

Pharmacy Council (previously listed as Pharmacy Council of New Zealand) (Fees) Notice 2025

Pursuant to sections 130–133 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 Pharmacy Council (Fees) Notice 2025 and shall come into force on **23 February 2025**.
- This notice has the status of secondary legislation for the purposes of the Legislation Act 2019.
- This notice revokes and replaces all previous Pharmacy Council fees notices.

2. Fees and Levies

The Pharmacy Council sets its fees and levies as specified in the following Schedule.

3. Tax

The fees are stated inclusive of goods and services tax (GST). All fees are subject to the inclusion of GST at the prevailing IRD rate.

Schedule

Fees and Levies Payable to the Pharmacy Council effective from 23 February 2025

Disciplinary Levy	\$
Is included within the value of the full Annual Practising Certificate (APC) fee	232.50
Is pro-rated for an APC issued after 30 November	77.50
Intern Pharmacist	\$
Application for Initial Registration and APC - Intern	909.00
Change of Scope - Intern to Pharmacist APC (following the May Assessment Centre)	1,055.00
Change of Scope - Intern to Pharmacist APC (following the November Assessment Centre)	371.30
Reissue of Intern APC (Round Two)	669.00
Intern Reinstatement and issue of APC if > Two Years	829.00
Change of Scope - Intern to Pharmacist (Non-Practising)	140.00
Non-Practising Fee	105.00
Pharmacist	\$
Application for Registration - Pharmacist (includes TTMR* and REQR*)	1,660.00
Application for Registration - Pharmacist (includes TTMR* and REQR*) post 30 November	976.30
Application for Initial Consideration of Registration for non-REQR* Applicants	950.00
Issue of an APC - Pharmacist	1,020.00
Non-Practising Fee	105.00
Pharmacist Prescriber	\$
Application for Registration - Pharmacist Prescriber	105.00
Application for Registration of Overseas Pharmacist Prescriber	2,395.00
Issue of an APC - Pharmacist Prescriber	1,120.00
Non-Practising Fee	105.00

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Register Reinstatement	\$
Reinstate to Non-Practising	265.00
Reinstate to Practising - post 30 November	496.30
Reinstate to Practising	1,180.00
Reinstate to Practising - plus Interview	1,420.00
Reinstate to Practising - plus Interview - post 30 November	736.30

Return to Practice (RTP)

<i>Category 1</i>	\$
RTP4 - APC & Transfer Fee	1,055.00
RTP6 - APC & Transfer Fee (less credit for Non-Practising Fee previously paid)	950.00
RTP2 - APC & Transfer Fee - post 30 November	371.30

<i>Category 2</i>	\$
RTP1 - APC, Law & Ethics Interview & Transfer Fee (less credit for Non-Practising Fee previously paid)	1,190.00
RTP5 - APC, Law & Ethics Interview, Transfer Fee	1,295.00
RTP3 - APC, Law & Ethics Interview & Transfer Fee - post 30 November	611.30

Other General Administration Fees

	\$
Transfer Scope Fee	35.00
Certificate of Current Professional Status	80.00
Decision Review Fee	580.00
Inspection of the Register	80.00
Request Lodgment Fee	160.00
Registration Certificate Replacement	80.00

*TTMR = **Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act (1997)** applicants from Australia.

* REQR = **Recognised Equivalent Qualification Route** applicants are overseas qualified pharmacists holding recognised qualifications and registration from countries recognised by the Pharmacy Council. These are the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, and the United States of America.

* Non-REQR = **Non-Recognised Equivalent Qualification Route**. Applicants that are registered pharmacists overseas, but do not meet the eligibility criteria for REQR route.

Explanatory Note

The proposed changes to fees and levies were consulted on with pharmacists, pharmacist prescribers, interns, and other sector stakeholders between 31 October 2024 and 9 December 2024.

Following the close of the consultation period, and after consideration, the 2025/26 fees and levies were approved by the Pharmacy Council members on 11 December 2024.

Overall, the total ordinary APC - Pharmacist fee (including the Disciplinary Levy) has increased from \$925.00 to \$1,020.00 (inclusive of GST) and is comprised of the following changes:

Fee Type	Original Fee Payable	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)	New Fee Payable
Disciplinary Levy	\$130.43	\$71.74	55%	\$202.17
Annual Practising Certificate	\$673.92	\$10.87	1.61%	\$684.79
Total (ex GST)	\$804.35	\$82.61	10.27%	\$886.96
GST	\$120.65	\$12.39		\$133.04
Total (incl GST)	\$925.00	\$95.00		\$1,020.00

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Rationale for proposed changes to the Disciplinary levy.

- An increase of 55% to the Disciplinary Levy has been applied. The Pharmacy Council's policy is to maintain a Disciplinary reserve in the event of unexpected increases in the number of, or complexity of, notifications and cases, and
- Since July 2021 increases in investigation, prosecution and debt recovery costs have depleted the Disciplinary reserve balance to a level of unacceptable risk. The fee adjustment for 2025/26 is the second phase of a staged reserve replenishment process.

Rationale for proposed changes to the APC fee.

- An increase of 1.61% to the APC fee has been applied. Cost increases to the Pharmacy Council arise from sources such as inflation, improving services and systems, and increasing obligations / duties imposed by statute or expected by stakeholders.

Other general administration fees collectable by the Pharmacy Council from time to time have been increased for inflationary cost pressures.

Except as described above, no other changes have been made to fees previously published in the Pharmacy Council (previously listed as Pharmacy Council of New Zealand) (Fees) Notice 2024 notice published in the [New Zealand Gazette, 29 January 2024, Notice No.2024-sl225](#).

Dated at Wellington this 27th day of January 2025.

NYENYEZI SIAMEJA, Registrar, Pharmacy Council.

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