

## Fees Payable to Te Kaunihera Rata o Aotearoa | Medical Council of New Zealand from 1 July 2023

Under sections 130 to 133 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, Te Kaunihera Rata o Aotearoa I Medical Council of New Zealand (“Council”) gives notice that fees and levy (GST excluded), set out in the **Fees Schedule** below, are payable effective from 1 July 2023.

### Commencement

This notice comes into effect on **1 July 2023**. It consolidates and replaces all previously-gazetted Fees Notices.<sup>1</sup>

### Fees Schedule<sup>2</sup>

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| <b>A</b> | <b>Practising Certificate (PC) or Interim PC including Disciplinary Levy</b>                                                                                    | \$                     |
|          | Annual PC fee                                                                                                                                                   | 806.70 <sup>3,4</sup>  |
|          | Application to vary existing PC                                                                                                                                 | 319.47                 |
|          | PC Quarterly Fee (used only when bringing a doctor into their registration cycle)                                                                               | 201.68                 |
| <b>B</b> | <b>Disciplinary Levy - levy for 12 months</b>                                                                                                                   | 235.00                 |
| <b>C</b> | <b>Registration Fees</b>                                                                                                                                        |                        |
|          | <b>Application for registration in a provisional general/general scope of practice:</b>                                                                         |                        |
|          | Provisional general registration (New Zealand/Australian/Examinations)                                                                                          | 319.47                 |
|          | Provisional general registration (Australian General Registrants)                                                                                               | 511.15                 |
|          | Provisional general registration (United Kingdom General Registrants)                                                                                           | 511.15                 |
|          | Provisional general registration (competent authority)                                                                                                          | 511.15                 |
|          | Provisional general registration (comparable health system)                                                                                                     | 1,597.34               |
|          | General registration (New Zealand/Australian graduate)                                                                                                          | 511.15                 |
|          | <b>For registration in a provisional vocational / vocational scope of practice:</b>                                                                             |                        |
|          | Application for vocational registration (for those registered in the General scope of practice, who have been awarded the prescribed qualification)             | 255.58                 |
|          | Application for vocational registration (for those who are not registered in the General scope of practice, who have been awarded the prescribed qualification) | 511.15                 |
|          | Application for provisional vocational registration (for international medical graduates with overseas specialist qualifications)                               | 3,833.62               |
|          | Vocational practice assessment                                                                                                                                  | 16,783.35 <sup>2</sup> |
|          | <b>College advice fees for registration in a provisional vocational scope of practice *:</b>                                                                    |                        |
|          | Assessment of documents (preliminary advice)                                                                                                                    | 1,873.16 <sup>2</sup>  |
|          | Interview (final advice)                                                                                                                                        | 4,427.47 <sup>2</sup>  |
|          | Re-evaluation**                                                                                                                                                 | 1,362.30 <sup>2</sup>  |
|          | Advice on supervisor/employment                                                                                                                                 | 227.05 <sup>2</sup>    |
|          | <b>For registration in a special purpose scope of practice:</b>                                                                                                 |                        |
|          | Special purpose postgraduate training                                                                                                                           | 1,022.30               |
|          | Special purpose locum tenens / teleradiology / research                                                                                                         | 638.94                 |
|          | <b>Other registration-related fees:</b>                                                                                                                         |                        |
|          | Application to change existing scope or conditions                                                                                                              | 319.47                 |
|          | Restoration of registration                                                                                                                                     | 319.47                 |
|          | Annual retention fee (non-practising status)                                                                                                                    | 138.13                 |

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| <b>D</b> | <b>Certificate Signed by the Registrar</b>                                                                                                              |                          |
|          | Certificate of professional status, registered information, and any other document confirming registration status/standing or internship details        | 191.68                   |
| <b>E</b> | <b>New Zealand Registration Examination (NZREX Clinical)</b>                                                                                            |                          |
|          | Application fee                                                                                                                                         | 710.49                   |
|          | Examination fee                                                                                                                                         | 4,099.03 <sup>2</sup>    |
|          | Review of decisions (recount)                                                                                                                           | 361.47                   |
|          | Appeal of decisions (impairment or exam process)                                                                                                        | 542.20                   |
|          | Withdrawal, or transfer, prior to, or on, the cut-off date for the specified exam (6 weeks prior to exam)                                               | 361.47                   |
|          | Withdrawal after the cut-off date for the specified exam (20 working days or more prior to exam)                                                        | 819.80                   |
| <b>F</b> | <b>Screening Programmes</b>                                                                                                                             |                          |
|          | Testing administrative charge (per test)                                                                                                                | 145.78                   |
|          | Charge per test for urine / hair / blood (recharged at cost)                                                                                            | at cost <sup>5</sup>     |
|          | Cost of breathalyser unit / re-calibration of breathalyser unit (recharged at cost)                                                                     | at cost <sup>5</sup>     |
| <b>G</b> | <b>Sexual Misconduct Assessment</b>                                                                                                                     |                          |
|          | Administration charge only                                                                                                                              | 1,904.11 <sup>2, 5</sup> |
| <b>H</b> | <b>Contribution to Educational Supervision Costs</b>                                                                                                    |                          |
|          | Administration charge only                                                                                                                              | 2,542.50 <sup>2, 5</sup> |
| <b>I</b> | <b>Educational - Pre-Vocational</b>                                                                                                                     |                          |
|          | Accreditation of training provider                                                                                                                      | 31,725.35                |
| <b>J</b> | <b>Educational - Vocational</b>                                                                                                                         |                          |
|          | Accreditation New Zealand-only training providers:                                                                                                      |                          |
|          | - Training provider with 300 or more paying members                                                                                                     | 22,154.00                |
|          | - Training provider with fewer than 300 paying members                                                                                                  | 17,119.00                |
|          | Accreditation of training providers recertification programme only                                                                                      | 10,070.00                |
| <b>K</b> | <b>Recognition of vocational scope of practice / Assessment of a recertification programme</b>                                                          |                          |
|          | Vocational education and advisory body application for recognition of new vocational scope of practice                                                  | 7,686.31                 |
|          | Application for assessment of an individual recertification programme for a vocational scope of practice                                                | 3,202.42                 |
| <b>L</b> | <b>Register</b>                                                                                                                                         |                          |
|          | Register for 12 months downloaded from the Council's website                                                                                            | 327.73                   |
|          | Request for one copy of the Register                                                                                                                    | 163.86                   |
|          | Register data requests ( <i>Fee is per hour but may be adjusted depending on the nature of the query. Any disbursements will be recovered at cost</i> ) | 163.86                   |

Dated at Wellington this 22nd day of May 2023.

DAVID DUNBAR, Registrar, Te Kaunihera Rata o Aotearoa | Medical Council of New Zealand.

**Explanatory Note**

*Changes to Council fees and disciplinary levy*

On 18 April 2023, Council resolved to approve the level of fees for the 2023/2024 financial year, commencing 1 July 2023. All of Council's existing fees previously notified by Notice in the *Gazette* were not changed; with the exception of College advice fees for registration in a provisional vocational scope of practice.

Council's existing practice is to contain fee increases to the annual rate of inflation. However, this year, having considered Council's operational and strategic needs, and financial position, Council chose to inflation-adjust the college advice fees only. This is because college advice fees are passed through to the medical college in full on receipt of advice and an invoice. The inflation adjustment is appropriate to ensure that the fees fairly reflect the costs the colleges face in delivering timely advice to Council.

Council continues to apply the activity-based costing methodology to ensure that there is transparency and equity across all fees charged by Council. The methodology is comprehensively reviewed every three years (last reviewed in 2021) and ensures that cross-subsidisation amongst fees is minimised. Council considers that existing fees remain appropriate, valid and relevant.

**\*College advice fees for registration in a provisional vocational scope of practice**

College advice fees have been inflation-adjusted by 7.2%<sup>6</sup>. Medical college advice fees are set by Council, paid by the international medical graduate (IMG) applicant seeking registration in a provisional vocational scope of practice (or by their prospective employer, on their behalf) and passed through to the medical college in full on receipt of advice and an invoice.

Typically, only the preliminary advice and interview fees, are incurred in addition to two other Council fees related to this vocational registration pathway for IMGs, specifically the application for provisional vocational registration and the vocational practice assessment. However, we note that not every applicant will pay each fee. For example, only a small number of doctors will need to undergo a vocational practice assessment.

**\*\* Re-evaluation**

If an applicant is not satisfied with the final decision of Council regarding their application for vocational registration, they may request a re-evaluation of their application. This thorough re-evaluation can be made available at a lower cost than the initial evaluation.

**Key to annotations**

1. Earlier Notices replaced:

- Fees payable to Te Kaunihera Rata o Aotearoa | Medical Council of New Zealand from 1 September 2022 ([New Zealand Gazette, 8 August 2022, Notice No. 2022-gs3302](#)).
- Amendment to Notice - Fees Payable to Te Kaunihera Rata o Aotearoa | Medical Council of New Zealand from 1 September 2022 ([New Zealand Gazette, 7 February 2023, Notice No. 2023-gs330](#)).
- Amendment to Notice - Fees Payable to Te Kaunihera Rata o Aotearoa | Medical Council of New Zealand from 1 July 2022 ([New Zealand Gazette, 28 April 2023, Notice No. 2023-gs1690](#)).

2. All fees are non-refundable unless denoted.

3. Reduced fee payable for first time applicants applying for registration within a provisional or special purpose scope of practice where the appointment is for six months or less. For appointments longer than six months, the PC fee will be charged to bring medical practitioners on to their PC cycles.

4. Fee includes a disciplinary levy of \$235.00.

5. Services provided by external providers are on-charged in full by Council. A one-off administration fee is charged up front to cover the cost of Council staff time and overheads.

6. <http://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/consumers-price-index-december-2022-quarter/>.