

HEALTHMAN AUDIOLOGY COSTING GUIDE 2012

COMPARATIVE TARIFFS



Code	Description	Average Duration	2012 HealthMan Practice Cost Tariffs (VAT incl.)	HealthMan RCF	2012 Discovery Tariffs (VAT incl.)	DH RCF	2012 GEMS Tariffs (VAT Incl.)	GEMS RCF	2012 Medscheme Tariffs (VAT Incl.)	Medscheme RCF
		Units	R	(see note) R	R	R	R	R	R	R
0020	Report writing	30	253.80	8.46	222.80	7.43	225.20	7.51	225.10	7.50
Consultations										
1010	Audiology consultation. Duration 5 - 15 mins	10	84.60	8.46	72.60	7.26	75.10	7.51	74.00	7.40
1011	Audiology consultation. Duration 16 - 30 mins	23	190.35	8.46	167.20	7.43	168.90	7.51	166.40	7.40
1012	Audiology consultation. Duration 31 - 45 mins	38	317.25	8.46	278.50	7.43	281.60	7.51	277.40	7.40
1013	Audiology consultation. Duration 46 - 60 mins	53	444.15	8.46	390.00	7.43	394.30	7.51	388.10	7.39
1015	Prolonged audiology consultation, each additional full 15 mins, to a maximum of 60 mins	15	126.90	8.46	55.80	3.72	112.60	7.51	111.00	7.40
1017	Modifier: Audiology assistant - where a procedure requires the assistance of a qualified registered audiologist, the fee is 40% of the fee payable to the primary audiologist								0.00	
A. Peripheral Hearing Evaluation										
1100	Air conduction, pure tone audiogram	15	126.90	8.46	62.60	4.17	128.90	8.59	126.90	8.46
1105	Bone conduction pure tone audiogram	12	101.52	8.46	62.60	5.22	103.10	8.59	101.70	8.48
1110	Full Speech Audiogram including speech reception threshold and discrimination at two or more levels. (3277)	15	126.90	8.46	97.40	6.49	128.90	8.59	126.90	8.46
1115	Speech audiogram screening	5	42.30	8.46	42.00	8.40	43.00	8.60	42.40	8.48
1120	Visual reinforcement audiometry (VRA)	40	338.40	8.46	246.20	6.16	351.30	8.78	345.80	8.65
1121	Conditioning play audiometry	40	338.40	8.46	342.20	8.56	351.30	8.78	345.80	8.65
1122	Select picture audiometry	40	338.40	8.46	342.20	8.56	351.30	8.78	345.80	8.65
1125	Tinnitus Evaluation	15	126.90	8.46	125.70	8.38	128.90	8.59	126.90	8.46
B. Middle Ear Function Evaluation										
1200	Tympanometry	8	67.68	8.46	62.60	7.83	64.90	8.11	63.90	7.99
1205	Immittance Measurements - Impedance / Stapedial reflex (3276): Limited reflex spectrum (eg : 1-2 frequencies)	4	33.84	8.46	31.70	7.93	32.50	8.13	32.00	8.00
1210	Immittance Measurements - Impedance / Stapedial reflex (3276): Extended reflex spectrum (250-8000Hz e.g. 4-8 frequencies)	12	101.52	8.46	95.00	7.92	97.50	8.13	95.90	7.99
1215	High Frequency Tympanometry (impedance testing) - for paediatric population	8	67.68	8.46	63.30	7.91	64.90	8.11	63.90	7.99
1220	Eustachian Tube Function Test - multiple tympanograms - bilateral	12	101.52	8.46	95.00	7.92	97.50	8.13	95.90	7.99
1225	Rinné & Weber tests	4	33.84	8.46	33.50	8.38	34.30	8.58	33.90	8.48
C. Diagnostic Audiological Tests for Differential Diagnosis between Cochlear; Retro-cochlear; Central; Functional and/or Vestibular Pathology										
1300	Tone Decay (for retro cochlear pathology)	8	67.68	8.46	67.00	8.38	68.80	8.60	67.60	8.45

1305	Reflex decay (for retro cochlear pathology)	8	67.68	8.46	63.30	7.91	64.90	8.11	63.90	7.99
1310	Short Increment Sensitivity Index (SISI)	5	42.30	8.46	42.00	8.40	43.00	8.60	42.40	8.48
1315	Most comfortable levels (MCL) & Uncomfortable levels (UCL) : Air conduction	8	67.68	8.46	67.00	8.38	68.80	8.60	67.60	8.45
1320	Most comfortable levels (MCL) & Uncomfortable levels (UCL) : Speech thresholds	4	33.84	8.46	33.50	8.38	34.30	8.58	3.90	0.98
1325	Test for functional hearing loss	10	84.60	8.46	83.70	8.37	86.00	8.60	84.50	8.45
1331	Stenger test, pure tone	5	42.30	8.46	42.00	8.40	43.00	8.60	42.40	8.48
1332	Stenger test, speech	5	42.30	8.46	42.00	8.40	43.00	8.60	42.40	8.48
1340	Basic equipment used in own rooms by audiologist.To be charged once a per day together with codes 1100 to 1125 ,1225,1300,1310 to 1332 and twice per day for code 135 ,per patient.(see note below)	9.8	82.91	8.46					0.00	0.00
1335	Fistula test - (for peri-lymph fluid leakage)	15	126.90	8.46	125.70	8.38	128.90	8.59	126.90	8.46
D. Auditory Processing (AP) and Central Auditory Processing Tests (CAP)										
1400	Central Auditory Processing Disorders test, test to be specified.	13	109.98	8.46	111.20	8.55	114.10	8.78	112.40	8.65
E. Electro-Physiological Examinations/Auditory Evoked Potentials (AEP)										
1500	Diagnostic Neurological short latency ABR (Auditory Brainstem Response) Bilateral; single decibel (2692)	60	1484.64	24.74	513.40	8.56	526.90	8.78	518.70	8.65
1505	AABR - Bilateral (Automated Auditory Brainstem Response). Cannot be charged with 1510	30	474.35	15.81	237.50	7.92	243.70	8.12	240.00	8.00
1510	Screening ABR - Bilateral (Auditory Brainstem Response) . Cannot be charged with 1505	20	311.85	15.59	158.40	7.92	162.50	8.13	160.00	8.00
1515	Diagnostic Audiological Click ABR (Auditory Brainstem Evoked Response) – Bilateral Air conduction threshold determination using click stimuli	60	1484.64	24.74	513.40	8.56	526.90	8.78	518.70	8.65
1520	Diagnostic Audiological Click ABR-(Auditory Brainstem Response) – Bilateral Bone conduction threshold determination using click stimuli	80	1979.55	24.74	684.50	8.56	702.50	8.78	691.70	8.65
	Combinations of items 1531 to 1534 cannot be billed together.							#DIV/0!		
1531	Diagnostic Audiological Tone Burst ABR (Auditory Brainstem Response) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at: 1 frequency	30	742.32	24.74	256.80	8.56	263.40	8.78	259.40	8.65
1532	Diagnostic Audiological Tone Burst ABR (Auditory Brainstem Response) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 2 frequencies	60	1484.64	24.74	513.40	8.56	526.90	8.78	518.70	8.65
1533	Diagnostic Audiological Tone Burst ABR (Auditory Brainstem Response) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 3 frequencies	90	2227.06	24.75	770.00	8.56	790.40	8.78	778.10	8.65
1534	Diagnostic Audiological Tone Burst ABR (Auditory Brainstem Response) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 4 frequencies	120	2969.38	24.74	1026.70	8.56	1053.80	8.78	1037.50	8.65
	Combinations of items 1541 to 1544 cannot be billed together.									
1541	Diagnostic Audiological Middle latency & Late Cortical Auditory Evoked responses (2698) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 1 frequency	25	618.62	24.74	213.80	8.55	219.60	8.78	216.10	8.64
1542	Diagnostic Audiological Middle latency & Late Cortical Auditory Evoked responses (2698) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 2 frequencies	50	1237.23	24.74	427.80	8.56	439.10	8.78	432.30	8.65
1543	Diagnostic Audiological Middle latency & Late Cortical Auditory Evoked responses (2698) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 3 frequencies	75	1855.85	24.74	641.80	8.56	658.70	8.78	648.50	8.65
1544	Diagnostic Audiological Middle latency & Late Cortical Auditory Evoked responses(2698) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 4 frequencies	100	2474.46	24.74	855.60	8.56	878.20	8.78	864.60	8.65
	Combinations of items 1551 to 1554 cannot be billed together.		0.00					#DIV/0!		

1551	ASSER (Auditory Steady State Evoked Response) – Bilateral threshold determination : 1 frequency	30	643.53	21.45	256.80	8.56	263.40	8.78	259.40	8.65
1552	ASSER (Auditory Steady State Evoked Response) – Bilateral threshold determination : 2 frequencies	40	858.07	21.45	342.20	8.56	351.30	8.78	345.80	8.65
1553	ASSER (Auditory Steady State Evoked Response) – Bilateral threshold determination : 3 frequencies	60	1287.16	21.45	513.40	8.56	526.90	8.78	518.70	8.65
1554	ASSER (Auditory Steady State Evoked Response) – Bilateral threshold determination : 4 frequencies	80	1716.14	21.45	684.50	8.56	702.50	8.78	691.70	8.65
1560	P300 Cognitive AEP (Auditory Evoked Potential) or MMN (Mismatch Negativity)	35	866.02	24.74	299.50	8.56	307.40	8.78	302.60	8.65
1565	Electrocochleography: unilateral (2699)	45	1113.53	24.75	385.00	8.56	395.10	8.78	389.10	8.65
1570	Electrocochleography: bilateral (2700)	90	2227.06	24.75	770.00	8.56	790.40	8.78	778.10	8.65
1575	Cochlear nerve function test - intra-operative monitoring - per 30min	30	742.32	24.74	256.80	8.56	263.40	8.78	259.40	8.65
1580	Evoked otoacoustic emissions (OAE); limited	15	126.78	8.45	114.30	7.62	117.20	7.81	115.40	7.69
1581	Evoked otoacoustic emissions (OAE): comprehensive	30	253.66	8.46	237.50	7.92	243.70	8.12	240.00	8.00
F. Balance/Vestibular Examinations and Treatment										
1600	Spontaneous and positional nystagmus using electro-nystagmography (ENG) (3253).	55	1329.13	24.17	470.50	8.55	483.00	8.78	475.50	8.65
1605	Spontaneous and positional nystagmus using Video-nystagmography (VNG	55	1329.13	24.17	495.30	9.01	508.30	9.24	500.60	9.10
1610	Eye Visualization – spontaneous and positional nystagmus – monocular	35	416.05	11.89	266.50	7.61	273.60	7.82	269.20	7.69
1615	Videonystagmoscopy: spontaneous and positional nystagmus. (Only camera/goggles, without computerised VNG software)	35	416.05	11.89	276.80	7.91	284.30	8.12	279.90	8.00
1620	Oculo-motor/central tests using electro-nystagmography (ENG)	25	604.09	24.16	225.10	9.00	231.10	9.24	227.50	9.10
1625	Oculo-motor/central tests using video-nystagmography (VNG)	25	604.09	24.16	225.10	9.00	231.10	9.24	227.50	9.10
1630	DVA (Dynamic Visual Acuity) test using Video-nystagmography (VNG)	10	241.68	24.17	89.10	8.91	92.50	9.25	91.00	9.10
1635	Caloric test using ENG electro-nystagmography (3255)	50	1208.29	24.17	450.30	9.01	462.10	9.24	455.00	9.10
1640	Caloric test using VNG electro-nystagmography (3255)	50	1208.29	24.17	450.30	9.01	462.10	9.24	455.00	9.10
1645	Posturography	25	813.87	32.55	225.10	9.00	231.10	9.24	227.50	9.10
1650	Rotational Chair test	15	174.69	11.65	118.80	7.92	121.90	8.13	120.00	8.00
1655	Otolith repositioning/canalith manœuvre	25	297.22	11.89	185.70	7.43	187.70	7.51	184.80	7.39
1660	Vestibular rehabilitation (neuromuscular) re-education of movement, balance, coordination, kinesthetic sense, posture, and proprioception	25	211.36	8.45	185.70	7.43	187.70	7.51	184.80	7.39
G. Cochlear Implant Tests										
1700	Cochlear Implants: Pre-implant round window promontory testing	45	616.50	13.70	356.30	7.92	365.60	8.12	360.00	8.00
1710	Cochlear Implants : Electrode mapping : per 15min (max 120min)	15	205.53	13.70	135.00	9.00	138.60	9.24	136.40	9.09
1720	Cochlear Implants : Implant test : Four test modes : intra- or post-operatively	5	68.48	13.70	42.00	8.40	43.00	8.60	42.40	8.48
1725	Cochlear Implants : Neural Response Telemetry : intra-operatively (during cochlear implant surgery)	20	274.01	13.70	180.10	9.01	184.80	9.24	182.00	9.10
1730	Cochlear Implants : Neural Response Telemetry : post-operatively (after cochlear implant surgery)	55	753.55	13.70	460.60	8.37	472.80	8.60	465.50	8.46
1735	Cochlear Implants : Electrical Stapedius Reflex Thresholds : intra-operatively only	13	178.08	13.70	117.00	9.00	120.20	9.25	118.20	9.09
1740	Cochlear Implants : Comprehensive speech perception testing, pre- and post-cochlear implant, per 15min (max 45min)	15	126.78	8.45	128.40	8.56	131.70	8.78	129.80	8.65
H. Hearing Amplification / Hearing Aids										
1800	Hearing aid evaluation - per ear	15	126.78	8.45	89.00	5.93	117.20	7.81	115.40	7.69
1805	Free Field Hearing Aid Evaluation : Pure tone and speech (with and without lipreading)	13	109.92	8.46	111.20	8.55	114.10	8.78	112.40	8.65
1810	Insertion gain measurement, per ear	10	84.59	8.46	68.20	6.82	81.30	8.13	80.00	8.00
1815	Re-programming of hearing aid, per ear	10	84.59	8.46	76.20	7.62	78.20	7.82	76.90	7.69
1820	Technical adjustment of hearing aid/device, per ear.	6	50.77	8.46	45.70	7.62	46.90	7.82	46.20	7.70

1825	Repairs to hearing aids								0.00
1830	Global charge for supply and fitting of hearing aid and follow-up (By arrangement with scheme).								0.00
I. Occupational Health / Industrial Hearing Assessment									
1900	Pure Tone Audiogram (Air conduction). (3237)					62.60			0.00
1905	Pure Tone Audiogram (Bone conduction) (3274)					62.60			0.00
1910	Full Speech Audiogram including speech reception threshold and discrimination at two or more levels (3277)					97.40			0.00
1915	Speech audiogram screening					41.70			0.00
1920	Immittance Measurements (Impedance) (Tympanometry)					62.60			0.00
1925	Immittance Measurements (Impedance) (Stapedial reflex) (3276)					62.70			0.00
NOTES:									
1	Required where hearing evaluations or diagnostic testing are performed on children under 5 and other "difficult to test" patients								
2	Standard equipment costs have not been recovered by audiologists due to insufficient rates being paid by funders New code 1340 introduced to recover these costs where the relevant tests are performed								
3	Special equipment is also used for other advanced tests and the previous RPL introduced a tiered RCF to recover these costs but only to a limited extent.								
4	RCF's vary due to difference in cost of special equipment utilised for various codes								
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