



Media release

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Board announces 2012 registration fees

The Pharmacy Board of Australia (the Board) has set its 2012 registration fees, limiting fee increases within a CPI rate of 3.3%.

As the National Scheme is funded entirely by registration fees (there is no ongoing government funding except for part of the scheme in NSW in which there is a co-regulatory arrangement), fees need to be set to enable National Boards and AHPRA to meet their responsibilities under the National Law.

Board Chair Mr Stephen Marty said that fees are set to ensure the Board can continue to provide robust and safe regulation of pharmacy in Australia and to protect the public.

"There are close to 26,000 pharmacists in Australia, all of whom fall under the regulation of the Pharmacy Board of Australia. The Board sets the national standards, codes, policies and guidelines to guide the profession. The public is protected through this work which ensures that pharmacists in Australia are adequately qualified and experienced", said Mr Marty.

In setting its budget for the 2011/12 financial year, the Board has reviewed all registration fees in consultation with AHPRA. The Board has limited the fee increase to CPI, meaning the **annual renewal fee** will be \$305 from the 30 November 2011 renewal period.

"Setting the new schedule of fees ensures that the Board can continue its work and implement the requirements set out in the National Law", said Mr Marty.

In consultation with the other nine Boards under the National Scheme, the Pharmacy Board of Australia has reinstated a **late registration renewal fee** from 2011-12 (this had been suspended for the first year of the National Scheme). The late fee will apply to practitioners who apply to renew during the one month 'late period' built into the National Law and will be charged at 25% of the renewal fee, recognising the additional costs to AHPRA of managing late renewals. It will be payable in addition to the annual renewal fee.

The Board also approved a **Fast Track application fee**. The fast track application was introduced this year to assist practitioners whose registration has lapsed but who wish to remain in practice. This fast-track process is open for one month after the end of the late period. The fast track fee will be 50% of the normal application fee for registration and will be payable in addition to the annual renewal fee.

In addition to the work of the Board, fees are also used to support the continuing work associated with introducing the National Scheme and providing new services that help Boards to protect the public and guide the professions. For example, in 2011, the Pharmacy Board will be working with AHPRA to pilot audits of practitioner compliance with National Board registration standards.

The 2012 fee schedule is published on the Board's [website](#).

Under the National Law, the Board sets its fees which are then agreed by the AHPRA Agency Management Committee through a formal health professions agreement.

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