

Consultation: Annual Practising Fees

Consultation opens: Tuesday 8 September 2026

Consultation closes: Wednesday 14 October 2026

Te Poari Kaikorohiti o Aotearoa | the Chiropractic Board (the Board) is seeking feedback on proposed changes to practising-related fees for the 2027/2028 year.

What we are proposing:

The Board is proposing four changes for the 2027/2028 practising year:

1. Increase all APC fees by 4.1%. The disciplinary levy is separate and is not increased.
2. Increase the registration application fee from \$153 to \$160. A 4.1% increase would be \$159.27; the proposed amount is rounded to a practical fee.
3. Replace the current fee category for renewal of an expired APC three or more years after expiry with a \$200 Restoration to the Register application fee. Once restoration is approved, the practitioner would apply for the appropriate APC.
4. Keep the disciplinary levy at \$100 for a full-year APC, with pro-rated levy amounts applying to shorter APC periods.

Why is the Board proposing an APC increase

The Board has generally tried to keep APC fees stable rather than increasing them each year. Where possible, it has used its reserves to help meet rising costs.

The table below shows how the full-year APC fee and disciplinary levy have changed over recent years. The disciplinary levy is shown separately because it is used specifically to help meet the costs of disciplinary matters.

Year / notice	APC fee	Disciplinary levy	Total payable
2018/2019	\$1,124.00	\$241.55	\$1,365.55
2019/2020	\$1,037.38	\$241.55	\$1,278.93
2022/2023	\$1,003.25	\$0.00	\$1,003.25
2024/2025	\$1,003.25	\$0.00	\$1,003.25
2025/2026	\$1,003.25	\$0.00	\$1,003.25
2026/2027	\$1,003.25	\$100.00	\$1,103.25
Proposed 2027/2028	\$1,044.38	\$100.00	\$1,144.38

The APC fee has not increased since 2011 and was, in fact, reduced over that time. While the fee has remained unchanged in recent years, the cost of carrying out the Board's regulatory work continues to increase.

Why is the registration application fee changing?

The registration application fee is currently \$153 and has not increased for several years. The Board proposes increasing it by \$7 to \$160, in line with the proposed inflation adjustment to APC fees.

Why introduce a Restoration to the Register application fee?

If you return to practise in New Zealand after three or more years, the Board needs to assess your application before you can return to practice. This involves more work than a standard APC application.

Currently, the cost of this assessment is included in a special APC fee. However, the amount of work involved is the same whether you need an APC for a full year or only part of the year.

The Board proposes introducing a separate \$200 Restoration to the Register application fee. Once your restoration is approved, you would then pay the normal APC fee for the period you intend to practise.

Why keep the disciplinary levy at \$100?

The disciplinary levy contributes towards the cost of Professional Conduct Committee investigations and Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal proceedings. These costs can change significantly from year to year depending on the number, complexity and duration of cases.

The levy was reinstated at \$100 for 2026/2027 after being suspended for several years. The current levy does not fully recover disciplinary expenditure, but it provides a contribution towards these costs while avoiding a simultaneous increase to both the underlying APC fee and the disciplinary levy.

Proposed changes in table form:

Fee	Current \$	Proposed \$	Increase \$
Registration application and processing fee	153.00	160.00	7.00
Full-year APC (includes \$100 disciplinary levy)	1,103.25	1,144.38	41.13
Initial APC 1 Nov-31 Mar (includes \$41.60 disciplinary levy)	449.60	466.33	16.73
Partial-year APC - 6 months (includes \$50 disciplinary levy)	551.62	572.19	20.57
Partial-year APC - 3 months (includes \$25 disciplinary levy)	275.80	286.08	10.28
Maintenance of registration for non-practising practitioners	100.00	100.00	No increase
Restoration to the Register application	n/a	200.00	new fee
Certificate of Registration	30.00	30.00	No increase
Certificate of Good Standing	50.00	50.00	No increase
Copy of Register	50.00	50.00	No increase
Administration fee	45.00	45.00	No increase

How to give your feedback

You can provide feedback by emailing our Project Administrator via email:
miriam@chiropracticboard.org.nz

Please provide your feedback by Wednesday 14 October, 5.00 pm.

The Board may publish a summary of submissions and may publish individual submissions with identifying information removed where appropriate. Please identify any information you consider confidential and explain why.

What happens next?

After consultation closes, the Board will consider all submissions before making a final decision. The confirmed fees will then be published in the [New Zealand Gazette](#) before they take effect for the 2027/2028 practising year.

Any questions?

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this proposal, please contact us at miriam@chiropracticboard.org.nz