

Nursing Council of New Zealand (Fees) Notice 2025

Pursuant to sections 130 to 133 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the following notice is given.

Notice

1. Title and Commencement

This notice may be cited as the Nursing Council of New Zealand (Fees) Notice 2025. This notice revokes and replaces the Nursing Council of New Zealand (Fees) Notice 2024, [New Zealand Gazette, 22 October 2024, Notice No. 2024-s15433](#).

2. Fees and Levies

The Nursing Council of New Zealand (“Council”) sets the following fees and levies, payable to the Council, specified in the attached Schedule. All fees and levies are non-refundable.

3. Tax

The fees are inclusive of goods and services tax.

4. Rationale

The Council has reviewed its budgets and projections. See the explanatory note below.

Schedule

<i>Fees and Levies Payable</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>Effective</i>
Annual and Interim Practising Certificates (including disciplinary levy):		
12 months (includes \$10.00 disciplinary levy)	130.00	1 April 2025
3 months or any part thereof (includes \$2.50 disciplinary levy)	32.50	1 April 2025
6 months or any part thereof (includes \$5.00 disciplinary levy)	65.00	1 April 2025
9 months or any part thereof (includes \$7.50 disciplinary levy)	97.50	1 April 2025
Registration Fees: For applicants qualified in New Zealand:		
Registration as registered nurse or enrolled nurse	75.00	1 January 2012
Application for registration as nurse practitioner	1,500.00	1 April 2012
Nurse Practitioner prescribing authorisation	1,000.00	1 April 2012
Restoration of name to the Register following cancellation of registration under Part 4 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 or Part IV of the Nurses Act 1977	3,000.00	1 July 2011
Additions to Register (including authorisations)	70.00	1 July 2011
Application for change of condition in scope of practice	200.00	1 July 2011
Registration Fees: For applicants qualified overseas:		
Application and processing fee for application for registration	485.00	14 October 2019
Application and processing fee for application for registration (under the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997)	340.00	1 July 2015
Provision of Information on Register:		
Verification of education programme	70.00	1 July 2011
Verification of New Zealand registration	70.00	1 July 2011
Other Fees (Registration):		
Registered nurse medal	40.00	22 November 2024
Enrolled nurse medal	30.00	22 November 2024
Medal bar only	10.00	22 November 2024
Replacement medal box	10.00	22 November 2024

Examination Fees:

Registered nurse and enrolled nurse (includes New Zealand registration fee)	240.00	1 January 2012
Analysis of failed examination	79.00	1 January 2012
Extension of time	10.00	1 January 2012

Fees for Education Programmes:

Accreditation or monitoring audit of post-graduate nursing programme	13,900.00	1 January 2014
Accreditation or monitoring audit of programme leading to registration as a registered nurse	13,900.00	1 January 2014
Accreditation or monitoring audit of enrolled nurse programme	8,700.00	1 January 2014
Accreditation or monitoring audit of competence assessment programme	3,000.00	1 April 2011

Explanatory Note**Rationale for reapportionment to the Annual and Interim Practising Certificate (“APC”) fee - reduction in disciplinary levy and increase in general fee components of the APC fee**

On 13 February 2025, the Council resolved to maintain the total of the APC fee. However, the Council did resolve to reapportion the APC fee, by reducing the disciplinary levy component and increasing the general fee component of the APC fee, to be effective from 1 April 2025.

After a review of the Council’s budgets and projections, it was identified that reserves for the disciplinary levy are higher than necessary due to an increase in nurses applying for APCs. The Council also established that general expenditure was increasing. After completing short-term and medium-term financial forecasts it was determined that total reserves would decrease over the next three years due to the expected reduced numbers of overseas applications for nursing registration.

General cost increases to the Council arise from sources such as salaries and rent, capital costs, IT systems, and project costs such as reviewing scopes of practice and nursing standards and implementing new scopes and standards.

The disciplinary levy funds the costs arising out of Professional Conduct Committee investigations and the proceedings of the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal. The Council does not have a high number of disciplinary hearings and the number of hearings each year remains relatively stable.

To ensure that the Council can manage general expenses and maintain appropriate reserves, the Council proposed to reapportion the balance between the general fee part of the APC cost and the disciplinary levy. This reapportionment will enable actual reserves to more closely match targeted reserves without affecting timeframes for disciplinary cases. Keeping the total APC fee the same now will prevent the need to raise it in the near future.

The Council consulted on reapportioning the APC fee from 5 November 2024 to 5 December 2024. The consultation was sent to all nurses with an APC. The Council received responses from individual nurses and organisations. Of the 2093 responses received to the consultation, 93% were supportive of the APC reapportioning proposal, commenting that they agreed with the Council’s rationale for the proposal and were supportive of the overall fee not increasing.

Dated at Wellington this 17th day of February 2025.

CATHERINE BYRNE, Registrar, Nursing Council of New Zealand.