in-person assessment)

Using the Wechsler Individual Achievement Test – Third Edition (WIAT-III), we evaluate key academic skills in reading, writing, mathematics, listening, and oral expression. This highlights any specific learning difficulties and informs targeted support strategies.

Session 4: Feedback and Recommendations — \$250

Duration: 50–60 minutes (via phone or videoconference with a parent/caregiver)

You'll receive a comprehensive written report, including assessment findings, interpretations,

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and individualised recommendations. The psychologist will walk you through the results and answer any questions during a feedback session (in person, by phone, or via video call).

Mobile Education and Learning Assessments Fee Estimate: \$2,870

(Based on 11 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.