

Autism Queensland has a multidisciplinary team of psychologists, speech pathologists and occupational therapists who are qualified to conduct a range of assessments with children, adolescents and adults for diagnostic and other purposes.

This outlines the assessment packages currently available in **Brisbane, Mackay and Cairns**. An initial intake appointment is conducted with all clients to gather information and ascertain suitable assessment services. Please be aware the type and price of the package may alter depending on the clinician's assessment of the individual's need/s. This will be discussed at or following the initial intake appointment.

Assessment services are calculated based on the standard hourly rate of **\$193.99/hour for speech pathologists and occupational therapists, and \$214.41/hour for psychologists**.

For all Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnostic assessment requests, it is recommended clients access a paediatrician/psychiatrist and GP to obtain a suitable referral letter. With client consent, assessment findings will be provided to their treating doctor/s for follow up and further recommendations.

### Child & Adolescent Diagnostic Assessment\*

This package utilises a multidisciplinary team and is designed for children and adolescents who require a comprehensive assessment to explore an ASD diagnosis.

Please note, diagnostic guidelines stipulate that a paediatrician or child psychiatrist must formalise an autism diagnosis, therefore completed reports generated by this assessment package will need to be taken to the paediatrician or child psychiatrist for a final review and formal diagnosis if suitable.

This package is also available for individuals requiring a review of their diagnosis or to determine a level under DSM-5.

#### This package includes:

- Initial intake appointment
- Screening assessments
- Autism Diagnostic Interview – Revised (ADI-R) or similar
- Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule – 2nd Edition (ADOS-2) or similar
- Functional Assessment
- *\*Further investigation or follow up if required (additional costs apply - to be discussed with client where recommended)*
- Analysis, clinical discussion and reporting on assessment findings.

*\* It is recommended you provide a referral letter from your medical specialist.*

*\* Examples include cognitive assessment, language assessment, school observational assessment, home and community visit, and follow up appointment to explain assessment results.*

**Price:** From \$2500 (Please note this service is tailored to the needs of the client and therefore prices will vary depending on client needs and therapist assessment). *NDIS Funding (if applicable) may be utilised to cover costs.*

## Adult Diagnostic Assessment\*

This package utilises a multidisciplinary team and is suitable for adults who have never received a diagnosis of ASD and require a comprehensive assessment to explore a diagnosis.

Please note, diagnostic guidelines recommend that a psychiatrist is involved in the ASD assessment process. Completed reports generated by this assessment package will need to be taken to a psychiatrist for follow up, review and formal diagnosis if suitable.

This package is also suitable for adults who require a review of their diagnosis or a level under DSM-5.

### This package includes:

- Initial intake appointment
- Screening assessments
- Developmental case history
- Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule – second edition (ADOS-2) or similar
- Functional Assessment
- *\*Further investigation if required (additional costs - this will be discussed with client where recommended)*
- Analysis and reporting of assessment findings

*\* It is recommended you provide a referral letter from your medical specialist.*

*\* Examples include cognitive assessment, language assessment, workplace observational assessment, home and community visit, and follow up appointment to explain assessment results.*

**Price:** From \$2500 (Please note this service is tailored to the needs of the client and therefore prices will vary depending on client needs and therapist assessment). *NDIS Funding (if applicable) may be utilised to cover costs.*

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## ADOS-2 (as requested by a medical specialist)\*

This package is suitable for individuals whose paediatrician or psychiatrist has requested for the ADOS-2 assessment to be completed to substantiate a suspected diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

### This package includes:

- Brief initial intake appointment
- Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule – second edition (ADOS-2)
- Analysis and reporting of assessment findings
- *\*Further investigation if required (additional costs - this will be discussed with client)*

*\* Please provide a referral letter from your medical specialist.*

**Price:** \$1100-\$1300 (Price will vary depending on therapist/s involved). *NDIS Funding (if applicable) may be utilised to cover costs.*

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## Other Assessments\*

This service may utilise a single therapist or a multidisciplinary team. This service is suitable for individuals who would like to receive a bespoke assessment. As appropriate to the individual's need, a comprehensive functional assessment can be conducted to inform therapy goals, support recommendations, and/or funding application or review.

This package is suitable for those presenting with complex behavioural concerns and for those whose impairments may have a subtle presentation.

### This service may consist of:

- Initial intake appointment
- Psychology Assessment (if required)
- Occupational Therapy Assessment (if required)
- Speech Pathology Assessment (if required)
- Analysis and reporting.

### Examples of the types of assessments include:

- Functional assessment
- Supported Independent Living related assessment
- Independence/task analysis
- Speech and language assessment
- Literacy assessment
- Social communication assessment
- Cognitive assessment
- Mental health-related assessment
- Executive functioning assessment
- Sensory assessment
- Fine motor assessment
- Gross motor assessment
- Behaviour assessment
- ADHD assessment.

*\*Therapist can provide clinic, home, or community-based assessments as suitable (travel costs apply).*

*\*Price will vary depending on the assessment request.*

**Price:** Assessments and reporting are all costed at an hourly rate of \$193.99–\$214.41, depending on the therapist/s involved. *NDIS Funding (if applicable) may be utilised to cover costs.*

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Allied Health Diagnostic Assessment is available at **Brisbane, Mackay and Cairns.**

The assessment team is available to answer and clarify any assessment queries clients may have. Additional appointments can be arranged to discuss progress and to explain assessment results.

### For more information:

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