

Schedule of recommended fees for Accredited Social Workers in private practice

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The AASW has published a set of recommended fees for Accredited Social Workers who are self-employed as private practitioners. This document may be useful for: Accredited Social Workers in private practice; or for organisations (such as national or state Government departments, semi government authorities, non-government organisations and insurance companies) reviewing their remuneration rates.

These fees are comparable to other allied health professions' recommended private practice rates and are a reflection of the skills and currency of knowledge of Accredited Social Workers. The recommendations are a guide only. Pricing of services is at the discretion of the individual practitioner.

For further information about Accredited Social Workers please refer to the AASW website: <http://www.aasw.asn.au/information-for-the-community/recognising-qualified-social-workers>

Service	Recommended fees
Casework/individual work	\$240 per hour
Family or other group work	\$240 per hour (may require a sliding scale dependent on number in group, type of group or duration of group session)
Supervision (subject to GST)	\$195 per hour
Group Supervision (subject to GST)	\$130 per person per hour
Consultancy (subject to GST)	\$280 per hour
Training (subject to GST)	\$1555 per day (off the shelf program fees may be reduced)
Assessment and report writing (may be subject to GST)	\$240 per hour (may require sliding scale dependent on number of pages rather than time)
Report update (may be subject to GST)	\$240 per hour

Further important considerations

The above list of fees is not exhaustive. Practitioners may also wish to consider additional optional fees for items such as:

- Telephone consultation
- Attendance at court
- Travel time
- Cancellation fees

As per the AASW [Code of Ethics](#), social workers should ensure that clients are aware of fee schedules and costs before commencing professional service and are charged only for hours and services contracted.

Medicare Australia has its own requirements and procedures for fees and service delivery that members should be familiar with if providing services under the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS). Further information about this is available in the mental health section on the AASW website.