

# Te Kaunihera Rata o Aotearoa | Medical Council of New Zealand (Fees) Notice 2025

Pursuant to sections 130 to 133 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the following notice is given.

## Notice

### 1. Title and Commencement

- This notice may be cited as Te Kaunihera Rata o Aotearoa | Medical Council of New Zealand (Fees) Notice 2025 and shall come into force on 1 July 2025.
- This notice has the status of secondary legislation for the purposes of the Legislation Act 2019.
- This notice revokes and replaces all previously gazetted Te Kaunihera Rata o Aotearoa | Medical Council of New Zealand ("Council") Fee Notices<sup>1</sup>.
- This notice is published on the Council's website [www.mcnz.org.nz/about-us/publications/gazette-notices/](http://www.mcnz.org.nz/about-us/publications/gazette-notices/).

### 2. Fees and Levies

The Council sets its fees and levies as specified in the following Fee Schedule.

### 3. Tax

The fees are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST). All fees are subject to the addition of GST at the prevailing IRD rate. The Council sets its fees and levies as specified in the following Fee Schedule.

### Fee Schedule<sup>2</sup>

<b>A</b>	<b>Practising Certificate (PC) or Interim PC including Disciplinary Levy</b>	\$
	Annual PC fee	826.09 <a href="#">3, 4</a>
	Application to vary existing PC	326.50
	PC Quarterly Fee (used only when bringing a doctor into their registration cycle)	206.52
<b>B</b>	<b>Disciplinary Levy – levy for 12 months</b>	226.09
<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)	326.50
	Provisional general registration (Australian General Registrants)	522.40
	Provisional general registration (United Kingdom General Registrants)	522.40
	Provisional general registration (competent authority)	522.40
	Provisional general registration (comparable health system)	1,632.48
	General registration (New Zealand/Australian graduate)	522.40
	<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)	261.20
	Application for vocational registration (for those who are not registered in the General scope of practice, who have been awarded the prescribed qualification)	522.40
	Application for provisional vocational registration (for international medical graduates with overseas specialist qualifications)	3,917.96
	Vocational practice assessment	17,152.58 <a href="#">2</a>
	<b>College advice fees for registration in a provisional vocational scope of practice*:</b>	
	Paper-based assessment	4,737.54 <a href="#">2</a>

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	Interview	2,004.35 <a href="#">2</a>
	Re-evaluation	1,457.71 <a href="#">2</a>
	Advice on supervisor/employment	242.95 <a href="#">2</a>
	<b>For registration in a special purpose scope of practice:</b>	
	Special purpose postgraduate training	1,044.79
	Special purpose locum tenens/teleradiology/research	653.00
	<b>Other registration-related fees:</b>	
	Application to change existing scope or conditions	326.50
	Restoration of registration	326.50
	Annual retention fee (non-practising status)	141.17
<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	76.65
<b>E</b>	<b>New Zealand Registration Examination (NZREX Clinical)</b>	
	Application fee	726.12
	Examination fee	4,189.21 <a href="#">2</a>
	Request for recount	369.42 <a href="#">2</a>
	Request for resit (impairment, incident or exam process)	554.13 <a href="#">2</a>
	Withdrawal, or transfer, prior to, or on, the cut-off date for the specified exam (6 weeks prior to exam)	369.42
	Withdrawal after the cut-off date for the specified exam (20 working days or more prior to exam)	837.84
<b>F</b>	<b>Screening Programmes</b>	
	Testing administrative charge (per test)	148.99
	Charge per test for urine/hair/blood (recharged at cost)	at cost <a href="#">5</a>
	Cost of breathalyser unit/re-calibration of breathalyser unit (recharged at cost)	at cost <a href="#">5</a>
<b>G</b>	<b>Sexual Misconduct Assessment</b>	
	Administration charge only	1,946.00 <a href="#">2, 5</a>
<b>H</b>	<b>Contribution to Educational Supervision Costs</b>	
	Administration charge only	2,598.44 <a href="#">2, 5</a>
<b>I</b>	<b>Educational - Pre-Vocational</b>	
	Accreditation of training provider	32,423.31
<b>J</b>	<b>Educational - Vocational</b>	
	Accreditation New Zealand-only training providers:	
	• Training provider with 300 or more paying members	22,641.39
	• Training provider with fewer than 300 paying members	17,495.62
	Accreditation of training providers recertification programme only	10,291.54
<b>K</b>	<b>Recognition of vocational scope of practice/Assessment of a recertification programme</b>	

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Vocational education and advisory body application for recognition of new vocational scope of practice	7,855.41
Application for assessment of an individual recertification programme for a vocational scope of practice	3,272.87

### **L Register**

Register for 12 months downloaded from the Council's website	334.94
Request for one copy of the Register	167.46
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> )	167.46

Dated at Wellington this 30th day of May 2025.

CHRISTINE ANDERSON, Pouroki | Registrar, Te Kaunihera Rata o Aotearoa | Medical Council of New Zealand.

### **Explanatory Note**

#### *Changes to Council fees and disciplinary levy*

On 15 May 2025, Council resolved to approve the level of fees for the 2025/2026 financial year, commencing 1 July 2025. All of Council's existing fees previously notified by Notice in the Gazette have been inflation-adjusted by 2.2%<sup>6</sup>; with the exception of:

- An increase of \$8.30 (1.4%) to the annual practising certificate fee, and an increase of \$11.09 (5.2%) to the disciplinary levy. Resulting in an overall change to the combined fee of \$19.39 (2.4%).
- College advice fees for registration in a provisional vocational scope of practice ('college advice fees') as described below.

#### **\*College advice fees**

On 28 May 2025, Council approved changes to college advice fees to support a revised international medical graduates (IMG) assessment process. The changes recognise the substantial effort involved in paper-based assessments, which have become the primary assessment method, with interviews now used in exceptional cases. The changes support a faster, more consistent pathway to vocational registration. The key changes are:

- renaming the existing fee assessment of documents (preliminary advice) to paper-based assessment.
- rebalancing the fee structure to better reflect the effort required at each stage, with the paper-based assessment fee becoming the higher of the two, and the interview fee the lower. Paper-based assessments typically require more extensive review and decision-making than interviews and have become the predominant assessment method.
- applying a 2.2%<sup>6</sup> inflation adjustment to college advice fees, in line with other Council fees.

College advice fees are set by Council, paid by the 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.

### **Key to annotations**

1. Earlier fee notices replaced:

- Fees Payable to Te Kaunihera Rata o Aotearoa | Medical Council of New Zealand from 1 July 2024 ([New Zealand Gazette, 29 April 2024, Notice No. 2024-sl1900](#)).

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 \$226.09.

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-2024-quarter/>.

7. The terminology of these existing fees were aligned to NZRex policy terms. Previously these fees were called

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'Review of decisions (recount)' and 'Appeal of decisions (impairment or exam process).'

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