



Media release

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Pharmacy Board of Australia sets fees for 2013/14

The Pharmacy Board of Australia has announced the registration and renewal fees for pharmacists for 2013/14.

The general registration/renewal fee has been set at \$317. It will apply from 1 August 2013 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 October 2013 to 30 November 2014.

Board Chair, Mr Stephen Marty, said that the Board limited increasing the registration fee to 2.3%, which is under the national consumer price index (CPI), to allow the Board to continue its work regulating the profession while not putting undue financial pressure on practitioners.

'The guiding principles of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme include that it should operate in an efficient, effective and fair way, and that the fees should be reasonable', Mr Marty said.

'The National Board set the fee at a level that will allow it to fulfil its regulatory obligations, while continuing its focus on being prudent and financially responsible', he said.

The National Boards in the National Scheme have seen an increase in notifications (complaints) over the past year. As the number, complexity and cost of these cases can't be accurately forecast, the Boards will continue to keep fees under close review to ensure careful financial management.

A fee schedule, including the fee arrangements for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW, will be published on the National Board's website on 1 August 2013. Any variation to the fees payable by NSW practitioners will be announced by the Health Professional Councils Authority in NSW.¹

More detailed information about the Board's financial operations will be outlined in the Health Profession Agreement between the Board and AHPRA, which will be published on the website soon. This agreement sets out the services AHPRA will provide to support the Board to regulate pharmacy.

The regulation of pharmacy is funded solely by registrant fees and there is no cross subsidisation between professions that are regulated in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

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¹ NSW has a co-regulatory arrangement and notifications (complaints) about practitioners in NSW are managed by the Health Professional Councils Authority.