

Osteopathic Council (Fees) Notice 2026

This notice is made under sections 130 to 133 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 by the Osteopathic Council of New Zealand. This notice has the status of secondary legislation for the purposes of the Legislation Act 2019.

Notice

1. Title

This is the Osteopathic Council (Fees) Notice 2026.

2. Commencement

This notice comes into force on **1 April 2026**.

3. Interpretation

In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires—

Act means the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003

Council means the Osteopathic Council of New Zealand.

4. Revocation

(1) This notice revokes and replaces the Osteopathic Council (Fees) Notice 2023, published in the [New Zealand Gazette, 14 February 2023, Notice No. 2023-gs547](#).

5. Fees and Levies

(1) The Council sets its fees and levies as specified in the following Fee Schedule.

(2) The fees set out in the Schedule are payable for the matters to which they relate.

(3) The fees payable under this notice are payable to the Council. All fees charged by the council are non-refundable.

6. Tax

(1) The fees set out in the Schedule are inclusive of goods and services tax.

7. Rationale

(1) The Council has updated the application fee for an Annual Practising Certificate. See the explanatory note below.

Schedule

Registration	\$
Registration of applicants from New Zealand accredited programmes	690.00
Re-registration of osteopaths cancelled on the osteopath's request	750.00
Registration in the trainee scope (Unitec)	690.00
Registration extended and vocational scopes of practice (authorisations)	172.00
Registration assessment - overseas qualified (TTMR)	750.00
Registration assessment - overseas qualified (Competent Authority Pathway)	900.00
Registration assessment - overseas qualified (For the assessment of overseas qualifications not recognised by the Council)	1,898.00
Application for an Annual Practising Certificate (includes all scopes of practice including extended and vocational)	
Full year (no disciplinary levy is included)	851.76
<i>APC Fees paid during the year will be apportioned</i>	
Other Fees	
Competent Authority Pathway Programme (12-month preceptorship support for overseas practitioners)	3,600.00
Re-registration following removal from the register following HPDT penalty	3,500.00
Copy of the register	100.00
Accreditation and Monitoring Fee	
Accreditation and monitoring fees are based on recovery of reasonable and actual costs up to a maximum of	22,222.00

Explanatory Note

On 29 January 2026, the Council approved changing the Annual Practising Certificate fee by way of an increase of

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\$40.56 (5%) resulting in an overall fee of \$851.76. Council does not currently charge an additional disciplinary levy.

Rationale for Increase

For the year beginning 1 April 2022, the Council approved a 20% reduction in the APC fee to ease COVID-19-related financial pressure and allow a reduction in high financial reserves. Maintaining this reduction required consecutive deficit budgets, which have now brought reserves close to the levels set in the Council's Financial Reserves Policy and necessitate a return to a balanced budget. While some savings will be achieved from expenditure control, a modest APC fee increase is necessary to maintain financial stability and meet statutory obligations. The proposed 5% increase is intended to ensure adequate funding while avoiding sudden or excessive fee changes. While the response rate to consultation was limited, most submissions supported the proposed change.

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of February 2026.

TIM FRIEDLANDER, Registrar, Osteopathic Council of New Zealand.

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