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Participant Rates

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To ensure the veracity of the Aboriginal Heritage Survey Program (AHSP) the information collected as part of an Aboriginal heritage survey (survey) must be able to be relied upon. This can only be achieved in consultation with the native title party, as defined in the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*, and Aboriginal survey participants.

Schedule of fees

Service Provider Rates	Rate	
	Hourly	Daily
Survey participant	\$80 - \$120*	\$600 - \$900*
Senior survey participant	\$120 - \$160*	\$900 - \$1200*
Native title party heritage officer	\$120 - \$160	\$900 - \$1200
*with an additional 20% for services provided in very remote areas		

Additional costs

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Item	Rate	
Field Expenses		
Accommodation and meals for the survey team	At cost plus GST	
Travel Expenses		
Vehicle fuel and/or mileage (per km)	As per tax schedule for location plus GST	
Airfares	At cost plus GST	
Taxi travel (to and from airports or meetings)	At cost plus GST	

Survey participants

An Aboriginal heritage survey team consists of up to six (6) survey participants, from the relevant native title party, to participate in the Aboriginal heritage survey.

The Aboriginal heritage survey team should include both:

- senior and junior survey participants; and
- male and female survey participants.

An Aboriginal heritage survey team should not include more than six (6) paid survey participants unless there is a demonstrated need. This may be because:

- i. a large number of registered Aboriginal sites are known to exist within a survey area and the number of Aboriginal people who have authority to speak for those Aboriginal sites and should be consulted about them is greater than six (6); and/or
- ii. the survey area crosses the boundaries of two or more native title party areas.

In these circumstances the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (Department) and the native title party(s) must agree on the number of additional survey participants for the Aboriginal heritage survey team.

Native title party heritage officer

All survey reports produced as part of the AHSP will be provided to the native title party for review before being finalised by the heritage consultant and submitted to the Department. This is to ensure that the information about Aboriginal heritage is accurately represented and documented.