



Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Assessment

Psychologists have particular skill in performing assessments for you, your child or teen. These assessments help understand how to an individual understands and perceives information which impacts on learning and daily functioning.

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a neurodevelopmental condition; It's observable behaviours and traits are the result of a person's brain developing differently during the key stages of development before they were born or as a very young child. This differs from mental illness, which refers to patterns of behaviour where a person experiences a 'state of mind' that is different from their 'normal self' (ADHDaware.co.uk).

It is likely that along with ADHD a person may experience features of other neurodevelopmental conditions such as Autism, Tourette's syndrome, dyslexia, or dyspraxia. ADHD assessments endeavour to answer whether the experience and observed behaviours fit the criteria, in addition to or rather than another identified psychological or developmental condition. This ADHD assessment can be completed in as part of an autism assessment, or as a separate assessment.

Some behavioural traits of ADHD may include *inattention*, feeling easily distracted, poor concentration, difficulty getting organised, impulsivity, impatience, risk, taking and strong emotional responses or hyperactivity. However each individual will vary in their range of observable traits and this can look quite different, especially when we consider a child versus teen, versus adult presentations.

The ADHD assessment will include the following clinical tools to be completed along with the listed appointments:

Developmental History Interview with Parents or Individual-(50-90 minutes)

Play session/assessment with child/teen (up to 60 minutes)

Completion of checklists and questionnaires relevant to the child/teen/or adult:

- Connors-3/4

- Behaviour Rating Inventory of Executive Functioning (BRIEF-A or BRIEF-2)
- PCL/Trauma Symptoms Checklist
- Adaptive Behaviour Assessment System
- Behaviour Assessment System for Children

Feedback Session Appointment (up to 60 minutes)

Comprehensive Report detailing Assessment Results & Recommendations

Cost of Assessment and Report: \$1750

Optional additional assessments that can be added to provide a more comprehensive assessment of intelligence include:

- The Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children Fifth Edition (WISC-V)

or

- The Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS-III)

Cost of Assessment and Report: \$2300

Optional additional assessments that can be added to provide a more comprehensive assessment of intelligence and learning:

- The Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children Fifth Edition (WISC-V)

or The Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS-III)

and

- The Wechsler Individual Achievement Test (WIAT)-III

Cost of Assessment and Report \$2600

How the Payment Process Works?

The face to face sessions are to be paid for on the day at the psychologists usual sessional rate (as the client may be entitled to a rebate under private health insurance). Medicare rebates are not available for these assessments.

Payments can be made in instalments across the length of the involvement by arrangement, however the report cannot be released until full payment is finalised.

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