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Introduction

Fees for public dental services apply to:

- People aged 18 years and over, who are health care or pensioner concession card holders or dependants of concession card holders
- Children aged 0 – 12 years who are not health care or pensioner concession card holders or not dependants of concession card holders

Fee schedule

People aged 18 years and over, who are health care or pensioner concession card holders or dependants of concession card holders:

- Fee of \$24 per visit to a maximum of \$96 for a general course of care, which includes an examination and all general dental treatment
- Flat fee of \$24 for an emergency course of care, which includes assessment and treatment of the tooth/gums/false teeth that is causing pain
- Fees for dentures are dependent on the type of dentures required – up to \$119 for a full upper and lower acrylic denture

Children aged 0 – 12 years who are not health care or pensioner concession card holders or not dependants of concession card holders:

- Flat fee of \$29 per child for a general course of care, which includes an examination and all general dental treatment. Fees per family will not exceed \$116

Fees for specialist services will be dependent on the treatment required.

Fee exemptions

Exemption from fees for public dental services applies to the following:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- Homeless people and people at risk of homelessness
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- Children & young people aged 0 – 17 years who are health care or pensioner concession card holders or dependants of concession card holders
- All children and young people up to 18 years of age, who are in Residential Care provided by the Children Youth & Families Division of DHS
- All youth justice clients up to 18 years of age in custodial care
- Registered clients of mental health and disability services, supported by a letter of recommendation from their case manager or staff of special developmental schools
- Those receiving care from undergraduate students
- Those experiencing financial hardship

An appropriately credentialed member of staff should undertake assessment of clients in financial hardship.

Inability to pay fees cannot be used as a basis for refusing a dental service to eligible persons. Assessment should consider a person's overall capacity to pay, any other costs they already incur for health services, and whether they are receiving all financial assistance available to them (for example, rent assistance, carer's allowance).