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Registration fees 2017/18 for NSW chiropractors

FAQs

What is changing?

The 2017/18 annual registration fee for chiropractors based in NSW is increasing, compared to the fee paid in 2016/17.

Who does it affect?

Chiropractors with general and limited registration whose principal place of practice is NSW.

How much is the increase?

In 2017/18, chiropractors in NSW will pay \$103 more than last year. This is \$46 less than non-NSW chiropractors.

Why is the Council increasing fees?

The Council has increased the complaints component of the registration fee to ensure it is sufficiently resourced to regulate chiropractors in NSW. Effective regulation ensures the protection of public health and safety, and confidence and trust in the profession.

When does the new fee commence?

The fee applies from 15 September 2017 and covers the registration period for chiropractors from 1 December 2017 to 30 November 2018.

Which agency do chiropractors pay their registration fee to?

Chiropractors pay one annual registration fee to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. This fee includes amounts for registration, accreditation and complaints management. The registration and accreditation amount of this fee is set by the Chiropractic Board of Australia. The regulatory or complaints part of the fee is set by the Chiropractic Council of NSW.

How does the Council manage its costs?

The Council manages its costs as efficiently as possible. This includes setting an annual budget and regularly monitoring financial performance and ensuring it has appropriate levels of equity.

Why is NSW different?

NSW is a co-regulatory jurisdiction. The Chiropractic Council and the Health Care Complaints Commission jointly assess and manage concerns about a chiropractor's conduct, health and performance. The Council also monitors chiropractor's compliance with conditions and any other restrictions on practice.

In all other states and territories (except Queensland), this work is done by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency with the Chiropractic Board of Australia.

Why now?

The Chiropractic Council had to increase its component of the national fee to cover the actual costs of regulating the profession in NSW. Compared to previous years, the Council is

dealing with an increased volume and complexity of matters, which is expected to continue going forward. The Council is also undertaking planned improvements in its systems and processes in the coming years to respond to the increased volume and complexity of the complaints it receives and manages.

Do the fees paid by chiropractors fund the regulation of other professions?

No. There is no cross subsidisation in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. The registration fees of chiropractors only fund the regulation of the Chiropractic profession in Australia. The Chiropractic Council publishes detailed financial information in its Annual Report about its income and expenditure, available online at www.chiropracticcouncil.nsw.gov.au