



**AUTISM SA**

## **Diagnostic Services Training Packages**

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Opportunities exist for suitably qualified professionals (Psychologists, Speech Pathologists, Paediatricians, Psychiatrists) to be trained by Autism SA in the diagnostic assessment process. Full training programs are typically held four times a year; shorter programs can be arranged depending on the professional's prior experience.

*The Full Training Program involves:*

- Full day workshop for maximum of 3 participants prior to 'hands on' training beginning.
- Participants then individually:
  - observe and participate in actual assessments at Autism SA involving a range of ages and ability levels (number of assessments to be determined with each professional). This includes pre-assessment briefing and discussion, observation of assessment and feedback session, post-assessment briefing and discussion with opportunities for questioning and clarification.
  - engage in case study discussions based on reading, observations and videoed assessments.
  - demonstrate skills and knowledge required through carrying out assessments, discussing outcomes with parents/carers and writing reports.

The fee for this program is \$750.

*Shorter Programs:*

- Participation in actual assessments at Autism SA (number of assessments to be determined with each professional). This includes pre-assessment briefing and discussion, observation of assessment and feedback session, post-assessment briefing and discussion with opportunities for questioning and clarification.
- Demonstration of skills and knowledge required through carrying out assessments, discussing outcomes with parents/carers and writing reports.

The fees for these packages are determined on a case-by-case basis, with a base rate of \$110/visit.

It is anticipated that professionals completing this training will contribute to a minimum number (to be discussed with each professional) of multi-disciplinary diagnostic assessments a year in the private and/or public domain. Professionals who successfully complete the training will, at their request, be included on the register of professionals who work with the diagnostic team of Autism SA that is provided to parents and agencies seeking options for diagnostic assessments in the state.

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