



## Media release

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### Medical Board of Australia sets 2012-2013 fees

The Medical Board of Australia has set its registration fee for 2012-2013 at \$680, limiting the increase to less than the national CPI of 1.6%. The annual renewal fee will apply from 1 July and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013.

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme is entirely funded by registration fees and there is no cross subsidisation between professions.

Board Chair, Dr Joanna Flynn AM, said the Board must set fees to enable it to regulate the profession in Australia in the public interest and to meet its responsibilities under the National Law.

"The Board is pleased to have contained the registration increase to below CPI, consistent with its commitment to the profession in 2010," Dr Flynn.

"The Board is accountable to the community and the profession and is responsible for using practitioners' registration fees wisely," she said.

The annual registration fee will be due with annual registration renewal – by 30 September for most doctors in Australia (except those with Limited or Provisional Registration). Doctors due to renew will start getting renewal reminders by email from AHPRA in July 2012.

Dr Flynn said the Board and AHPRA were committed to transparency and accountability in financial reporting.

In August 2012, the Board will publish the Health Profession Agreement between AHPRA and the Board, that sets out the services AHPRA will provide in supporting the Board to regulate the medical profession.

"As our reporting capability strengthens, the Board and AHPRA will publish more detailed information about the Board's financial operations to complement the audited data published in each year's annual report," Dr Flynn said.

The **late registration renewal fee** will continue to apply to practitioners who apply to renew during the one month 'late period' built into the National Law. The late fee will be charged at 25% of the renewal fee, recognising the additional costs to AHPRA of managing late renewals. The late renewal fee is payable in addition to the annual renewal fee for practitioners who do not renew on time.

#### NSW practitioners

Medical practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW will pay \$597 for general, specialist and limited registration. This is the national registration renewal fee set by the Medical Board of Australia (this year \$680), less the reduced notional 'rebate' of \$83, compared to a \$190 rebate in 2011.

The [Medical Council of New South Wales](#) has published information about the fee payable by NSW practitioners.

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