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CONSULTATION: PRACTITIONER FEES REVIEW

OUTCOMES OF THE CONSULTATION
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BACKGROUND

A consultation document proposing changes to the practitioner fees payable to the Medical Radiation Technologists Board (the Board) was published in November 2019. Feedback was sought from medical imaging and radiation therapy practitioners and associated stakeholder groups. This report summarises the key themes in respect to the feedback received and the final decision of the Board in terms of the fees to be charged to practitioners.

CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

The consultation period spanned three weeks, and a total of 8 responses were received. All the responses were from individual practitioners. The response rate was 0.25%.

There was a very low response to the consultation document, and the Board has viewed this as the overall acceptance of the proposed increases. Some of the respondents raised concerns about the impact on part-time practitioners and wanted more detailed information on the Board's overall expenditure. However, other practitioners commented they were supportive of a small incremental increase rather than a larger, more infrequent increase.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

The Board has carefully considered the feedback received in response to the proposal to increase practitioners' fees by 2%. It was noted that some of the concerns raised were similar to feedback received in the 2017 review when a considerable amount of feedback urged the Board to consider smaller incremental fees increases rather than infrequent larger ones.

Respondents asked the Board to consider a lower APC fee for practitioners who work part-time. The Board understands that part-time workers will receive pro-rata wages. However, it would be inappropriate for the Board to set a different APC fee for practitioners based on the level of their employment tenure and remuneration. The cost of regulation includes a range of regulatory activities and cannot be linked to employment conditions for individual practitioners. For example, the costs for issuing an APC are the same for all practitioners irrespective of the hours they work and the wages they receive.

The Board noted a comment raised about a preference for detailed financial information within the consultation documentation. However, the Board does publish its financial statements in the Annual Report, which is released before any proposed fee increase.

PRACTITIONER FEES 2020/21

The Board has resolved to increase fees it charges to practitioners by 2%, effective from 1st February 2020. Under section 132 (2) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the revised fees will be published by way of a Gazette notice at least 28 days before the implementation date.

MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY PRACTITIONER FEES FOR 2020/21

FEE CATEGORY	Fee GST inclusive	Fee GST Exclusive
REGISTRATIONS		
Registration Fee (NZ graduate)	\$364.00	\$316.52
Registration Fee (TTMRA)	\$364.00	\$316.52
Registration Fee (Overseas graduate)	\$832.00	\$723.48
Additional Scope	\$198.00	\$172.17
ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC)		
Renewal of an APC received by 31 March	\$460.00	\$400.00
Renewal of an APC received after 7 April	\$643.00	\$559.13
Application for an initial or Return to Work APC received between 1 April and 30 September*	\$460.00	\$400.00
Application for an initial or Return to Work APC received between 1 October to 31 January*	\$230.00	\$200.00
Application for an initial or Return to Work APC received between 1 February to 31 March*	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUPPLY OF DOCUMENTS		
Registration certification/Re-issue of registration certificate	\$62.00	\$53.91
Letter of good standing	\$146.00	\$126.96
Restoration to the register	\$52.00	\$45.22
Registration Assessment Examination (REA)	\$2725.00	
Online Examination Fee	\$2448.00	\$2128.70
ACCREDITATION and MONITORING FEES		
<p>The Board does not set a standard fee for carrying out an accreditation review (including ongoing monitoring reviews) of a New Zealand education provider, or examination provider, but will instead issue an itemised invoice for reimbursement of costs associated with the review. All such invoices are calculated on a cost-recovery basis only.</p>		

*An initial APC or RTW APC will be issued up until 31 March.

CONCLUSION

The Medical Radiation Technologists Board would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals and groups who took the time to read and respond to the consultation document on the fees payable by practitioners.