

Cognitive Assessments

New Directions Psychology has two purpose-built clinics in Jindalee and Ipswich with a team of highly qualified and experienced clinical psychologists servicing the Brisbane and Ipswich areas. Since 2011 we have been providing quality psychological services to individuals across the life span for a broad range of difficulties.

New Directions Psychology provides Cognitive Ability Assessment (or intelligence testing) for children and adolescents aged 6-16 years.

The Wechsler Intelligence Scale (WISC-V), the most widely used test for assessing a child's general intellectual ability, provides information on specific cognitive abilities including: Processing Speed, Working Memory, Fluid Reasoning (capacity to reason and solve novel problems), Visual Spatial (ability to organize visual information into meaningful information) and Verbal Comprehension.

When might a cognitive assessment be needed or beneficial?

Having a child's cognitive ability assessed may be beneficial:

- ✦ **To support the child's learning** - by understanding their specific cognitive ability profile and areas of strengths and difficulties.
- ✦ **To understand behaviour or learning impacts** - If there is concern that a child's learning or behaviour may be affected by a possible intellectual impairment.
- ✦ **If gifted** - If the child is suspected to be "gifted".
- ✦ **To help diagnosis of specific learning disorders and developmental conditions** - in conjunction with multiple sources of assessment. Please note that additional neuropsychological assessments may need to be completed to determine this, however a cognitive assessment is one of the key assessments required. From the results we can then refer you to an appropriate service to complete any further assessments.

Fees and assessment processes:

Assessments are conducted by our clinical psychologists and will involve 3-4hrs of face-to-face interview and testing using the WISC-V and other assessment measures. An interpretive report will be provided and an optional feedback session can also be conducted.

Fees are payable for this service. Please refer to our website www.newdirectionspsychology.com.au for current pricing. This service does not qualify for rebate under Medicare. However, a rebate may be available under private health cover or through NDIS or other funding if available.

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