

Media release

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia fees set for 2016/17

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia (the Board) has announced the national registration fee for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners for 2016/17.

The fee has been set at \$120. It will apply from 1 September 2016 and cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2016 to 30 November 2017.

A fee schedule, including the fee arrangements for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW, will be published on the Board's website.¹

Board Presiding Member, Ms Renee Owen, said the Board took a number of factors into consideration when deciding to lift the fee from \$100.

'The Board has considered the resources necessary to allow the Board to meet its obligations in regulating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (National Scheme),' Ms Owen said.

'The Board also want to continue to help ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners understand their obligations under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law² (the National Law) and the areas in which it may need to provide more regulatory guidance.'

The Board will also shortly publish the Health Profession Agreement (HPA). The HPA provides information about the Board's financial operations, outlines the partnership between the Board and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), and the services AHPRA will provide to the Board to regulate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners.

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

² The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory