



## Media release

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### Psychology Board of Australia sets fee for 2013/14

The Psychology Board of Australia has announced the registration fee for psychologists for 2013/14.

The fee has been set at \$419. It will apply from 1 August 2013 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 October 2013 to 30 September 2014.

Board Chair, Professor Brin Grenyer, said that the Board limited increasing the fee to 2.4%, which is under the national consumer price index (CPI), to allow the Board to continue its work regulating the profession while not putting undue financial pressure on practitioners.

'No one likes to pay fees, however it is important to emphasise that practitioner fees allow the Board to fulfil its regulatory functions in an efficient, effective and fair way as possible' Professor Grenyer said.

The National Boards in the National Scheme have seen an increase in notifications (complaints) over the past year. As the number, complexity and cost of these cases can't be accurately forecast, the Boards will continue to keep fees under close review to ensure careful financial management.

A fee schedule, including the fee arrangements for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW, will be published on the National Board's website on 1 August 2013. Any variation to the fees payable by NSW practitioners will be announced by the Health Professional Councils Authority in NSW.<sup>1</sup>

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

The regulation of psychology is funded solely by registrant fees and there is no cross subsidisation between professions that are regulated in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

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<sup>1</sup> NSW has a co-regulatory arrangement and notifications (complaints) about practitioners in NSW are managed by the Health Professional Councils Authority.