#### Stage 1

**Pre-Surrogacy** 

\$100 -\$1,000

2 weeks -3 months

# Eligibility Suitability

## Surrogacy Process chart

A step-by-step guide of an expected timeline and estimated cost breakdown of Australian surrogacy



## Stage 2

Embryo Creation (gestational only)

\$4,000 -\$30,000

2 - 6+ months

\$100 - \$1000

2 - 8 weeks

Evidence of infertility from

GP or fertility specialist



\$4,000- \$8,000 per cycle (\*medicare rebate may apply)

Includes egg harvesting and IVF costs

Using own eggs



2 - 3 months

OR

free

1 - 2 months

Researching Australian

Surrogacy to determine if

the altruistic model is right for you

> \$ NA 3+ months

Finding

egg donor

(no guarantee) May be a friend, family member, new connection made online, clinic recruited or other networks

Australian Egg donor

Pre egg

collection

\$1,000 - \$2,000

1-2 months

Fertility specialist appointments including counselling

\$8,000 - \$12,000 per cycle (\*medicare rebate may apply)

Egg collection

1 - 2 months IVF and embryo freezing \$15,000 - \$25,000

Purchasing eggs

from overseas

2 - 4 months

Purchased from anonymous overseas donors

Surrogacy

Agreement

**Sperm Donation** (if required)



\$0 - \$5,000

1 - 3+ months

Donor sperm can come from a known donor (from new or existing relationship) or a clinic recruited donor

#### Stage 3

Finding a surrogate

\$1,000 -\$3,000

9 - 12+ Months

Meeting a potential surrogate



\$ NA

6+ months

Sharing with friends and family, joining Facebook groups, attending local catch ups, etc

Surrodating



3 - 6 months

\$1,000 - \$2,500

(recommended)

Building a friendship or consolidating an existing one (a Surroship). Costs vary, particularly for interstate teams

Stage 4

Pre-Pregnancy

\$6,500 -\$19,000

5 - 12 Months Counselling and Psychological



\$3,500 - \$7,000

2 - 4 months

Counselling and Psychological assessment advice for both Intended yourselves or by a lawyer, requirements vary significantly between

states

**Assessment** 



Legal Advice

\$2,500 - \$5,000

2 - 4 weeks

Independent legal

\$0 - \$3,000

2 - 4 weeks May be drafted by

parent/s and Surrogate requires legal advice prior Reproductive Technology to signing (optional in VIC)

Approval

(VIC & WA Only)

FREE

(VIC)

Council (WA)



Prenatal



\$500 - \$4,000

2 - 6 months

NA

Health Supplements, acupuncture, pathology appointments etc

### Stage 5

Pregnancy

\$11,000 -\$50,000

9 - 12 Months

#### Embryo Transfer



\$3,000 - \$6,000 per transfer

2 - 4 months Number of transfers required vary greatly

Antenatal Health



\$2,000 - \$8,000

Throughout pregnancy

Acupuncture, fitness (eg yoga/pilates), ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, private health insurance, life insurance and more

Parentage

Order

Pregnany Support



\$2,000 - \$8,000

Throughout pregnancy

Time off work for appointments/illness, extra food cravings, cleaning, childcare as

Wellbeing



\$2,000 - \$4,000 Throughout pregnancy

Antenatal classes, maternity wear, pregnancy pillow, counselling and

Time off Work



\$1,000 - \$15,000

10 - 14 weeks

As a guide; 4 weeks pre

birth, 6 weeks post birth.

time and costs will vary

significantly based on

individual circumstances

and may include partner wages as needed



Birth

\$1,000 - \$9,000

Doula/midwife, public/private hospital bills

NA

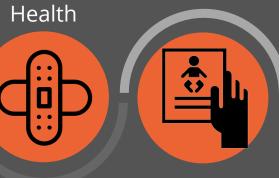
# Stage 6

\$500 -\$8,000

Post Birth

3 - 6 Months

#### Postnatal Surrogate Health



\$500 - \$2,000

1 - 6 months Pain relief, breast pumps,

fitness (yoga/pilates), physio, counselling, childcare etc

2 - 3 months Process varies between states. Costs vary

depending on legal

representation

\$0 - \$6,000

## Total

24 - 36 Months (average) \$55,000 - \$60,000 (average) \$35,000 - \$90,000\* (min/max)



For more information, see 'The Australian Surrogacy Handbook' or visit <u>surrogacyaustralia.org</u>