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Costs for Court Report and Registered Counselling

These fees relate to the amount that adoptive applicants pay to an Independent Assessor for the preparation of a court report or to a Registered Counsellor for the registered counselling.

The fees are current as at the date of this Factsheet, and are based on an hourly rate of \$150.00.

The cost of preparation of a court report is \$2250.00. This includes up to 15 hours work. Additional hours are charged at \$150.00 per hour as required.

The cost of a registered counselling session is \$300.00, this includes up to 2 hours work per person receiving counselling. Additional hours are charged at \$150.00 per hour as required.

Travel costs may also be incurred if the Independent Assessor or Registered Counsellor has to travel a long distance to undertake the work. These costs are negotiated directly.

Please contact the Local Adoption and Permanent Care Program on 02 9716 3003 if you cannot identify an Independent Assessor or Registered Counsellor within a reasonable distance from the applicants or person requiring registered counselling.

Please note: Independent Assessors are self-employed and may charge GST on top of these fees. Ensure that you discuss all costs with the Independent Assessor prior to engaging their services.