

GEMS TARIFF FOR SERVICES BY SPEECH THERAPISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 2020

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	<p>In calculating the GEMS Tariff, the following rounding method is used: Values R10 and below rounded to the nearest cent, R10+ rounded to the nearest 10cent. Modifier values are rounded to the nearest cent. When new item prices are calculated, e.g. when applying a modifier, the same rounding scheme should be followed.</p> <p>ALL GEMS TARIFFS ARE VAT INCLUSIVE.</p>								
GENERAL RULES									
A	<p>All accounts must be presented with the following information clearly stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name of practitioner • qualifications of the practitioner; • BHF practice number; • postal address and telephone number; • date on which service(s) were provided; • The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered; • the surname and initials of the member; • the first name of the patient; • the name of the scheme; • the membership number of the member; and • the name and practice number of the referring practitioner, if applicable. 								
B	<p>The rate in respect of more than one evaluation under item 1800 shall be the full rate for the first evaluation plus half the rate in respect of each additional evaluation, but under no circumstances may fees be charged for more than three evaluations carried out.</p>								
D	<p>It is recommended that, when such benefits are granted, drugs, consumables and disposable items used during a procedure or issued to a patient on discharge will only be reimbursed by a medical scheme if the appropriate code is supplied on the account.</p>								

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E	<p>Materials used in treatment shall be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that material is less than one hundred rands; • a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that material is greater than or equal to one hundred rands. <p>Use item 300 for this purpose.</p>								
ITEMS									
1	ASSESSMENT, CONSULTATION & TREATMENT								
	The time used to conduct any diagnostic or treatment procedure claimed in addition to the codes in this section, can not be considered in determining the duration of the assessment, consultation or treatment claimed								
1,1	CONSULTATIONS								
1.1.1	Audiology Consultations								
1010	Audiology consultation. Duration 5 - 15 mins					316	1,00	10,000	R114,90
1011	Audiology consultation. Duration 16 - 30 mins					316	1,00	22,500	R258,20
1012	Audiology consultation. Duration 31 - 45 mins					316	1,00	37,500	R430,60
1013	Audiology consultation. Duration 46 - 60 mins					316	1,00	52,500	R603,00
1015	Prolonged audiology consultation, each additional full 15 mins, to a maximum of 60 mins					316	1,00	15,000	R172,30
1.1.2	Speech Therapy Consultations								
1020	Speech therapy consultation. Duration 5 - 15 mins	310	1,00	10,000	R116,60				
1021	Speech therapy consultation. Duration 16 - 30 mins	310	1,00	22,500	R262,40				
1022	Speech therapy consultation. Duration 31 - 45 mins	310	1,00	37,500	R436,90				
1023	Speech therapy consultation. Duration 46 - 60 mins	310	1,00	52,500	R611,80				

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1,2	ASSESSMENT & TREATMENT								
1.2.1	Speech Therapy Assessment & Treatment								
1050	Speech therapy assessment and treatment. Duration 5 - 15 mins	310	1,00	10,000	R116,60				
1051	Speech therapy assessment and treatment. Duration 16 - 30 mins	310	1,00	22,500	R262,40				
1052	Speech therapy assessment and treatment. Duration 31 - 45 mins	310	1,00	37,500	R436,90				
1053	Speech therapy assessment and treatment. Duration 46 - 60 mins	310	1,00	52,500	R611,80				
2	SPEECH, VOICE, LANGUAGE AND HEARING DISORDERS								
0007	Group therapy: per patient at rooms (Maximum of 3 patients per therapy)	310	1,00	15,000	R174,80				
	Note: Professional Group Consultations - no fee to be charged.								
0009	Preparation of a home programme	310	1,00	15,000	R174,80				
	Note: This category is to prepare the home programme prior to consultation with patient or care giver								
0020	Report writing	310	1,00	30,000	R349,70	316	1,00	30,000	R344,50
0107	Appointment not kept (schemes will not necessarily grant benefits in respect of this item, it will fall into the "By arrangement with the scheme" or "Patient own account" category).	310	1,00	0,000	R0,00	316	1,00	0,000	R0,00
3	AUDIOLOGY								
A.	PERIPHERAL HEARING EVALUATION								
1100	Air conduction, pure tone audiogram					313	1,00	15,000	R197,00
1105	Bone conduction pure tone audiogram					313	1,00	12,000	R157,60

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1110	Full Speech Audiogram including speech reception threshold and discrimination at two or more levels. (3277)					313	1,00	15,000	R197,00
1115	Speech audiogram screening					313	1,00	5,000	R65,90
1120	Visual reinforcement audiometry (VRA)					314	1,00	40,000	R537,20
1121	Conditioning play audiometry					314	1,00	40,000	R537,20
1122	Select picture audiometry					314	1,00	40,000	R537,20
1125	Tinnitus Evaluation					313	1,00	15,000	R197,00
B.	MIDDLE EAR FUNCTION EVALUATION								
1200	Tympanometry					312	1,00	8,000	R99,40
1205	Immittance Measurements - Impedance / Stapedial reflex (3276): Limited reflex spectrum (eg : 1-2 frequencies)					312	1,00	4,000	R49,80
1210	Immittance Measurements - Impedance / Stapedial reflex (3276): Extended reflex spectrum (250-8000Hz e.g. 4-8 frequencies)					312	1,00	12,000	R149,20
1215	High Frequency Tympanometry (impedance testing) - for paediatric population					312	1,00	8,000	R99,40
1220	Eustachian Tube Function Test - multiple tympanograms - bilateral					312	1,00	12,000	R149,20
1225	Rinné & Weber tests					313	1,00	4,000	R52,50
C.	DIAGNOSTIC AUDIOLOGICAL TESTS FOR DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS BETWEEN COCHLEAR; RETRO-COCHLEAR; CENTRAL; FUNCTIONAL AND/ OR VESTIBULAR PATHOLOGY								
1300	Tone Decay (for retro cochlear pathology)					313	1,00	8,000	R105,20
1305	Reflex decay (for retro cochlear pathology)					312	1,00	8,000	R99,40
1310	Short Increment Sensitivity Index (SISI)					313	1,00	5,000	R65,90

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1315	Most comfortable levels (MCL) & Uncomfortable levels (UCL) : Air conduction					313	1,00	8,000	R105,20
1320	Most comfortable levels (MCL) & Uncomfortable levels (UCL) : Speech thresholds					313	1,00	4,000	R52,50
1325	Test for functional hearing loss					313	1,00	10,000	R131,40
1331	Stenger test, pure tone					313	1,00	5,000	R65,90
1332	Stenger test, speech					313	1,00	5,000	R65,90
1335	Fistula test - (for peri-lymph fluid leakage)					313	1,00	15,000	R197,00
D.	AUDITORY PROCESSING (AP) AND CENTRAL AUDITORY PROCESSING TESTS (CAP)								
	<p>Only tests appropriate to the recommendations of the HPCSA Taskforce on CAPD should be administered i.e. low-linguistically loaded tests are tests of choice. No more than two tests from each category below can be administered. Deviations from this billing guideline requires motivation. No more than two tests from each category below can be administered. Repeat item 1400 for each test done. Deviations from this billing guideline requires motivation.</p> <p>PRELIMINARY TEST BATTERY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scan-C • Scan-A • PSI <p>DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS BETWEEN CAPD AND ADHD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selective Auditory Attention Test • Auditory Continuous Performance Test 								

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	<p>TESTS OF MONAURAL LOW REDUNDANCY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low Pass Filtered Speech - Ivey • Low Pass Filtered Speech - NU-6 Lists 500Hz, 750Hz And 1000Hz • Time Compressed Speech/Time Compressed Speech with Reverberation <p>SPEECH IN NOISE TESTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPIN • SSI-ICM • BKB-SIN • SIN • QuickSIN <p>DICHOTIC SPEECH TESTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dichotic Digits Test • Dichotic Consonant Vowel • SSI-CCM • Staggered Spondaic Word Test • Competing Sentences Test • Dichotic Rhyme Test • Dichotic Sentence Identification Test <p>TEMPORAL PROCESSING TESTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Random Gap Detection Test <p>TEMPORAL PATTERNING TESTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency Pattern (Pitch Pattern) Sequence Test • Duration Pattern Sequence Test <p>BINAURAL INTERACTION TESTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masking Level Difference for Speech • Binaural Fusion Test (Ivey, NU-6 or CVC Fusion) 								

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1400	Central Auditory Processing Disorders test, test to be specified.					314	1,00	13,000	R174,60
E.	ELECTRO-PHYSIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS/AUDITORY EVOKED POTENTIALS (AEP)								
1500	Diagnostic Neurological short latency ABR (Auditory Brainstem Response) Bilateral; single decibel (2692)					314	1,00	60,000	R805,60
1505	AABR - Bilateral (Automated Auditory Brainstem Response). Cannot be charged with 1510					312	1,00	30,000	R372,50
1510	Screening ABR - Bilateral (Auditory Brainstem Response) . Cannot be charged with 1505					312	1,00	20,000	R248,40
1515	Diagnostic Audiological Click ABR (Auditory Brainstem Evoked Response) – Bilateral Air conduction threshold determination using click stimuli					314	1,00	60,000	R805,60
1520	Diagnostic Audiological Click ABR-(Auditory Brainstem Response) – Bilateral Bone conduction threshold determination using click stimuli					314	1,00	80,000	R1 074,00
	Combinations of items 1531 to 1534 cannot be billed together.								
1531	Diagnostic Audiological Tone Burst ABR (Auditory Brainstem Response) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 1 frequency					314	1,00	30,000	R402,90
1532	Diagnostic Audiological Tone Burst ABR (Auditory Brainstem Response) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 2 frequencies					314	1,00	60,000	R805,60
1533	Diagnostic Audiological Tone Burst ABR (Auditory Brainstem Response) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 3 frequencies					314	1,00	90,000	R1 208,50
1534	Diagnostic Audiological Tone Burst ABR (Auditory Brainstem Response) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 4 frequencies					314	1,00	120,000	R1 611,30
	Combinations of items 1541 to 1544 cannot be billed together.								

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1541	Diagnostic Audiological Middle latency & Late Cortical Auditory Evoked responses (2698) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 1 frequency					314	1,00	25,000	R335,80
1542	Diagnostic Audiological Middle latency & Late Cortical Auditory Evoked responses (2698) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 2 frequencies					314	1,00	50,000	R671,60
1543	Diagnostic Audiological Middle latency & Late Cortical Auditory Evoked responses (2698) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 3 frequencies					314	1,00	75,000	R1 007,00
1544	Diagnostic Audiological Middle latency & Late Cortical Auditory Evoked responses(2698) – Bilateral Frequency specific threshold determination using tone-burst stimuli at : 4 frequencies					314	1,00	100,000	R1 342,80
	Combinations of items 1551 to 1554 cannot be billed together.								
1551	ASSER (Auditory Steady State Evoked Response) – Bilateral threshold determination : 1 frequency					314	1,00	30,000	R402,90
1552	ASSER (Auditory Steady State Evoked Response) – Bilateral threshold determination : 2 frequencies					314	1,00	40,000	R537,20
1553	ASSER (Auditory Steady State Evoked Response) – Bilateral threshold determination : 3 frequencies					314	1,00	60,000	R805,60
1554	ASSER (Auditory Steady State Evoked Response) – Bilateral threshold determination : 4 frequencies					314	1,00	80,000	R1 074,00
1560	P300 Cognitive AEP (Auditory Evoked Potential) or MMN (Mismatch Negativity)					314	1,00	35,000	R470,00
1565	Electrocochleography: unilateral (2699)					314	1,00	45,000	R604,10
1570	Electrocochleography: bilateral (2700)					314	1,00	90,000	R1 208,50

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1575	Cochlear nerve function test - intra-operative monitoring - per 30min					314	1,00	30,000	R402,90
1580	Evoked otoacoustic emissions (OAE); limited					311	1,00	15,000	R179,10
1581	Evoked otoacoustic emissions (OAE): comprehensive					312	1,00	30,000	R372,50
F.	BALANCE/VESTIBULAR EXAMINATIONS AND TREATMENT								
1600	Spontaneous and positional nystagmus using electro-nystagmography (ENG) (3253).					314	1,00	55,000	R738,60
1605	Spontaneous and positional nystagmus using Video-nystagmography (VNG)					315	1,00	55,000	R777,30
1610	Eye Visualization – spontaneous and positional nystagmus – monocular					311	1,00	35,000	R418,40
1615	Videonystagmoscopy: spontaneous and positional nystagmus. (Only camera/goggles, without computerised VNG software)					312	1,00	35,000	R434,80
1620	Oculo-motor/central tests using electro-nystagmography (ENG)					315	1,00	25,000	R353,40
1625	Oculo-motor/central tests using video-nystagmography (VNG)					315	1,00	25,000	R353,40
1630	DVA (Dynamic Visual Acuity) test using Video-nystagmography (VNG)					315	1,00	10,000	R141,50
1635	Caloric test using ENG electro-nystagmography (3255)					315	1,00	50,000	R706,60
1640	Caloric test using VNG electro-nystagmography (3255)					315	1,00	50,000	R706,60
1645	Posturography					315	1,00	25,000	R353,40
1650	Rotational Chair test					312	1,00	15,000	R186,40
1655	Otolith repositioning/canalith manoeuvre					316	1,00	25,000	R287,00

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1660	Vestibular rehabilitation (neuromuscular) re-education of movement, balance, coordination, kinesthetic sense, posture, and proprioception					316	1,00	25,000	R287,00
G.	COCHLEAR IMPLANT TESTS								
1700	Cochlear Implants: Pre-implant round window promontory testing					312	1,00	45,000	R558,90
1710	Cochlear Implants : Electrode mapping : per 15min (max 120min)					315	1,00	15,000	R211,90
1720	Cochlear Implants : Implant test : Four test modes : intra- or post-operatively					313	1,00	5,000	R65,90
1725	Cochlear Implants : Neural Response Telemetry : intra-operatively (during cochlear implant surgery)					315	1,00	20,000	R282,70
1730	Cochlear Implants : Neural Response Telemetry : post-operatively (after cochlear implant surgery)					313	1,00	55,000	R722,80
1735	Cochlear Implants : Electrical Stapedius Reflex Thresholds : intra-operatively only					315	1,00	13,000	R183,70
1740	Cochlear Implants : Comprehensive speech perception testing, pre- and post-cochlear implant, per 15min (max 45min)					314	1,00	15,000	R201,20
H.	HEARING AMPLIFICATION / HEARING AIDS								
1800	Hearing aid evaluation - per ear					311	1,00	15,000	R179,10
1805	Free Field Hearing Aid Evaluation : Pure tone and speech (with and without lipreading)					314	1,00	13,000	R174,60
1810	Insertion gain measurement, per ear					312	1,00	10,000	R124,50
1815	Re-programming of hearing aid, per ear					311	1,00	10,000	R119,60
1820	Technical adjustment of hearing aid/device, per ear.					311	1,00	6,000	R72,00

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1825	Repairs to hearing aids					316	1,00	0,000	
1830	Global charge for supply and fitting of hearing aid and follow-up (By arrangement with scheme).					316	1,00	0,000	
I.	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH / INDUSTRIAL HEARING ASSESSMENT								
1900	Pure Tone Audiogram (Air conduction). (3237)					316	1,00	15,000	R172,30
1905	Pure Tone Audiogram (Bone conduction) (3274)					316	1,00	12,000	R137,70
1910	Full Speech Audiogram including speech reception threshold and discrimination at two or more levels (3277)					316	1,00	15,000	R172,30
1915	Speech audiogram screening					316	1,00	5,000	R57,40
1920	Immittance Measurements (Impedance) (Tympanometry)					316	1,00	4,000	R46,00
1925	Immittance Measurements (Impedance) (Stapedial reflex) (3276)					316	1,00	12,000	R137,70
4	MATERIAL								
0300	Medication					316	1,00	0,000	
0301	Material					316	1,00	0,000	