

Media release

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Pharmacy Board of Australia fees set for 2016/17

The Pharmacy Board of Australia (the Board) has announced the national registration fees for pharmacists for 2016/17.

The general registration fee has been set at \$328, limiting the increase to indexation. It will apply from 1 September 2016 and cover the registration period for most pharmacists of 1 December 2016 to 30 November 2017.

The fee for general registration for pharmacists whose principal place of practice is NSW is also \$328.1

A fee schedule, including all fee arrangements for pharmacists 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 limit the increase to indexation ensures pharmacists are not unduly burdened, but still provides sufficient income to allow the Board to meet its obligations in protecting the public.

Board Chair, Mr William Kelly, said, 'The Board is committed to the work of managing risk to the public and regulating the profession in the public interest'.

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 the profession.

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