



Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Health Practice  
Chinese Medicine  
Chiropractic  
Dental  
Medical  
Medical Radiation Practice  
Nursing and Midwifery  
Occupational Therapy  
Optometry  
Osteopathy  
Pharmacy  
Physiotherapy  
Podiatry  
Psychology

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

## Media release

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### National Boards fees set for 2015/16

National Boards have announced practitioner registration fees for 2015/16, including 6 Boards that have reduced fees, 3 which have frozen fees and 5 which have limited fee increases to the national consumer price index (CPI) of 1.3%.

The Medical Radiation Practice, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Osteopathy, Physiotherapy, and Podiatry Boards have reduced fees.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Practice, Chinese Medicine and Nursing and Midwifery Boards have frozen fees.

The Chiropractic, Dental, Medical, Pharmacy and Psychology Boards have limited fee increases to the national CPI.

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (National Scheme) is funded by practitioners' registration fees.

AHPRA CEO, Martin Fletcher, said the fees set for all the National Boards reflect the commitment by the National Boards and AHPRA to prudent financial management.

'The National Boards and AHPRA have set fees so that we can meet our regulatory responsibilities under the National Scheme, while also aiming to be effective and efficient regulators of registered health practitioners, and protect the public,' Mr Fletcher said.

'The National Scheme has now been in operation for five years, so we have more information about the actual cost of regulating each profession under the National Law<sup>1</sup>,' he said.

The Health Profession Agreements between AHPRA and each Board will again be published on our websites. These agreements set out the partnership between the National Boards and AHPRA, and the services AHPRA will provide in supporting the Boards to carry out their functions. More detailed information about each Board's budget is also published in the National Scheme annual report which will be released in November 2015.

In most cases, the annual fees will apply from 9 September 2015. At this time, the fees schedule for each profession will be published on the National Board websites, including the fee arrangements for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW. Any variation to the fees payable by NSW practitioners will be announced by the Health Professional Councils Authority in NSW and detailed in the published fee schedule.

The fees set by each National Board vary to reflect the actual cost of regulating each profession under the National Law, as follows.

- **The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Health Practice Board of Australia** has frozen its registration fee for 2015-2016 at \$100. The annual renewal fee will cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Health Practice Board of Australia receives funding support from governments.

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<sup>1</sup> The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory.

- **The Chinese Medicine Board of Australia** has frozen its registration fee for 2015-2016 at \$579. The annual renewal fee will cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016.
- **The Chiropractic Board of Australia** has set its registration fee for 2015-2016 at \$552, limiting the increase to the national CPI. The annual renewal fee will apply from 9 September 2015 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016.
- **The Dental Board of Australia** has set its registration fee for 2015-2016 at \$610 for dentists and specialists, \$542 for dental prosthetists and \$301 for dental hygienists and therapists. This limits the increase to the national CPI. The annual renewal fee will apply from 9 September 2015 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016.
- **The Medical Board of Australia** has set its registration fee for 2015-2016 at \$724, limiting the increase to the national CPI. The annual renewal fee applies from 22 July 2015 and covers the registration period for most practitioners of 1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016.
- **The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia** has reduced its registration fee for 2015-2016 to \$180. The annual renewal fee will apply from 9 September 2015 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016.
- **The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia** has frozen its registration fee for 2015-2016 at \$150. It will apply to the next registration renewal period for nurses and midwives due by 31 May 2016.
- **The Occupational Therapy Board of Australia** has reduced its registration fee for 2015-2016 to \$130. The annual renewal fee will apply from 9 September 2015 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016.
- **The Optometry Board of Australia** has reduced its registration fee for 2015-2016 to \$325. The annual renewal fee will apply from 9 September 2015 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016.
- **The Osteopathy Board of Australia** has reduced its registration fee for 2015-2016 to \$386. The annual renewal fee will apply from 9 September 2015 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016.
- **The Pharmacy Board of Australia** has set its annual renewal of general registration fee for 2015-2016 at \$320, limiting the increase to the national CPI. The annual renewal fee will apply from 9 September 2015 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016.
- **The Physiotherapy Board of Australia** has reduced its registration fee for 2015-2016 to \$120. The annual renewal fee will apply from 9 September 2015 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016.
- **The Podiatry Board of Australia** has reduced its registration fee for 2015-2016 to \$378. The annual renewal fee will apply from 9 September 2015 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016.
- **The Psychology Board of Australia** has set its registration fee for 2015-2016 at \$436, limiting the increase to the national CPI. The annual renewal fee will apply from 9 September 2015 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016.

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