

## Media release

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### Chinese Medicine Board of Australia sets fee for 2014/15

The Chinese Medicine Board of Australia has announced the national registration fee for Chinese medicine practitioners for 2014/15.

The fee has been set at \$579, limiting the fee increase to 2.8%, which is just under the national consumer price index (CPI). It will apply from 9 September 2014 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2014 to 30 November 2015. The fee for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW will be \$521.<sup>1</sup>

Board Chair, Professor Charlie Xue, said that the Board had increased the fee by 2.8%, which is under the national consumer price index (CPI), so that the Board can continue to provide robust and safe regulation of the profession in Australia and to protect the public.

‘Ensuring that practitioners in Chinese Medicine in Australia are adequately qualified and experienced is one aspect of the Board’s work. The other is to provide national registration standards, policies, codes and guidelines to guide the profession,’ Prof Xue said.

The National Boards, in the national scheme regulating health practitioners in Australia, have continued to see an increase in notifications (complaints) over the past year. As the number, complexity and cost of these cases can’t be accurately forecast, the Boards will continue to keep fees under close monitoring to ensure careful and responsible financial management.

A fee schedule, including the fee arrangements for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW, will be published on the National Board’s website.

More detailed information about the Board’s financial operations will be outlined in the Health Profession Agreement between the Board and AHPRA for 2014/15, which will be published on the website soon. This agreement sets out the partnership between the Board and AHPRA, and the services AHPRA will provide to support the Board to regulate Chinese medicine.

The regulation of Chinese medicine is funded solely by registrant fees and there is no cross subsidisation between professions that are regulated in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

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<sup>1</sup> NSW is a co-regulatory jurisdiction.