

Media release

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Podiatry Board of Australia fees set for 2016/17

The Podiatry Board of Australia (the Board) has announced that the national registration fee for podiatrists and podiatric surgeons for 2016/17 will remain the same as in the previous year.

The Board has frozen the registration fee at \$378. It will cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2016 to 30 November 2017.

The fee for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW is \$430.1

A full fee schedule, including the fee arrangements for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW, will be published on the Board's website.

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) is funded by practitioners' registration fees. The decision to keep the fee frozen ensures practitioners are not unduly burdened, but still provides sufficient income to allow the Board to carry out its duties and protecting the public.

Board Chair, Ms Catherine Loughry, said the Board was pleased it could freeze the fee - following a reduction for 2015/16 - while fulfilling its obligations as a national regulator.

'The Board's work in developing national registration standards, codes, policies and guidelines for the profession ensure we are fulfilling our core purpose of protecting the public in the most effective and efficient ways possible,' Ms Loughry said.

The Board will also shortly publish the Health Profession Agreement (HPA). The HPA provides information about the Board's financial operations, outlines the partnership between the Board and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), and the services AHPRA will provide to the Board to regulate podiatry.

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¹ NSW is a <u>co-regulatory jurisdiction</u>.