

16 June 2015

Dear practitioner,

Consultation on the Dentist and Dental Specialist Annual Practising Certificate Fee and Disciplinary Levy effective from 1 October 2015¹

In December 2014 Council consulted on the 2015/16 budget and in February 2015 approved the 2015/16 Council and profession budgets. Also at this time the annual practising fees and disciplinary levies (effective from 1 April 2015) were approved for dental therapists, dental hygienists & orthodontic auxiliaries, and dental technicians & clinical dental technicians.

The completed 2015/16 financial statements determined the final reserve position by profession at 31 March 2015. The APC fee and disciplinary levy for dentists to be effective from 1 October 2015 has been assessed.

When assessing the revised 2015/16 APC fee and disciplinary levy for dentists, consideration is given to dentist profession budgets and projections for 2015/16 and 2016/17 respectively, the potential costs of any new or emerging discipline and competence cases, including appeal cases, projects prioritisation and the required minimum reserve level required by Council policy.

The aim of this consultation is to seek input from stakeholders prior to Council making a final decision. The Council therefore seeks any comments on the proposals by **29 July 2015**. Council will consider all submissions at its meeting on 3 August 2015, prior to the fee and levy being gazetted.

Copies of this letter and the consultation document have been sent to all oral health practitioners, relevant associations and societies, the Ministry of Health, District Health Boards and other organisations with an interest in this area. This letter and attachment will also be published on the Council's website, with a similar invitation to comment.

Responses should be sent to:

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Yours sincerely



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¹ Dentist and dental specialists hereafter grouped as dentist(s).