



## Media release

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### Pharmacy Board of Australia sets fee for 2014/15

The Pharmacy Board of Australia (the Board) has announced the national registration fee for pharmacists for 2014/15 will remain the same as the previous year.

The Board has held the general registration/renewal fee at \$317. It will cover the registration period for most pharmacists of 1 December 2014 to 30 November 2015.

'The Board has worked hard to ensure that the fee is set at the lowest practicable level, while still ensuring that it can fulfil its obligations as a national regulator. This has allowed the National Board not to increase the fees this year,' Mr Stephen Marty, Board Chair, said.

'It's important that the Board can continue to provide robust and safe regulation of pharmacy in Australia and to protect the public, and that the fees should be reasonable,' Mr Marty said.

The National Boards, in the national scheme regulating health practitioners in Australia, have again 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 pharmacists whose principal place of practice is NSW, will be published on the Board's website.<sup>1</sup>

More detailed information about the Board's financial operations will be outlined in the Health Profession Agreement between the Board and AHPRA for 2014/15, which will be published on the website soon. This agreement sets out the partnership between the Board and AHPRA, and the services AHPRA will provide to support the Board to regulate pharmacy.

The regulation of pharmacists 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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<sup>1</sup> NSW is a co-regulatory jurisdiction.