

Media release

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Chiropractic Board of Australia sets fee for 2014/15

The Chiropractic Board of Australia has announced the national registration fee for chiropractors for 2014/15.

The fee has been set at \$545, limiting the increase to 2.8%, which is just under the national consumer price index (CPI). It will apply from 9 September 2014 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2014 to 30 November 2015. The fee for chiropractors whose principal place of practice is NSW is \$398.

Board Chair, Dr Phillip Donato OAM, said that the Board had increased the fee by 2.8%, which is under the national consumer price index (CPI), so that the Board can continue to provide robust and safe regulation of chiropractors in Australia and to protect the public.

'Chiropractors in Australia are regulated by the Chiropractic Board of Australia, and the Board's activities are centred on protecting the public and guiding the profession. Registration fees are set at a level that enables the Board to perform this function effectively,' Dr Donato said.

The National Boards, in the national scheme regulating health practitioners in Australia, have continued to see an increase in the cost and management of 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.

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 the profession.

The regulation of chiropractors 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 is a co-regulatory jurisdiction.