

Chinese Medicine Council (Fees) Notice 2023

Pursuant to sections 130–133 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (“Act”), the following notice is given.

Notice

1. Title and Commencement

1. This notice may be cited as the Chinese Medicine Council (Fees) Notice and shall come into force on 31 May 2023.
2. This notice has the status of a disallowable instrument for the purposes of the Legislation Act 2012.

2. Fees

The Chinese Medicine Council sets the following fees specified in the attached Schedule.

All fees charged by the Council are non-refundable and are payable in \$NZD.

3. Tax

All fees specified in the Schedule are inclusive of goods and services tax (GST) of 15%.

Schedule

Fees and Levies Payable

Registration	\$
Initial registration fee ⁱ	200.00
Registration fee for an additional scope of practice or a change to a scope of practice ⁱⁱ	115.00
Registration, application, and processing fee for applications under the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997	200.00
Registration, application, and processing fee for overseas-qualified applicants ⁱⁱⁱ	1,500.00
Registration, application, and processing fee for visiting teacher/educator	550.00

Annual Practising Certificate (APC) Fees

Application for an APC (received between 1 July 2023 and 31 March 2024) incl. a disciplinary levy of \$72.50	422.50
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Supply of Documents

Application for Certificate of Registration/re-issue of Certificate of Registration	50.00
Application for Letter of Good Standing	100.00
Application for a Certificate of Good Standing	50.00
Application for Copy of the Register	50.00
Application for copies of documents held on file	100.00

Any Other Matter

Non-practising/register maintenance fee	100.00
Application for Restoration to the Register	100.00
Accreditation and monitoring of educational institutions and degrees, courses of studies, or programmes that are prescribed for scopes of practice ^{iv}	Cost recovery

Explanatory Note

The Council was established as a Responsible Authority (RA) under the HPCA Act on the 1 November 2021 to regulate Chinese medicine services in New Zealand. This is the first Fees Notice issued by the Chinese Medicine Council in preparation for the opening of registration for Chinese medicine practitioners.

On the 3 February 2023, the Council consulted publicly on proposed fees and levies for the 2023/4 and 2024/5 practising years with practitioners, practitioner representative bodies, members of the public, and other relevant stakeholders.

14 submissions were received by the consultation deadline of 17 March 2023, from individual practitioners, practitioner representative bodies, the Ministry of Health, and the Accident Compensation Corporation. Mixed feedback was received; some indicating the fees proposed were too high and some too low.

The Council considered submissions at its meeting of 4 April 2023 and resolved to approve the fees and levies for the period to 31 March 2024, subject to minor amendments. The Council further resolved to conduct additional consultation prior to gazetting any fees and levies for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and beyond, until the volume of registrations was better understood. A full summary of the feedback received, and the decisions reached is

available on the Council's website.

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of April 2023.

LINDSEY PINE, Acting Registrar, Chinese Medicine Council.

Endnotes

[i.](#) Initial registration fee: This fee applies to all applicants applying for registration via the Council's *Policy on Grand-parenting* and via the 'Approved/Prescribed NZ Qualification' pathway. Applicant's may apply for any one or more scopes of practice during the application process and this fee covers registration in all applied for scopes of practice.

[ii.](#) Registration fee for an additional scope of practice or a change to a scope of practice: This fee applies to current registrants who are applying to add or make changes to their approved scopes of practice after the point of initial registration approval.

[iii.](#) Registration, application, and processing fee for overseas-qualified applicants: This fee applies for all applicants applying for registration after registrations open who have not practised in New Zealand before.

[iv.](#) Accreditation and monitoring of educational institutions and degrees, courses of studies, or programmes that are prescribed for scopes of practice: The direct professional fees, travel, accommodation, and other costs for site evaluation team members together with Council administration expenses for teleconference meetings, printing, and postage etc., will be charged to the educational institution being accredited/monitored, based on actual costs incurred. The Council's secretariat administrative overheads incurred throughout the accreditation process will also be charged to the educational institution. The invoice will be generated at the end of the accreditation review process, or annually for monitoring if monitoring spans more than one financial year, regardless of the outcome of the accreditation/monitoring. An indicative cost for an accreditation review/ongoing monitoring will be provided to the educational institution in advance of any review/monitoring taking place.