

Definition of “Registered” with the OMAA compared to the NDIA.

1. Purpose

This document explains the difference between the term “**Registered**” as it relates to the Orientation and Mobility Association of Australasia (OMAA) compared to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

There has been some confusion about this and how it relates to being able to invoice Plan and Agency Managed NDIS Participants.

2. Definitions

- “Ordinary Member of the OMAA”. Ordinary OMAA members include fully qualified O&M specialists and guide dog mobility instructors who are eligible to apply for international certification (COMS).
- “Registered Members of the OMAA”. A Registered O&M Specialist in Australasia (ROMSA) is an ordinary member who is also an internationally Certified O&M Specialist (COMS). A ROMSA must maintain OMAA membership and undertake professional development activities towards COMS recertification every five years.
- “Registered with the NDIA”. Most people providing supports and services under the NDIS can apply to the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission to become “Registered with the NDIA”. They are required to meet several core criteria outlined by the NDIA.

- It is possible for an O&M Specialist to be Registered with both the OMAA and the NDIA, but this is two distinct and separate types of Registration.
- Note: Self Funded Participants can negotiate different price rates than those listed below and can work with all three groups.

3. Implications and NDIA rates

It is important to understand the implications and differences because it affects who you can work with and how you invoice under the NDIS system.

Ordinary members of the OMAA can charge Level 2 Therapy Assistants rates below and must be supervised indirectly by a COMS for every program. They can work with anyone their supervising COMS works with.

Table 35: Therapy Assistant - Level 2

Support Item Number	Support Item Name	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
15_053_0128_1_3	Therapy Assistant - Level 2 - Direct Service	Hour	\$86.79	\$121.51	\$130.19
15_053_0128_1_3_CA	Therapy Assistant - Level 2 - Cancellation	Hour	\$86.79	\$121.51	\$130.19
15_053_0128_1_3_NF	Therapy Assistant - Level 2 - Non-Face-to-Face	Hour	\$86.79	\$121.51	\$130.19
15_053_0128_1_3_PT	Therapy Assistant - Level 2 - Provider Travel	Hour	\$43.40	\$60.76	\$65.10
15_053_0128_1_3_RR	Therapy Assistant - Level 2 - NDIA Requested Reports	Hour	\$86.79	\$121.51	\$130.19
15_053_0128_1_3_TH	Therapy Assistant - Level 2 - Telehealth	Hour	\$86.79	\$121.51	\$130.19
15_799_0128_1_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs			Each	\$1.00

Registered members of the OMAA can charge the Orientation and Mobility Specialist rates below. They can work with Self-funded and Plan Managed Participants.

*Please note that while it does not say Registered Orientation and Mobility Specialist in this table, OMAA have sort clarification from the NDIA that this level of membership is required, and this has been confirmed. It has been recommended that the wording in the price guide be updated to reflect this so as to avoid confusion. Anyone who is not clear on this is STONGLY advised to seek clarification themselves. The NDIA provide a dedicated NDIS Provider Hotline and can be contacted on **1300 311 675**.*

Table 23: Orientation and Mobility Specialist

Support Item Number	Support Item Name	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
15_626_0128_1_3	Therapy - Orientation Mobility Specialist - Direct Service	Hour	\$156.16	\$218.62	\$234.24
15_626_0128_1_3_CA	Therapy - Orientation Mobility Specialist - Cancellation	Hour	\$156.16	\$218.62	\$234.24
15_626_0128_1_3_NF	Therapy - Orientation Mobility Specialist - Non-Face-to-Face	Hour	\$156.16	\$218.62	\$234.24
15_626_0128_1_3_PT	Therapy - Orientation Mobility Specialist - Provider Travel	Hour	\$78.08	\$109.31	\$117.12
15_626_0128_1_3_RR	Therapy - Orientation Mobility Specialist - NDIA Requested Reports	Hour	\$156.16	\$218.62	\$234.24
15_626_0128_1_3_TH	Therapy - Orientation Mobility Specialist - Telehealth	Hour	\$156.16	\$218.62	\$234.24
15_799_0128_1_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs			Each	\$1.00

People who are Registered with the NDIA are subject to these conditions and rates above (must be a ROMSA to charge the higher rate) and can work with Self-Managed, Plan Managed AND Agency Managed Participants.

- Anyone who is not clear on these differences is **strongly** advised to seek clarification themselves to ensure compliance and avoid the risk of investigation, the possibility of fines and the requirement to reimburse the NDIA for any overcharged invoices. The NDIA provides a dedicated NDIS Provider Hotline and can be contacted on **1300 311 675**. The OMAA are happy to help with the information and questions to take to the Provider Hotline if required.