



Recommended Fee Schedule

As of November 2025

Definition of Music Therapy

Music therapy is a discipline in which Certified Music Therapists (MTAs) use music purposefully within therapeutic relationships to support development, health, and well-being. Music therapists use music safely and ethically to address human needs within cognitive, communicative, emotional, musical, physical, social, and spiritual domains.

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Certified Music Therapist Qualifications include:

- Minimum Bachelor of Music Therapy degree/certificate program recognized by the Canadian Association of Music Therapists
- 1000-hr supervised internship
- Pass the Certification Board for Music Therapists certification exam
- Adherence to Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice
- Maintenance of credentials through continuing education process

Private Practice Rates

Individual Sessions (minimum rates)

1 hour: \$90+
45 minutes: \$75+
30 minutes: \$60+

Group Sessions (minimum rates)

1 hour - \$120+
45 minutes - \$100+
30 minutes - \$80+

*plus GST if applicable

Included in Private Practice Rates are:

- Session planning and preparation
- Session documentation
- Mileage within city limits
- Time off, sick pay, standard of living
- Outbreak, cancellations

Considerations for Private Practice

- Therapist's experience, education and credentials
- Amount of time needed to complete documentation
- Individual or number of clients in a group
- Number of service hours at one site or for one contract/organization
- Source of funding (non-profit, grants, etc.)
- Additional fuel and mileage
- Sliding scale

Additional credentials may also include, but not limited to:

- Neurologic Music Therapist (NMT)
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit - Music Therapist (NICU-MT)
- Fellow of Association of Music and Imagery (FAMI)
- Canadian Certified Counsellor (CCC)



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Employment Rates

Under the current agreement, the rate for music therapists within the Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA) is \$37.5-\$49.73.

This also includes provision of paid sick time, paid vacation, pension contributions and extended health benefits.

Employment Conditions

Music therapists are expected to spend 40-60% of their time conducting sessions (direct client time). The remaining time includes documentation, care team meetings, clinical preparation, and other relevant tasks to the job.

Music therapists may be employed under the conditions of a unionized collective agreement and compensated according to their union's wage and benefit grid.

Contracting with an Organization

Contracted minimum rate per hour: \$60+
if > 15 hrs/week
when employment benefits are not included

Considerations

- The therapist's experience, education and credentials
- Amount of time needed to complete documentation
- Number of individuals or number of clients in a group
- Number of service hours at one site or for one contract/organization
- Source of funding
- GST if applicable
- If other services like inservices and presentations are included

Presentations and Workshops

Hourly Rate (minimum) - \$150+
Mileage - 70¢/km (first 5000kms) + 64¢ for every kilometer afterwards

Considerations

- The therapist's experience, education and credentials
- Amount of time needed to prepare
- Length of service
- Number of attendees
- GST if applicable

Additional Billable Services

Music therapists may also charge for the following at **\$15+ per 15-min increments**:

- Additional documentation outside of regular planning and notes
- Progress reports
- Creation of session materials (worksheets, audio recordings, etc.)
- Completion of forms
- Review of records
- Requested letters and proposals
- Additional consultations outside of regular session time, including, verbal consultations, consultations with other therapists and healthcare providers, family consultations

Other considerations:

- Cancellations with less than 24 hour notice - full session rate
- Outbreaks, longer term facility closures (up to 4 weeks) - 50% session rate
- Missed appointment with no notice - full session rate
- Court Attendance and Preparation - full session rate
- Other supplies - at cost
- Supervision - full session rate
- Additional mileage determined by distance travelled, fuel cost, time, etc.