Speech Pathologist Near Me | Bloom Healthcare

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Details:

If you are searching for speech pathology "near me", the useful question is not where the clinic is. It is whether a clinician will travel to your home, your child's school or your day program, and whether they cover your suburb. Bloom Healthcare's primary method of service delivery is in the community , meaning home, school, day programs and other everyday settings. Clinics are offered on a case-by-case basis, so ask if that is what you need.

This page covers the practical side of access: which regions and suburbs Bloom services, how sessions are delivered in each setting, how telehealth fills the gaps, how travel is handled under NDIS pricing rules, and exactly what to do to get started. For what speech pathology treats and how it is funded, see the main Speech Pathology page. To book or ask about your area, call 1300 771 465 .

Where Bloom services

Bloom's speech pathologists work across six states and the ACT. The suburbs and centres below are the points Bloom services from and around, and in-home and community visits extend out from them.

New South Wales: Campbelltown, Hornsby, Liverpool, Newcastle, Northern Beaches, Parramatta, Penrith, Sydney, Tweed Heads, Wollongong. More on NSW services

Queensland: Brisbane, Bundaberg, Caboolture, Cairns, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Logan, North Lakes, Redland Bay, Springfield, Sunshine Coast, Townsville. More on South East Queensland services

Victoria: Cheltenham, Craigieburn, Dandenong, Frankston, Geelong, Glen Waverley, Melbourne, Melton, Werribee. More on Victoria services

South Australia: Adelaide, Blackwood, Henley Beach, Highbury, Magill, Mawson Lakes, Morphett Vale, Salisbury, Seaford, Seaton, Stirling. More on South Australia services

Western Australia: Baldivis, Canning Vale, Ellenbrook, Joondalup, Mandurah, Midland, Osborne Park, Perth, Rockingham. More on Western Australia services

Tasmania: Devonport, Launceston. More on Tasmania services

Australian Capital Territory: Canberra.

If your suburb is not on that list, do not assume you are out of range. Catchments extend around each centre and change as the team grows. Ring 1300 771 465 or email hello@bloom-healthcare.com.au with your postcode and someone will tell you what is available where you are. You can also browse the full locations directory .

How sessions are actually delivered

Bloom delivers speech pathology across several settings, and the setting is chosen to suit the goal, not the other way around.

In your home

The therapist travels to you. This is the default for most participants, and it is particularly useful when the goal is tied to the home itself: mealtime safety at your own kitchen table, using a communication device in the room where you spend the day, or practising conversation with the family members who are actually there.

Home delivery matters most for people who find travel hard, including older people, people with mobility limits and people whose day is already full of appointments. Home is a natural everyday environment where strategies can be embedded and practised rather than demonstrated once and forgotten.

At school or an early learning centre

Children often learn best in the places they spend their time. School and early learning sessions let the speech pathologist observe how a child communicates in real moments, during learning tasks, in play, and with peers, rather than only in a quiet room with an adult they have just met.

Working on site also means teachers, educators and learning support staff can be trained in the same strategies, so they are reinforced across the whole day rather than for one hour a week. Educators are often the people who first notice a communication difficulty and raise a referral.

In day programs and community settings

Sessions can be run in day programs and other community locations where the person already spends time. This suits goals about participating, ordering, asking for help and being understood by people who are not family.

By telehealth

Telehealth means a video or phone session with your clinician from wherever you are. Telehealth has been shown to be clinically effective for many allied health treatments, including speech therapy, and the clinical standards are the same as an in-person session. It is an approved delivery method for NDIS participants who are self-managed, plan-managed or agency-managed, provided it is clinically appropriate for the person's needs.

It suits people who want more flexible scheduling, people in regional areas where local services are thin, people with mobility limits or reduced immunity, and anyone for whom travel is the barrier rather than the therapy. Bloom uses telehealth to reach participants in regional areas, including regional Tasmania. For children, therapists use interactive methods designed for remote delivery, often using familiar items from the child's own home, which can make sessions more relevant than clinic-based work.

Telehealth also removes travel expenses from the equation, which leaves more of your funding for actual therapy.

In a clinic

Clinic appointments are available on a case-by-case basis rather than as a standard option. If a clinic room is what you need, say so when you enquire and Bloom will discuss what is possible in your area.

Mixing settings

You do not have to pick one. A hybrid pattern is common and often sensible: in-person sessions where hands-on or environment-specific work is needed, telehealth for regular check-ins, review and carer coaching in between. This can stretch your funding further while keeping continuity.

Why in-community delivery is the default

Three reasons, and none of them is convenience alone.

It removes the access barrier. Geography and transport stop a lot of people from getting therapy at all. Delivering in the person's own environment takes that obstacle out, which matters most for older people, people with mobility limits and families already stretched thin.

It makes the therapy real. Communication and swallowing happen in kitchens, classrooms and shops, not in clinic rooms. Assessing and treating in those places produces recommendations that fit the actual circumstances the person lives in.

The environment is often part of the problem. A functional assessment looks at noise, time pressure, sensory load, unfamiliar communication partners, whether a device is within reach, and how a school or home routine runs. You cannot assess any of that from a clinic.

Travel, and what it means for your budget

When a clinician travels to your home or a community location, travel time may be billed within the limits set by the NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits . The NDIS Price Guide sets the rules and caps for travel, non-face-to-face time and community-based supports, so what can be charged is bounded by the scheme, not set at will.

What that means for you in dollars depends on your plan, your location and the agreed hours. Bloom sets out rates, expected hours, travel and reporting needs in a service agreement before therapy starts. Read it, and ask specifically:

How is travel time charged, and what are the limits?

Are there costs beyond the hourly rate, such as report writing?

How are cancellations and rescheduling handled, and what notice is needed?

Will any proposed pricing change be discussed and agreed with me first?

Providers must discuss proposed pricing changes with participants and get their agreement before applying them. For figures specific to your situation, call 1300 771 465 rather than relying on a general number.

If travel cost is a concern, telehealth or a school or day program session that the clinician is already attending can reduce it. Raise it at intake and it can be planned around.

How to start in your area

1. Make contact

Phone: 1300 771 465

Email: hello@bloom-healthcare.com.au

Online: Make a referral or contact us

Hours: Monday to Thursday 7:30am to 6:00pm, Friday 7:30am to 5:00pm, Saturday by appointment

Anyone can refer: you, a family member, a GP, a paediatrician, a hospital team, a support coordinator or another provider. Send as much information as you can and a member of the team will contact you within 24 hours . If you are referring as a nominee or guardian for someone with a disability, be clear about your role and responsibilities to that person.

2. Have this ready

your suburb or postcode, and where you want sessions held

the participant's name and contact details

NDIS number, how the plan is managed and the plan dates, if applicable

the funding category, usually Capacity Building - Improved Daily Living for NDIS participants

age and relevant medical history

any existing clinical reports

the main concerns and what is not working now

your top three goals

key contacts, including carers, school staff or a support coordinator, and consent details

3. Intake and service agreement

The team gathers information about medical history, routines, social situation, abilities and support needs, then sets out rates, expected hours, travel and reporting in a service agreement. Bloom works with NDIA-managed, plan-managed and self-managed participants. The therapy is the same in each case; only the invoicing differs.

4. First session

The first appointment is where the clinician clarifies your goals and the reason for referral, takes a full case history, does initial observation and screening, works out what further assessment is needed, and discusses any extra time or supports required for ongoing sessions. It also establishes the baseline that later progress is measured against.

An initial consultation typically runs about an hour, with follow-up sessions a little shorter. Confirm the exact session length and what it covers when you book.

5. Frequency

How often you are seen is decided with you during therapy planning and depends on your needs and your funding. Patterns vary from regular fortnightly sessions to blocks of more intensive therapy. There is no single correct frequency. Ask your clinician to explain the recommendation and how it links to your goals, because that reasoning is what a plan reassessment report needs to show.

What to check before you sign with any provider

This applies whoever you choose, including Bloom.

NDIS registration. Check the provider is registered with the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission. Registered providers are subject to worker screening for staff, volunteers, contractors and students, and must have a documented complaints process.

Practice Standards certification. Some providers are certified against the NDIS Practice Standards and Quality Indicators. The NDIS Commission notes only a small share of providers hold it, so it is a meaningful differentiator.

Clinician credentials. Speech pathology in Australia is self-regulated outside AHPRA, with Speech Pathology Australia acting as the professional body. Confirm the clinicians are SPA members. Speech Pathology is a protected title, so only registered speech pathologists can use it.

Wait times. Ask directly about current wait times for an initial assessment, how long until ongoing therapy starts once funding is confirmed, and whether the waitlist position is made clear to you.

Delivery options. Ask whether they will see you at home, at school, in the community or by telehealth, and whether any of those are restricted in your area.

Reporting. Ask how progress against your NDIS goals is measured, how often you get updates, and whether reports will be suitable for a plan reassessment.

Coordination. If you also need occupational therapy, physiotherapy, psychology or dietetics, ask whether the provider can coordinate across disciplines and how they communicate with your other providers.

Approach. If a neurodiversity-affirming approach, autism experience, AAC expertise or experience with progressive neurological conditions matters to you, ask about it before you sign.

How this differs from a clinic-based service

	In-community model	Clinic-only model
Where you are seen	Home, school, day program, community, telehealth	You travel to the clinic
Who else is involved	Family, carers, teachers and support workers in the room	Usually just the person and clinician
What is assessed	Communication and eating in the real setting, including environmental barriers	Performance in a controlled room
Travel	The clinician travels, within NDIS pricing limits	You travel and absorb the cost and time
Suits	Mobility limits, distance, school-age children, complex routines	People who prefer a structured, low-distraction setting

Bloom's model is the first column, with the second available case by case.

Common questions about finding speech pathology near you

My suburb is not on your list. Can I still get a speech pathologist?

Possibly. The listed centres are the points services are delivered from and around, not a hard boundary. Call 1300 771 465 with your postcode. If in-person visits are not available where you are, telehealth is often a workable alternative, and it is used specifically to reach regional areas.

Do I have to travel to a clinic?

No. Bloom's primary delivery method is in the community, meaning home, school, day programs and similar settings. Clinics are offered on a case-by-case basis, so raise it if that is your preference.

Will you come to my child's school?

Bloom delivers services in school settings. Schools are one of the environments where children learn best, and being on site lets the clinician observe real communication with peers and train teachers and support staff in the same strategies. You will need the school's agreement and it needs to be arranged with them, so mention it at intake.

Is telehealth as good as in-person speech pathology?

Telehealth has been shown to be clinically effective for many allied health treatments, including speech therapy, and the same evidence-based standards apply. Whether it suits you depends on your goals. Some work, particularly hands-on swallowing observation at a real mealtime, is better done in person. Many people use a hybrid of both. Discuss it with your clinician rather than assuming one is better.

Can I use telehealth if my NDIS plan is agency-managed?

Telehealth is an approved delivery method for participants who are self-managed, plan-managed or agency-managed, as long as the service is clinically appropriate for your needs.

How is travel charged?

Travel time may be billed for in-home and community sessions within the limits set by NDIS Pricing Arrangements, and the NDIS Price Guide caps what can be claimed. The specific amounts for your situation belong in your service agreement, which Bloom sets out before therapy starts. Ask for it in writing and ask what the travel limits mean for your budget.

How long will I wait to start?

Ask when you enquire, because it depends on the discipline, the region and demand at the time. A member of the team will contact you within 24 hours of your referral and can tell you what the wait looks like where you are. If swallowing safety is the concern, say so immediately, because coughing at meals, choking, chest infections or weight loss need a prompt clinical pathway.

How long is a session, and how often will I be seen?

An initial consultation typically runs around an hour, with follow-up sessions somewhat shorter. Frequency is set with you during therapy planning and depends on your needs and funding. It might be fortnightly sessions or blocks of more intensive work. Confirm both with your clinician when you start.

Can I get speech pathology and occupational therapy from the same provider?

Bloom provides in-home therapy across psychology, speech pathology, occupational therapy, exercise physiology, positive behaviour support and physiotherapy. If you need more than one discipline, ask about coordinated care at intake so goals and reporting line up rather than duplicating.

I am over 65 and not on the NDIS. Can I still get in-home speech pathology?

Yes, generally through aged care rather than the NDIS. In-home allied health, including speech pathology, is delivered under Home Care Packages and under Support at Home, the reformed aged care program that commenced on 1 November 2025. Call 1300 771 465 and explain your situation so the right pathway can be identified.

Who can refer me?

You can refer yourself, or a GP, specialist, hospital team, support coordinator, school or another provider can refer on your behalf. Send as much detail as you can with the referral so the team can match you to the right clinician and setting first time.

Is there something I can read in plain English?

Yes. There is a plain-English Easy Read guide to NDIS and speech pathology you can download and share.

What does Bloom Healthcare's Speech Pathology page offer?

The page describes personalised NDIS Speech Pathology support for all ages across Australia, encouraging visitors to book an assessment to improve communication and daily independence.

What is the contact phone number for Bloom Healthcare?

Bloom Healthcare can be reached at 1300 771 465.

What is the legal name and email address of Bloom Healthcare?

Bloom Healthcare's legal name is Bloom Healthcare Pty Ltd, and its email address is hello@bloom-healthcare.com.au.

How does Bloom Healthcare describe itself as an organization?

Bloom Healthcare describes itself as a boutique disability and aged care allied health provider that wants to change the status quo, believing all people have the right to access quality healthcare, with a model focused on evidence-based practice, client centricity, and delivery by highly qualified health practitioners across Australia.

In which Australian states and regions does Bloom Healthcare provide Speech Pathology services?

Bloom Healthcare provides Speech Pathology services across New South Wales (including Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong, Parramatta, Penrith, Campbelltown, Liverpool, Hornsby, Northern Beaches, and Tweed Heads), Queensland (including Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Cairns, Townsville, Ipswich, Logan, Caboolture, North Lakes, Redland Bay, Springfield, and Bundaberg), Victoria (including Melbourne, Geelong, Frankston, Glen Waverley, Cheltenham, Craigieburn, Melton, and Werribee), South Australia (Adelaide and surrounding areas), Western Australia (Perth and regional locations), Tasmania (Launceston and Devonport), and the Australian Capital Territory (Canberra).

What service delivery formats are available for Speech Pathology through Bloom Healthcare?

Speech Pathology services are delivered through in-home therapy at the client's residence, community-based sessions in natural community environments, clinic-based consultations, and telehealth for remote video or phone consultations.

How can someone find or access Speech Pathology services near them?

People can contact Bloom Healthcare directly at 1300 771 465 or visit their location guide to find a clinician in their area, check with their GP for referrals to local speech pathologists, search the NDIS provider portal if they have NDIS funding, or contact their Support Coordinator if they are an NDIS participant.

What funding options are available for Speech Pathology services?

Speech Pathology services can be funded through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for eligible participants, Medicare through referral pathways, and Aged Care funding.

How many employees does Bloom Healthcare have?

According to the page's organizational schema data, Bloom Healthcare has between 51 and 200 employees.

Where can Bloom Healthcare be found on social media?

Bloom Healthcare's social media profiles listed on the page are Facebook (facebook.com/helloBloomHealthcare) and LinkedIn (linkedin.com/company/bloom-healthcare-australia).

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