

Media release

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Podiatry Board of Australia sets fee for 2014/15

The Podiatry Board of Australia has announced the national registration fee for podiatrists and podiatric surgeons for 2014/15.

The fee has been set at \$388, limiting the increase to the national consumer price index (CPI) of 2.9%. The fee will apply from 9 September 2014 and covers the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2014 to 30 November 2015. The fee for podiatrists and podiatric surgeons whose principal place of practice is NSW will be \$430.¹

The Podiatry Board of Australia Chair, Ms Catherine Loughry, said that the Board set the fee at a level that will allow it to continue to fulfil its regulatory obligations, while continuing its commitment to prudent financial management.

'In setting the new fee the Board can continue its work developing national registration standards, codes, policies and guidelines for the profession, and protect the public by ensuring that podiatrists in Australia are adequately qualified and experienced,' Ms Loughry said.

The National Boards, in the national scheme regulating health practitioners in Australia, have continued to see 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 fees 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 podiatry.

The regulation of podiatry 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 jurisdiction.