



Media release

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Physiotherapy Board of Australia lowers registration fee for 2013/14

The Physiotherapy Board of Australia has announced that the registration fee for physiotherapists for 2013/14 has been reduced.

The Board has reduced the registration fee to \$179, which is \$20 less than in the previous year. The annual renewal fee will apply from 1 August and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2013 to 30 November 2014.

Board Chair, Mr Paul Shinkfield, said that the Board was pleased to be reducing fees and was continuing to increase efficiencies and reduce costs in the regulation of physiotherapy under the National Scheme.

'The National Scheme has provided a range of opportunities and we continue to review our approaches in the interests of nationally consistent and cost effective regulation,' Mr Shinkfield said.

While some of the National Boards in the National Scheme have seen an increase in notifications (complaints) over the past year, for physiotherapy the numbers are comparatively low and trending downwards. As the number, complexity and cost of these matters can never 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 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. This agreement sets out the services AHPRA will provide to support the Board to regulate the profession.

The regulation of physiotherapy is funded solely by registrant fees and there is no cross subsidisation between professions.

For more information

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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.