

Media release

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Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia lowers registration fee for 2013/14

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia has announced that the registration fee for medical radiation practitioners for 2013/14 has been reduced.

The Board has reduced the registration fee to \$295; this is \$30 less than in the previous year. The Board has also reduced the application fee to \$275, a reduction of \$25. The new fees will apply from 1 August 2013.

The regulation of medical radiation practice is funded solely by registrant fees and there is no cross subsidisation between professions. Registrant fees are developed and agreed by AHPRA and the National Boards.

Board Chair, Mr Neil Hicks commented that 'the Board reviewed its fees following its first year of operation and considered that it was possible to reduce the registration fee by \$30 without affecting its regulatory capacity.'

'The Board was supported in its decision by AHPRA's commitment to increasing the effectiveness of its services while at the same time pursuing efficiencies that would see a reduction in AHPRA's administrative costs over the next 18 months', Mr Hicks said.

The National Boards in the National Scheme have seen 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 fee schedule, including the fee arrangements for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW, will be published on the National Board's website on 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 soon. This agreement sets out the services AHPRA will provide to support the Board to regulate the profession.

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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.