



Australian Society
of Orthodontists

Protocol for determining Transfer Patient Fees

The Australian Society of Orthodontists, following consultation and research, has developed the following formula as an equitable method of allocation of fees when a patient transfers in or out of treatment:

Records, treatment planning and fixed appliance placement	25%
Active treatment adjustments 2.25% per month x 24 months	54%
Deband, retainer provision, post treatment records, supervision of retention	21%

It should be noted that there is not a recommended fee. Therefore, the receiving orthodontist is not constrained by the original quote and the patient may be required to re-negotiate fees for the completion of treatment.

Example:

If the original fee charged is \$5000 and the patient transfers after 11 months of active treatment, the fee breakdown that would be applicable is:

Records, treatment planning and fixed appliance placement	$\$5000 \times 25\% = \1250.00
Active treatment adjustments	$\$5000 \times 2.25\% \times 11 = \1237.50
Balance owing for treatment adjustments	$\$5000 \times 2.25\% \times 13 = \1462.50
Deband, provision of retainer, post treatment records and supervision of retention	$\$5000 \times 21\% = \1050.00
Fee remaining to collect on transfer of patient	$\$1462.50 + \$1050.00 = \$2512.50$