

**Cost of a course of general dental care (South Australia)
Eligible adults 2011/12**

General Dental Scheme GDS (Private Sector. Voucher)

Average payment to private dentist under Veterans' Affairs fee Schedule	\$650
SA Dental cost of processing a claim	\$8
SA shared service charge for processing and paying claim	\$12
 Total cost of a GDS course of general dental care	 \$670

Public dental clinic cost for a course of general dental care

	FTE	Salary	on costs (23%)	total direct	Overheads (10%)	total recurrent cost	Capital cost	total cost
Dentist	1	\$110,122	\$25,328	\$135,450				
Dental assistant	1	\$49,587	\$11,405	\$60,992				
Reception	0.3	\$14,876.10	\$3,422	\$18,298				
Sterilisation	0.1	\$4,958.70	\$1,141	\$6,099				
other	0.8	\$39,669.60	\$9,124	\$48,794				
 Total salaries				\$269,632				
 Consumables				\$29,659.57				
 Total direct cost				\$299,292.06	\$29,929	\$329,221	\$25,000.00	\$354,221.26
 Number of course of general care by 1 fte public dentist				700		700		700
 Recurrent cost per course of care				\$427.56		\$470.32		\$506.03
 Capital cost of a dental surgery per chair			\$500,000					
Life of a dental surgery years			20					
Capital cost per year			\$25,000					
 Cost of course of care through private sector				\$670				
Cost of course of care through public clinic				\$506				
 % additional cost per course in private sector				32%				