

## Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board (Fees) Notice 2025

This notice sets out the fees prescribed by the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board (“Board”) under section 130 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (“Act”), and the disciplinary levy set by the Board under section 131 of the Act.

### Title and Commencement

This notice:

- a. may be cited as the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board (Fees) Notice 2025.
- b. shall come into force on 1 February 2025.<sup>1</sup>
- c. sets the updated schedule of fees and levies payable to the Board.
- d. has the status of secondary legislation for the purposes of the Legislation Act 2019.
- e. revokes and replaces all previously gazetted fees notices from the commencement date.

### Schedule

**Fees payable  
(including  
GST)**

#### A. Registration

##### Applicant registering with the Board for the first time

Application for a New Zealand or Australian-trained graduate, registering for the first time within 12 months after graduating, and who has never registered in any other country or jurisdiction \$365.00

Application for a New Zealand or Australian-trained graduate registering for the first time, more than 12 months after graduating \$479.00

##### Applicant Registering in the Provisional Optometrist Scope of Practice

Application for registration in the Provisional Optometrist Scope of Practice. (For a new graduate from an accredited and recognised New Zealand or Australian education institution, who applies for registration with the Board, within 12 months after graduating) \$365.00

Application for registration in the Provisional Optometrist Scope of Practice. (For a graduate from a New Zealand or Australian education institution, and who will register for the first time, more than 12 months after graduating) \$479.00

##### Australian registered optometrist applying under the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act

Application for registration from an Australian registered optometrist pursuant to the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997 \$479.00

##### Assessment of qualifications for equivalence to the prescribed qualifications for dispensing opticians

Application for assessment of international dispensing opticians’ qualification under section 15(2) of the Act. (This excludes the Competency in Optical Dispensing Examination (CODE)) \$960.00

##### Other registration related fees

Certificate of Registration \$30.00

Restoration of entry in the Register \$100.00

Certificate of Good Standing \$30.00

Copy of Register \$30.00

##### Application for a change in scope of practice or an additional scope of practice

Application for a change in scope of practice or an additional scope of practice, where the Board receives the application within 12 months of the date the relevant qualification was conferred \$153.00

Application for change in scope of practice or an additional scope of practice, where the Board receives the application more than 12 months after the date the relevant qualification was conferred \$368.00

#### B. Annual practising certificate (fees include a disciplinary levy)

##### Practising certificates for optometrists registered in all Optometrist scopes of practice

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Application for an annual practising certificate for optometrists in all scopes, where the application is received between 1 April and 30 September (disciplinary levy is \$37.00) \$1,222.00

Application for an annual practising certificate for optometrists in all scopes, where the application is received after 30 September (disciplinary levy is \$25.00) \$966.00

### **Practising certificates for dispensing opticians**

Application for an annual practising certificate for dispensing opticians, where the application is received between 1 April and 30 September (disciplinary levy is \$25.00) \$915.00

Application for an annual practising certificate for dispensing opticians, where the application is received after 30 September (disciplinary levy is \$13.00) \$667.00

### **C. Maintaining registration for non-practising practitioners**

Application for maintaining registration and receiving communication from the Board \$100.00

Application for maintaining registration, receiving communication from the Board, and fulfilling requirements of the recertification programme including recording continuing professional development events/activities. \$306.00

### **D. Monitoring required for registration and matters related to competence or conduct**

Registration-related supervision, monitoring, or mentoring session required by the Board (hourly fee). (A session is usually between 1 to 3 hours long. If a supervision report is required, an additional hour will be charged) \$115.00

Competence or conduct related supervision, monitoring, or mentoring session, required by the Board (hourly fee). (A session is usually between 1 to 3 hours long. If a supervision report is required, an additional hour will be charged) \$115.00

*Note:* This notice replaces the notice [New Zealand Gazette, 27 June 2024, Notice No. 2024-sl3065](#).

Dated at Wellington this 20th day of November 2024.

SUZANNE HALPIN, Registrar, Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board | Te Poari o ngā Kaimātai Whatu me ngā Kaiwahakarato Mōhiti.

### **Endnote**

1. Fees for applications for annual practising certificates and maintaining registration apply to applications relating to the practising year commencing on 1 April 2025 and to subsequent practising years, unless amended.