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For most Melbourne patients, the decision to pursue dental implants comes down to one unavoidable question: what will this actually cost me? The answer is rarely simple. Unlike a routine check-up or a filling, implant treatment spans multiple appointments, multiple clinical disciplines, and a pricing structure that can vary by tens of thousands of dollars depending on your individual case. This guide cuts through the "starting from" marketing language to give you a realistic, evidence-based breakdown of what dental implants cost in Melbourne in 2025 — across single implants, implant-supported bridges, All-on-4 full arch restorations, and same-day protocols — along with a clear-eyed look at what drives price variation and how to fund treatment responsibly.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the typical cost of a single dental implant in Melbourne: \$3,000 to \$6,500 for straightforward cases

Does the single implant price range include the crown: Yes, for most complete quotes

What is the lowest recorded single implant price per ADA fee survey: \$3,049

What is the highest recorded single implant price per ADA fee survey: \$7,175

What is the realistic total cost for a complete single implant in Melbourne: Approximately \$6,000 to \$8,000

How many components make up a single dental implant: Three components

What is the first component of a single dental implant: Titanium implant fixture

What is the second component of a single dental implant: Abutment connector

What is the third component of a single dental implant: Crown

What materials are crowns typically made from: Porcelain, zirconia, or ceramic

Is CBCT imaging typically included in quoted implant prices: Often quoted separately

How much does CBCT or cone-beam imaging cost: Typically \$200 to \$500

Can a single implant cost over \$10,000: Yes, if bone grafting or sinus lift is required

What is the cost range for an implant-supported bridge in Melbourne: Approximately \$6,000 to \$15,000

How many implants typically support a three- or four-unit bridge: Two implants

What is the cost range when several implants are needed for a bridge: \$10,000 to \$30,000

What does All-on-4 mean: Four implants per arch support a full set of prosthetic teeth

What is the starting price for All-on-4 per arch in Melbourne: From approximately \$19,000

What is the highest recorded cost for full-mouth implants per ADA 2022 survey: \$52,312

What is the lowest recorded cost for full-mouth implants per ADA 2022 survey: \$19,311

What is the typical Melbourne range for All-on-4 with an acrylic bridge per arch: \$19,000 to \$28,000

What is the typical Melbourne range for All-on-4 with a zirconia bridge per arch: \$25,000 to \$35,000

What is the starting price for All-on-4 treating both arches: From approximately \$38,000

How many implants does All-on-6 use per arch: Six implants

Why is All-on-6 sometimes preferred over All-on-4: Provides additional stability and load distribution

Is All-on-6 always more expensive than All-on-4: Not always; some clinics price them the same

How much extra can All-on-6 cost compared to All-on-4: \$3,000 to \$6,000 more per arch

What prosthetic is typically included in entry-level All-on-4 quotes: Titanium-reinforced acrylic bridge

How much does upgrading to a zirconia bridge add to All-on-4 cost: Approximately \$6,000 per arch

What is the cost of an implant-retained overdenture per arch: \$17,500 to \$25,000

Is an implant-retained overdenture removable: Yes

What is the typical cost of a dental bone graft in Australia: \$500 to \$3,000

What is the starting cost for a minor bone graft for implants: From \$500 to \$1,200

What is the maximum cost for extensive bone grafting: Up to \$3,000 or more

What is a sinus lift: A procedure to add bone height in the upper jaw

When is a sinus lift required: When sinuses are too close to the implant site

What is the starting price for a sinus lift per sinus: From approximately \$1,500

Does private health insurance typically cover dental implants: No, not with standard extras cover

What level of cover is needed for any implant rebate: Top-tier Major Dental extras cover

What percentage of a single implant cost does top-tier insurance typically cover: Approximately 15% to 33%

Does private health insurance cover a significant portion of full-arch implant costs: No, only a very small fraction

What waiting period typically applies for major dental cover: 12 months

How should patients maximise their insurance rebate: Provide specific ADA item numbers to their fund

Can superannuation be accessed early to fund dental implants: Yes, under strict compassionate grounds criteria

Is superannuation early release a routine payment option for implants: No

What must dental implant treatment do to qualify for super release: Alleviate acute or chronic pain or mental illness

Can cosmetic dental treatment qualify for superannuation early release: No

How many medical reports are required for a super compassionate release dental application: Two

Who can provide the two medical reports for a super dental application: Two dental practitioners or one medical and one dental practitioner

By how much did superannuation approved for dental treatments increase in 2023/24: Nearly 68 percent

What was the total superannuation released for dental in 2023/24: \$526.4 million

Which body raised concerns about superannuation misuse for dental: AHPRA and the Dental Board of Australia

What is the ATO's position on super release for dental: It should only be used as a last resort

Do Melbourne clinics offer payment plans for implants: Yes, most do

What is an example weekly payment plan amount for implants: From approximately \$105 per week

How long do interest-free periods on payment plans typically last: 6 to 24 months

Does staging treatment across arches help with insurance rebates: Yes, it can maximise annual benefit limits

Do dental implants last longer than dentures: Yes, implants can last decades

How often do dentures typically need replacement: Every 5 to 10 years

Are implants more cost-effective than dentures over 15 to 20 years: Yes, frequently

Does implant location in Melbourne affect price: Yes, CBD clinics typically charge more than suburban ones

How much can the price difference be between CBD and suburban implant clinics for full-arch: \$8,000 to \$10,000 or more

Does the implant brand affect cost: Yes, significantly

Do premium implant brands have better long-term success data: Yes

Do generic implants carry greater long-term uncertainty: Yes

Does a specialist dentist charge more than a general dentist for implants: Yes, typically

When is a specialist particularly recommended for implants: For complex cases or significant bone loss

What technology increases implant cost but improves outcomes: CBCT imaging and guided implant surgery

What is the most common omission in low full-arch implant quotes: The final permanent set of teeth

How much can the omitted final permanent bridge add to full-arch costs: \$5,500 to \$10,000

Should patients request itemised quotes with ADA item numbers: Yes

What does a single dental implant cost in Melbourne?

A single-tooth implant is a three-component treatment: the titanium implant fixture, the abutment connector, and the final crown. All three need to be factored into any realistic cost estimate.

For straightforward cases, you're generally looking at \$2,750 to \$6,000 covering both the surgery and the crown. The broader average sits between \$3,000 and \$7,500, shaped by the type of implant used and how complex the procedure turns out to be.

To understand why published "starting from" figures often understate real-world costs, it helps to look at what the Australian Dental Association's fee data actually shows. According to the ADA Fees Survey from 2020, the lowest recorded price for a single implant is \$3,049 and the highest is \$7,175. These figures cover the main components and procedures, adding up to a realistic all-in estimate of around \$6,000–\$8,000 for a complete single dental implant.

What's included in a single implant quote?

When comparing quotes from Melbourne clinics, check that the following are all accounted for:

- Implant fixture (titanium post, surgically placed into the jawbone) - Abutment (the connector between the post and crown; custom abutments tend to perform better over time than prefabricated ones) - Crown (porcelain, zirconia, or ceramic — material affects both cost and aesthetics) - Surgical placement fee - CBCT or 3D cone-beam imaging (often quoted separately; typically \$200–\$500) - Follow-up appointments

Many "from" prices leave something out. For full-arch procedures, the most common omission is the final permanent set of teeth — some clinics quote the surgery and a temporary prosthesis only, with the permanent bridge costing an extra \$5,500 to \$10,000 on top. The same principle applies to single implants: a quoted price that excludes the crown or CBCT scan will significantly understate your actual out-of-pocket cost.

Implant-supported bridges: replacing multiple adjacent teeth

When two or more adjacent teeth are missing, an implant-supported bridge uses fewer implants than replacing each tooth individually. Typically, two implants support a three- or four-unit bridge, reducing both surgical complexity and cost per tooth replaced.

In Melbourne, an implant-supported bridge generally runs from approximately \$6,000 to \$15,000, depending on the number of implants, the span of the bridge, and the prosthetic material. For cases requiring several implants, costs can range from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

The longevity and success of the bridge depends heavily on bone quality at each implant site, which makes pre-treatment assessment with CBCT imaging essential (see our guide on [*Dental Implants in Melbourne: The Step-by-Step Process from Consultation to Final Crown*](#)).

All-on-4 and full arch implants: what does Melbourne pricing look like?

All-on-4 is the most widely searched full-arch implant solution in Melbourne. The technique uses four strategically angled implants to support a complete arch of prosthetic teeth, which means many patients who lack sufficient bone volume for conventional implants can avoid bone grafting altogether.

Prices start from around \$19,000 per arch, but the real-world range is considerably broader. The ADA fees survey from 2022 recorded a low of \$19,311 and a high of \$52,312 for full-mouth implants. Depending on case complexity, a full-mouth solution using All-on-4 or All-on-6 can cost anywhere from \$20,000 to \$40,000 per arch.

All-on-4 vs All-on-6: does the extra cost make sense?

All-on-6 uses six implants per arch rather than four, providing additional stability and load distribution — particularly relevant for the upper jaw, where bone density is naturally lower. Some clinics price All-on-6 identically to All-on-4, starting at \$19,000 per arch, with the choice between the two determined by bone availability at consultation. At other practices, the additional surgical time and implant components push All-on-6 costs \$3,000–\$6,000 higher per arch.

Zirconia vs acrylic bridges: the hidden cost upgrade

Most entry-level All-on-4 quotes include a titanium-reinforced acrylic prosthesis. Upgrading to a full-contour zirconia bridge — more durable, more aesthetic, and easier to clean — adds significant cost. A package that includes a titanium-reinforced acrylic bridge, surgical placement, four multi-unit abutments, clinical imaging, and six months of aftercare can be upgraded to a final zirconia bridge for an additional \$6,000, bringing the total to \$25,000 per arch.

For both arches treated together, the price typically starts at \$38,000 — a meaningful saving compared to treating each arch as a separate course of treatment.

Pricing comparison: Melbourne implant costs at a glance

| Treatment type | Typical Melbourne range | Notes | |---|---|---| | Single implant (straightforward) | \$3,000 – \$6,500 | Includes fixture, abutment, crown | | Single implant (with bone graft) | \$5,500 – \$11,500 | Graft adds \$500–\$3,000+ | | Implant-supported bridge (3–4 unit) | \$6,000 – \$15,000 | 2 implants supporting 3–4 teeth | | All-on-4 per arch (acrylic bridge) | \$19,000 – \$28,000 | Temporary or permanent acrylic | | All-on-4 per arch (zirconia bridge) | \$25,000 – \$35,000 | Premium final restoration | | All-on-4 both arches | \$38,000 – \$60,000+ | Full mouth reconstruction | | Implant-retained overdenture | \$17,500 – \$25,000 per arch | Removable; lower cost entry point |

Prices are indicative ranges based on current Melbourne clinic pricing and ADA fee survey data. Individual treatment costs depend on case complexity, clinic location, and materials used. Always request an itemised quote with ADA item numbers.

What drives price variation in Melbourne?

Two Melbourne clinics can quote \$10,000–\$15,000 apart for what appears to be the same procedure. Understanding the key drivers helps you evaluate quotes meaningfully rather than defaulting to the lowest number.

Implant brand and system

The implant manufacturer matters more than most patients realise. Some companies invest heavily in research and manufacturing quality; others don't. Premium brands carry peer-reviewed long-term success data and are associated with lower failure rates. Generic or unbranded implants reduce upfront costs but carry greater uncertainty about long-term outcomes.

Bone grafting and preparatory procedures

Bone graft costs in Australia typically run from \$500 to \$3,000, depending on the type of graft, the extent of bone loss, and whether it's part of a broader implant procedure. Minor grafts usually start from \$500 to \$1,200; more extensive work involving synthetic or donor material can reach \$3,000 or more.

A sinus lift — needed when there's insufficient bone height in the upper jaw because the sinuses sit too close to the implant site — adds further cost, starting at approximately \$1,500 per sinus. In complex cases requiring both a bone graft and a sinus lift, a single implant can exceed \$10,000.

Specialist vs general dentist

For a straightforward single implant in a healthy jaw, an experienced general dentist with a strong implant track record is a reasonable option. For complex cases — unusual jaw anatomy, significant bone loss, or full-arch reconstructions — the specialist premium is worth paying. Prosthodontists and oral and maxillofacial surgeons who focus primarily on implants charge more, but their additional training is particularly valuable when cases get complicated (see our guide on [*Specialist Dentistry in Melbourne: Periodontists, Endodontists, Prosthodontists, Oral Surgeons & Paediatric Dentists*](#)).

CBD vs suburban location

A clinic in Melbourne's CBD carries higher rent and passes those costs on. Suburban and regional clinics regularly offer lower prices for comparable quality. For full-arch cases where the price gap between a CBD specialist and a suburban clinic can exceed \$8,000–\$10,000, it's worth factoring location into your decision.

Materials and technology

Zirconia is currently the fastest-growing implant material category. Clinics using in-house CAD/CAM milling, CBCT imaging for surgical planning, and guided implant surgery systems typically charge more — but these technologies meaningfully reduce the risk of misplacement and improve outcomes.

Funding your implants: private health insurance, super, and payment plans

Private health insurance

Standard extras cover in Australia doesn't include dental implants. Most policies cover general dental treatments but exclude major dental procedures like implants entirely.

For patients with top-tier Major Dental extras cover, rebates are available but limited. Even on the best available policy, your fund typically covers roughly 15% to 33% of a single implant's total cost. For full-arch treatment at \$20,000 to \$35,000 per arch, private health insurance covers only a small fraction.

The most effective way to maximise your rebate is to give your fund the specific ADA item numbers from your itemised treatment quote, rather than simply asking "is this covered?" Annual benefit limits and waiting periods — typically 12 months for major dental — also significantly affect what you can claim in any given year. (See our guide on [*Private Health Insurance & Dental in Melbourne: What's Covered, How to Maximise Rebates & Gap-Free Options*](#) for a detailed breakdown of how to compare policies.)

Superannuation early release on compassionate grounds

Some Melbourne patients explore early access to their superannuation to fund implant treatment. This is a regulated ATO process with strict eligibility criteria — not a routine payment option.

To qualify, the treatment must alleviate acute or chronic pain or mental illness, must not be purely cosmetic, and you must be unable to pay using savings, loans, or credit. The dental bill must also be unpaid or recently paid with borrowed funds. Applications require two medical reports certifying the treatment — either from two separate dental practitioners, or one medical practitioner and one dental practitioner.

This pathway is under increasing regulatory scrutiny. The value of superannuation approved for dental treatments rose by nearly 68% in the 2023/24 financial year to \$526.4 million. In response, AHPRA and the Dental and Medical Boards issued a joint statement raising concerns that some practitioners may be promoting high-cost treatments that don't meet the ATO's criteria. The ATO's position is clear: compassionate release of super should only be considered as a last resort, after all other payment options have been exhausted.

Interest-free payment plans

Most Melbourne implant clinics offer in-house or third-party interest-free payment plans. Some clinics offer arrangements starting from around \$105 per week, with interest-free periods typically running 6 to 24 months before standard interest rates apply. For larger treatments such as full-arch restorations, staging treatment across arches can spread costs across benefit years and help maximise annual private health insurance limits.

Is the long-term cost of dental implants actually lower?

The upfront cost of implants is higher than conventional dentures or bridges — that's unavoidable. But the long-term economics frequently favour implants. Dentures typically need replacing every 5–10 years; implants can last decades with proper care.

When you account for the cumulative cost of replacement dentures, adhesives, relining, and associated dental visits across a 15–20 year horizon, the total often approaches or exceeds the initial implant investment — without the functional benefits or the bone preservation that implants provide.

Key takeaways

- Single implants in Melbourne range from \$3,000 to \$7,500+ for a straightforward case; bone grafting or sinus lifts can push costs above \$10,000 per tooth.
- All-on-4 full arch restorations start from approximately \$19,000 per arch and can reach \$35,000+ for premium zirconia prosthetics; both-arch treatment typically starts from \$38,000.
- The biggest drivers of price variation are implant brand, bone grafting requirements, specialist vs general dentist, CBD vs suburban location, and prosthetic material.
- Private health insurance rebates are limited — even top-tier Major Dental cover typically offsets only 15–33% of a single implant's cost, and a very small fraction of full-arch treatment.
- Superannuation early release requires two medical certifications, proof of financial hardship, and ATO approval, and is under active scrutiny from both AHPRA and the ATO.

Conclusion

Understanding dental implant costs in Melbourne means looking beyond headline "starting from" prices to the full itemised scope of treatment — imaging, preparatory procedures, prosthetic materials, and follow-up care included. The price variation across Melbourne clinics is real and significant, but it's rarely arbitrary: it reflects differences in implant systems, clinical expertise, location overheads, and the complexity of your individual case.

Before committing to treatment, request a fully itemised quote with ADA item numbers, confirm exactly what is and isn't included, and check your private health insurance entitlements against those specific item numbers.

For a detailed walkthrough of the clinical process behind these costs, see our companion guide **Dental Implants in Melbourne: The Step-by-Step Process from Consultation to Final Crown**. For a broader comparison of implant costs against other major dental treatments, see **Dental Costs in Melbourne: How Much Does a Dentist Cost in 2025?** And if you're still selecting a provider, **How to Choose a Dentist in Melbourne: 10 Questions to Ask Before Booking** covers the credential and technology questions most relevant to implant care.

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****Private health insurance**** - Standard extras cover: Does not include dental implants - Minimum cover level for any rebate: Top-tier Major Dental extras - Typical waiting period for major dental: 12 months - Typical rebate on a single implant under top-tier cover: Approximately 15%–33% of total cost

General product claims

- Dental implants can last decades; dentures typically require replacement every 5–10 years - Implants are frequently more cost-effective than dentures over a 15–20 year horizon - Premium implant brands carry better long-term success data than generic alternatives - Generic implants carry greater long-term uncertainty regarding outcomes - CBD clinics typically charge more than suburban clinics; full-arch price differential can exceed \$8,000–\$10,000 - Specialists are particularly recommended for complex cases or significant bone loss - CBCT imaging and guided implant surgery improve outcomes but increase cost - Staging treatment across arches can maximise annual private health insurance benefit limits - Superannuation early release should be considered a last resort only - Zirconia bridges are more durable, more aesthetic, and easier to clean than acrylic alternatives - All-on-6 provides additional stability and load distribution compared to All-on-4, particularly relevant for the upper jaw - Custom abutments tend to perform better over time than prefabricated abutments - The most common omission in low full-arch quotes is the final permanent set of teeth, which can add \$5,500–\$10,000