

Media release

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Occupational Therapy Board of Australia sets fee for 2014/15

The Occupational Therapy Board of Australia has announced that the national registration fee for occupational therapists for 2014/15 has been reduced.

The Board has reduced the registration fee to \$160, which is \$70 less than in the previous year. The annual renewal fee will apply from 9 September 2014 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2014 to 30 November 2015. The fee for occupational therapists whose principal place of practice is NSW has also been reduced to \$160.¹

Board Chair, Dr Mary Russell, said that the Board was able to lower the fee as it continues to better understand the cost associated with regulation now that it has been a part of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for two years.

'We now have more complete data, so the Board has been able to lower the fee, and still be able to ensure we fulfil our regulatory responsibilities under the National Law,' Dr Russell said.

A fees schedule, including the fee arrangements for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW, will be published on the National Board's website.

More detailed information about the Board's financial operations will be outlined in the Health Profession Agreement between the Board and AHPRA for 2014/15, which will be published on the website soon. This agreement sets out the partnership between the Board and AHPRA, and the services AHPRA will provide to support the Board to regulate the profession.

The regulation of occupational therapists is funded solely by registrant fees and there is no cross subsidisation between professions.

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¹ NSW is a co-regulatory jurisdiction.