



Media release

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Osteopathy Board of Australia sets fee for 2014/15

The Osteopathy Board of Australia has announced that the national registration fee for osteopaths for 2014/15 has been reduced.

The Board has reduced the registration fee to \$416, which is \$100 less than in the previous year. The new fee will apply from 9 September 2014 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2014 to 30 November 2015. The fee for osteopaths whose principal place of practice is NSW will be \$535.¹

Board Chair, Dr Robert Fendall, said that after taking all the information available into consideration, the Board was pleased to be able to reduce the fee without compromising the Board's regulatory function.

'Being part of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for four years now has allowed the Board to track the actual cost of regulating osteopaths. This means that the Board was able to set a fee reduction of \$100, while still ensuring it can fulfil its role as regulator of the profession,' Dr Fendall 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 fee 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 osteopathy.

The regulation of osteopathy is funded solely by practitioners' 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 is a co-regulatory jurisdiction.