

## Media release

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### Occupational Therapy Board of Australia fees set for 2016/17

The Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (the Board) has announced that the national registration fee for occupational therapists for 2016/17 has been reduced.

The Board has reduced the registration fee to \$110, which is \$20 less than in the previous year. The annual renewal fee will apply from 1 September 2016 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2016 to 30 November 2017.

The fee for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW is \$110.<sup>1</sup>

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

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) is funded by practitioners' registration fees. The decision to reduce the fee ensures practitioners are not unduly burdened, but still provides sufficient income to allow the Board to meet its obligations in protecting the public.

Board Chair, Ms Julie Brayshaw, said the Board was pleased to be able to lower the fee for the fourth year in a row and still fulfil its regulatory obligations.

'Over the last six months, the Board has been working on a number of significant projects - a review of profession-specific registration standards for continuing professional development (CPD), recency of practice (ROP) and professional indemnity insurance (PII) and a review of competency standards for the profession,' Ms Brayshaw said.

'This work is reflective of the Board's focus on ensuring an efficient, effective national scheme of registration and accreditation of occupational therapy practitioners that provides for the safety of the public.'

The Board will also shortly publish the Health Profession Agreement (HPA). The HPA provides information about the Board's financial operations, outlines the partnership between the Board and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), and the services AHPRA will provide to the Board to regulate the profession.

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<sup>1</sup> NSW is a [co-regulatory jurisdiction](#).