



Flinders Health2GO Hearing Aid Bank

Client Information Sheet

Background:

The Flinders University Health2GO Student Led Hearing Aid Bank has been set-up to provide low-income individuals with access to low-cost hearing aids. The clinic is student led with students responsible for planning each session and leading all appointments under the supervision of a clinical educator.

Eligibility:

To be eligible to receive services from the Flinders University Health2GO Hearing Aid Bank applicant must:

- **Hold a Health Care Card** (excluding Seniors Health Care Card) **and / or be a low-income earner.** Low-income is defined as a taxable income for the previous financial year that was below:
 - \$30,000 for a single person without a dependent child
 - \$45,000 for couples without a dependent child
 - \$60,000 for a single person or a couple with a dependent child
- **Be aged 26 and over** (those under 26 are eligible for services from Hearing Australia provided by HSP)
- **Not be eligible for hearing services from the Hearing Services Program (HSP)**
 - Those eligible for HSP are holders of:
 - Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card (PCC)
 - Centrelink Sickness Allowance
 - DVA Pensioner Concession Card
 - DVA Gold Health Repatriation Card
 - DVA White Health Repatriation Card (for Hearing Loss)
 - Dependant of a Concession Card holder
 - Member of the Australian Defence Force
 - Eligibility for HSP can be checked online at:
 - https://hearing-services.gov.au/wps/portal/hso/site/doineedanewvoucher!/ut/p/a1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfGjzOK9A03NDD0NjLwtwvzdDBwd_UJ9vNxMjAxMzY

- **Not eligible for hearing services or hearing aids through National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).** For more information regarding NDIS hearing supports see: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/understanding/ndis-and-other-government-services/hearing-supports>
(Note: those aged 26 and over who previously received services from Hearing Australia MAY be eligible for NDIS – this should be investigated first)

Costs / Additional Information:

- Where a single hearing aid is provided to you, the charge will be \$300. This fee includes the cost of the assessment, fitting of the device, any earmold that is required and one box of batteries. Replacement earmolds incur additional fees.
- If the audiologist prescribes a second hearing aid, this can be arranged for an additional fee of \$100 (i.e. \$400 for a pair).
- After the initial assessment, device fitting and follow up appointments, further consultations, repairs, batteries, and other consumables (such as domes and tubing / receivers) may be charged for at rates set by the clinic.
- Hearing aids that are damaged beyond repair may require re-assessment by the Flinders University Health2GO Hearing Aid Bank team, in which case a further fee of \$300 may apply for replacement subject to hearing aid availability.
- Replacement / upgrades to hearing aids provided by the Flinders University Health2GO Hearing Aid Bank are NOT guaranteed and will be subject to re-assessment of eligibility and hearing aid availability.
- As this is a student led clinic all clients must be aware that all appointments will be conducted by Flinders University Audiology Masters of Audiology students under the supervision and guidance of a supervising audiologist.

Next Steps:

- To confirm your eligibility and complete an application, please contact the Health2Go team via phone (08 7221 8700) or email (health2go@flinders.edu.au).
- If your application is approved, you will need to provide relevant documentation at the initial assessment. Relevant documentation includes:
 - (1) a copy of your Centrelink Health Care Card (Seniors Health Cards are **not** eligible)
 - OR**
 - (2) a copy of last year's Tax Assessment showing a taxable income for the previous financial year that was below:
 - \$30,000 for a single person without a dependent child
 - \$45,000 for couples without a dependent child
 - \$60,000 for a single person or couple with a dependent child

If you are unable to provide this documentation, please contact the Health2Go team to discuss your individual circumstances.

Please note: if documentation at the time of your initial assessment is INCORRECT, you will still receive the assessment, but will NOT be fitted with hearing aids until eligibility is confirmed.

Any Questions?

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