

## Media release

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## Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia sets fee for 2013/14

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has announced that the registration fee for nurses and midwives for 2013/14 will remain the same as in the previous year.<sup>1</sup>

The National Board has held the registration fee at \$160, which will apply from 1 August 2013.

National Board Chair, Ms Anne Copeland, said that the National Board made the decision to keep the fee the same while still ensuring that the important regulatory work of the National Board can continue.

'The National Board is committed to avoiding any increase in the fee that is more than consumer price index (CPI) where possible.

'The National Board has worked hard to ensure that the fee is set at the lowest practicable level, while still ensuring that it can fulfill its obligations as a national regulator. This has allowed the National Board not to increase the fees this year,' Ms Copeland said.

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

A fee schedule, including the fee arrangements for nurses and midwives 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 nurses and midwives will be announced by the Health Professional Councils Authority in NSW.<sup>2</sup>

More detailed information about the National Board's financial operations will be outlined in the Health Profession Agreement between the National Board and AHPRA, which will be published on the <u>website</u> soon. This agreement sets out the services AHPRA will provide to support the National Board to regulate nurses, midwives and students of nursing and midwifery.

Nursing and midwifery regulation is funded solely by registrants' fees and there is no cross subsidisation between professions.

## For more information

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Registrants who hold both nursing as well as midwifery registration only pay one registration fee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> NSW has a co-regulatory arrangement and notifications about health practitioners in NSW are managed by the Health Professional Councils Authority.