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Canadian Occupational Therapy Fee Schedule

The Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists' (CAOT) has developed a National Fee Schedule, in conjunction with regional partners, based on the average billing rates of private practicing occupational therapists (OTs) across Canada.

The following fee schedule provides OTs across Canada with aggregate information on the current range of fees being charged for occupational therapy services in community and clinical settings outside of public health systems. Services that require additional education and expertise are not outlined in detail in this schedule; however, please see consultancy rates on the second page of this document.

Occupational therapists are encouraged to evaluate and set their individual service fees based on their own business models and local market conditions. They should consider a variety of factors when determining their fees including, but not limited to, the availability and cost of treatment, equipment, training and registration of staff, office space, local market conditions, and travel etc.

Third-party payers that fund occupational therapy services can set their own reimbursement rates.

CLINICAL RATES:

PROVINCE (N)	AVERAGE
BC	140.00 - 175.00
AB	150.00 - 170.00
MB	142.50
SK	145.00 - 175.00
ON	140.00
NFLD	150.00
NB	130.00 - 150.00
NS	130.00 - 175.00
PEI	140.00
QC	120.00 - 150.00
Territories (YK, NWT, NT)	175-230

MEDICAL LEGAL:

Functional Capacity Evaluations (FCEs) may be billed at an hourly rate, ranging from \$130 to \$250 per hour, or a flat rate ranging from \$900 to \$2,954 per basic FCE. Medical legal, cognitive, and FCEs for those with other catastrophic injuries can cost significantly more and require two to three days of assessment time. These rates range between \$2,300 (basic) to \$7,000 (multi-day, complex). If an FCE is needed urgently, rush flat rates may be as high as \$3,600 for a one-day basic FCE.

- Cost of Future Care and Life Care Planning is charged at an average hourly rate of \$194, with rates ranging from \$130 to \$250 per hour. This rate is consistent for both direct and indirect time (e.g., assessment, report writing, and court appearance). Some therapists charge a flat fee instead of an hourly rate, with variations depending on clients' needs and conditions. Rates vary depending on therapists' experience and qualifications.
- Other legal consultation costs are billed at the same hourly rate as Cost of Future Care or FCE averages.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS (OTAS) / REHABILITATION ASSISTANT SERVICES

Rehabilitation assistant time, including treatment, reporting, and charting, is typically charged hourly. Rates range from \$22 to \$150 per hour, with an average of \$63.22 per hour, but can vary depending on insurer/fee payer, experience, and training level.

CONSULTANCY RATES FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

Consultancy rates vary considerably across the country depending on whether services are being provided to the government, private corporations or private individuals. Consultancy rates will typically be lower than clinical rates for private practicing OTs. Please review the link below to support your understanding of consultancy rates for occupational therapists in Canada: [Health Services \(SH\)- Canada.ca](https://www.healthservices.ca)