



**MEDICAL SCIENCES COUNCIL  
OF NEW ZEALAND**

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# CONSULTATION: PRACTITIONER FEES REVIEW

THIS DOCUMENT SETS OUT PROPOSED  
CHANGES TO THE FEES PAYABLE BY  
PRACTITIONERS TO THE MEDICAL SCIENCES  
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## Purpose of this Consultation

This consultation set out the Medical Sciences Council's proposal to apply a general increase of 4% to all existing categories of practitioner fees, effective from 1 February 2020.

## Practitioner Fees in Context

The Council operates within the health regulation framework under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act). As a not-for-profit body, the Council derives its operational revenue from fees (such as registrations and annual practising certificates), and fees are set in alignment with the Council's annual budgets. There is no general taxpayer contribution to any of its operations. The Medical Sciences Council sets practitioners fees under the provisions of sections 130 and 131 of the Act.

The Council continually reviews its operations to ensure it provides best-value-for money and does this within the good practice guidelines of both the Office of the Auditor-General and the Treasury. A conscious effort is made to minimise costs without compromising the Council's responsibilities in performing its functions under the Act. It is critical for the Council to be fiscally reliable so it can continue to meet its legislative responsibilities into the future.

## Proposed Fees Changes

The Council undertook a major review of practitioner fees in 2015 with a subsequent increase to all categories of fees commencing in February 2016. A central and recurrent theme of consultation feedback was a call for the Council to undertake more regular reviews of the fees schedule and to base any future changes on smaller incremental increases rather than sporadic reviews resulting in larger increases. The Council has taken heed of this feedback and has instituted an annual review of its practitioner fees schedule.

For the 2020-2021 financial year, the Council is proposing to increase fees by 4%. This increase is required to cover increases in information technology costs relating to upgrading the Council's website and server, and cybersecurity costs. Also, the Council faces additional costs relating to implementing the changes to the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance 2003 passed by the Government in April 2019.

The tables below show the impact of a 4% increase on existing practitioner fees:

## MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PRACTITIONERS

FEE CATEGORY	Current Fee GST Rate 15%	Current Fee GST Rate 0%	Proposed Fee GST Rate 15%	Proposed Fee GST Rate 0%
	NZ Resident or activity carried out in NZ (ie REA or NZ online exam centre)	Overseas Resident or activity carried out outside NZ (online exam centre)	NZ Resident or activity carried out in NZ (ie REA or NZ online exam centre)	Overseas Resident or activity carried out outside NZ (online exam centre)
<b>REGISTRATIONS</b>				
Registration Fee (NZ graduate)	\$355.25	\$308.92	\$370.00	\$321.74
Registration Fee (Overseas graduate)	\$558.25	\$485.43	\$580.00	\$504.35
Additional Scope	\$101.50	\$88.26	\$105.00	\$91.30
<b>ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC)</b>				
Renewal of an APC received by 31 March	\$263.90	\$229.48	\$274.00	\$238.26
Renewal of an APC received after 7 April	\$369.46	\$321.27	\$384.00	\$333.91
Application for an initial or Return to Work APC received between 1 October to 31 January	\$131.95	\$114.74	\$137.00	\$119.13
Application for an initial or Return to Work APC received between 1 February to 31 March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>SUPPLY OF DOCUMENTS</b>				
Registration certification/Re-issue of reg cert	\$58.36	\$50.75	\$61.00	\$53.04
Letter of good standing	\$58.36	\$50.75	\$61.00	\$53.04
Restoration to the register	\$58.36	\$50.75	\$61.00	\$53.04
Online Exam Fee	\$2,400.00	\$2,086.96	\$2,496.00	\$2,170.43

## ANAESTHETIC TECHNOLOGY PRACTITIONERS

FEE CATEGORY	Current Fee GST Rate 15%	Current Fee GST Rate 0%	Proposed Fee GST Rate 15%	Proposed Fee GST Rate 0%
	NZ Resident or activity carried out in NZ (ie WBA or NZ online exam centre)	Overseas Resident or activity carried out outside NZ (online exam centre)	NZ Resident or activity carried out in NZ (ie WBA or NZ online exam centre)	Overseas Resident or activity carried out outside NZ (online exam centre)
<b>REGISTRATIONS</b>				
Registration Fee (NZ graduate)	\$355.25	\$308.92	\$370.00	\$321.74
Registration Fee (Overseas graduate)	\$558.25	\$485.43	\$580.00	\$504.35
<b>ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC)</b>				
Renewal of an APC received by 31 March	\$350.18	\$304.50	\$364.00	\$316.52
Renewal of an APC received after 7 April	\$490.25	\$426.30	\$510.00	443.48
Application for an initial or Return to Work APC received between 1 October to 31 January	\$174.58	\$151.81	\$182.00	\$158.26
Application for an initial or Return to Work APC received between 1 February to 31 March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>SUPPLY OF DOCUMENTS</b>				
Registration certification/Re-issue of reg cert	\$58.36	\$50.75	\$61.00	\$53.04
Letter of good standing	\$58.36	\$50.75	\$61.00	\$53.04
Restoration to the register	\$58.36	\$50.75	\$61.00	\$53.04
WBA	\$3,755.50	n/a	\$3,905.72	n/a
Online Exam Fee	\$2,400.00	\$2,086.96	\$2,496.00	\$2,170.43