

Media release

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Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia sets fee for 2014/15

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (National Board) has announced a reduced national registration fee for nurses and midwives for 2014/15.1

The registration fee has been reduced to \$150. This lower fee by \$10 takes effect from 9 September 2014. It will apply to the next registration renewal for nurses and midwives due by 31 May 2015. The fee for nurses and midwives whose principal place of practice is NSW has also been reduced to \$150.²

'I am pleased that we are able to lower the registration fees while still fulfilling the National Board's obligations as a regulator,' said National Board Chair Dr Lynette Cusack, RN.

'The fee reduction is consistent with our commitment to nurses and midwives to maintain fees at a reasonable level,' said Dr Cusack.

In partnership with AHPRA, our role is to keep the Australian public safe. The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme is self-funded and needs to cover the costs of:

- setting and administering registration standards, professional codes and guidelines for over 360,000 registered nurses and midwives, as well as students of nursing and midwifery in Australia
- accreditation of <u>approved programs of study</u> that lead to registration and endorsement, as undertaken by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC)
- · handling annual registration renewals, and
- managing notifications (complaints) about nurses, midwives and students of nursing and midwifery.

A fees 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.

Detailed information about the National Board's financial operations will be outlined in the Health Profession Agreement between the National Board and AHPRA for 2014/15, which will be published on the website soon. This agreement sets out the partnership between the National Board and AHPRA, and the services AHPRA will provide to support the National Board to regulate nurses, midwives and students of nursing and midwifery.

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

For more information

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¹ Registrants who hold both nursing as well as midwifery registration only pay one registration fee.

² NSW has a co-regulatory function.

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