

Consultation document:

- **2017/18 budget**
- **Annual practising certificate fee and disciplinary levy for:**
 - **dentists and dental specialists**
 - **dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries**
 - **dental therapists**
 - **dental technicians and clinical dental technicians**
- **Other fees** (registration, examinations, competence, accreditation etc)

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1. Introduction

Health practitioner annual practising certificate (“APC”) fees and disciplinary levies are set by health regulatory authorities under sections 130 and 131 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the “Act”).

The Dental Council (“Council”) is required to consult with stakeholders on the 2017/18 budgets, the APC fees and disciplinary levies for oral health practitioners¹, and registration, examination, competence programme, fitness to practice and other miscellaneous fees.

The purpose of this consultation document is to seek submissions from stakeholders on the:

- 2017/18 budget
- APC fees and disciplinary levies for dental therapists, dental hygienists (including orthodontic auxiliaries), dental technicians and clinical dental technicians for the recertification year commencing 1 April 2017; dentists and dental specialists for the recertification year commencing 1 October 2017
- registration, examination, competence programme, fitness to practice and other miscellaneous fees effective from 1 April 2017.

This is the first year that Council is consulting on the dentist and dental specialist APC fees and disciplinary levy at the time of consulting on the budget. The intention is to streamline communication and allow stakeholders to consider the budget and proposed fees together.

Council is seeking stakeholder feedback on its proposals by **16 December 2016**. The consultation period will enable feedback to be considered by Council at its January 2017 meeting, prior to giving its approval to the gazetting of the APC fee and disciplinary levy schedule.

Council is required to give notice giving effect to any change in APC fee and disciplinary levy in the New Zealand Gazette.

2. Background

Council abides by the good practice guidelines established by both the Office of the Auditor-General and by Treasury. Council is committed to ensuring that it operates in a cost effective manner and strives to maintain a balance between ensuring the efficient and effective discharge of its public safety obligations and practitioner affordability. Upon this basis, the Council’s budget, and its fees and levies are calculated on a full cost recovery basis.

The level of APC fee per practitioner depends on the budgeted number of practitioners, each profession’s share of budgeted Council costs including capital expenditure, direct profession income and expenditure budgets and minimum reserve levels set for each profession under the Council’s *Level of Reserves Policy*.

Appropriate operational reserve levels are maintained through prudent budgeting and forecasting, by rationing and prioritising resources and by adjusting annual practising fees to not only meet operational activities, but also to provide a buffer against an unknown number of competence cases, appeals or judicial reviews. In this way the financial viability of the Council is sustained.

All financial tables have been included in appendix 1.

All values shown in this consultation document are exclusive of GST except where explicitly stated in tables six to nine.

¹ Dentists & dental specialists, dental therapists, dental hygienists & orthodontic auxiliaries, and dental technicians & clinical dental technicians.

3. 2017/18 budget

Overall position

Council has budgeted for an overall surplus of \$81,967 for 2017/18 (table 1).

In addition to its regulatory functions, Council has initiated or planned for projects focused on delivering against its five strategic priorities:

- SP1: Standards—complete and embed standards of clinical competence, cultural competence and ethical conduct
- SP2: Engagement—to grow understanding of, and engagement with, the Dental Council
- SP3: Lifelong practitioner competence—introduce an effective, quality assured framework for ensuring ongoing practitioner competence
- SP4: A capable organisation—to ensure we have the appropriate policies, systems and resources to deliver our functions—smarter, more consistently, and in accordance with our principles and values
- SP5: Governance—review and refresh our governance model

The 2017/18 budget will allow Council to fulfil its regulatory functions, deliver projects towards the strategic plan, including infrastructure investment; and manage reserves by profession to the required minimum level.

Allocation of net Council expenditure to the professions

Net Council expenditure is equivalent to Council income (for example interest earned on term deposits) less Council expenditure. This typically results in a net Council deficit, which is reallocated to each of the professions based on the amount of time spent by Council and Council staff providing services to each profession.

The budgeted net Council expenditure for 2017/18 is a \$2,851,084 (table 2).

Detailed time recording has been applied against the net Council expenditure to determine the proportion to be allocated to each profession. Time spent by Council each year providing services to the individual professions is anticipated to fluctuate as it reflects activities such as recertification or consideration of notifications related to competence, health or disciplinary issues.

A comparison of time spent serving each profession using the 2017/18 net Council expenditure, excluding the capital replacement APC fee, illustrates how the allocation of cost based on Council time has moved across the professions (table 3). This has an impact on the calculation of the APC fee.

From an operational perspective the allocation of the net Council expenditure results in the following net operating surplus / (deficits) for each profession (table 4).

- dentists and dental specialists: \$116,379
- dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries: \$15,555
- dental therapists: \$32,330
- dental technicians and clinical dental technicians: \$(8,430)

Capital expenditure

Capital expenditure of \$431k is budgeted for 2017/18 (table 5). This includes the roll-out of the integrated IT platform (\$411k) which will allow all practitioners to complete recertification online.

As a result of the budgeted capital expenditure, the proposed capital replacement reserve APC fee is \$62.71 per practitioner for 2017/18.

Dentists and dental specialists

The proposed APC fee for dentists and dental specialists is \$888.16 and the disciplinary levy is \$159.90, a total amount payable of \$1,048.06, excluding GST. Subject to consultation, the APC fee and disciplinary levy would take effect from 1 October 2017.

Please note, this is the first year that we are consulting with dentists and dental specialists on their APC fee at the same time of consulting on the budget for the next financial year. Previously, we have consulted separately with the profession at a time closer to the beginning of the APC year (1 October). Following feedback from the previous consultation, we have brought forward the consultation on the dentist and dental specialist APC fee and disciplinary levy so that it coincides with the budget.

However, should there be a significant increase in the cost of managing cases associated with health or competence (which affects the APC fee) or disciplinary cases (which affects the disciplinary levy), and that increase cannot be managed through the retention of the minimum reserve levels, then we will consult again in July or August.

APC fee

A minimum operating reserve balance of \$1,188,963 is required to sustain the dentist and dental specialist profession. The 2017/18 budgeted operating reserve closing balance is budgeted at \$1,130,911. Therefore, the reserve will be increased by \$29,026 (\$12.85 per practitioner).

Council proposes to set the 2017/18 dentist and dental specialist APC fee at \$888.16 plus GST (table 6). This is an increase per practitioner of \$17.33 in the dentist APC fee in 2017/18 and is primarily due to:

- a reduction in the 2017/18 APC fee of \$2.59 due to operational efficiencies and a reallocation of net Council expenditure based on the proportion of time spent serving the profession
- the profession's share of the investment in capital expenditure (\$7.07 per practitioner), the most significant being the roll-out of the integrated IT platform which will support online recertification
- an increase of \$12.85 required to maintain the operational reserve at the prescribed level. The key driver of this is the movement in the time spent by Council from managing disciplinary cases to managing cases which are covered by the operational reserve such as competence and health in 2016/17.

Disciplinary levy

A minimum disciplinary reserve balance of \$233,816 is required to sustain the dentist and dental specialist profession. The 2017/18 budgeted disciplinary reserve closing balance is \$262,701. As a result, \$28,885 (\$12.79 per practitioner) will be returned to the profession via a reduction against the proposed disciplinary levy.

Council proposes to set the dentist 2016/17 disciplinary levy at \$159.90 plus GST (table 6), an increase of \$63.56 per practitioner compared to \$96.34 in 2016/17. This increase reflects the higher level of disciplinary expenditure anticipated in 2017/18 based on the current caseload, combined with a lower refund of disciplinary reserves held in excess of minimum levels when compared to the previous year. The refund is as prescribed in the Council's *Level of Reserves Policy*.

Dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries

The proposed APC fee for dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries is \$561.62 and the disciplinary levy a refund of \$4.34, a total amount payable of \$557.29, excluding GST. Subject to consultation, the APC fee and disciplinary levy would take effect from 1 April 2017.

APC fee

A minimum operating reserve balance of \$46,027 is required to sustain the dental hygienist and orthodontic auxiliary profession. The 2017/18 budgeted operating reserve opening balance is \$51,495. As a result, \$2,734 (\$3.42 per practitioner) will be returned to the profession via a reduction against the proposed APC fee.

Council proposes to set the 2017/18 dental hygienist and orthodontic auxiliary APC fee at \$561.62 plus GST (table 7). The decrease per practitioner of \$85.25 in the dental hygienist and orthodontic auxiliary APC fee in 2017/18 is primarily due to:

- the profession's share of the activity required to define the draft scope of practice for oral health therapists concludes in 2017/18
- the profession's share of the investment in capital expenditure (\$7.07 per practitioner), the most significant being the roll-out of the integrated IT platform which will support online recertification
- the Council returning surplus operational reserves to dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries in accordance with the Council's *Level of Reserves Policy*.

Disciplinary levy

A minimum disciplinary reserve balance of \$32,000 is required to sustain the dental hygienist and orthodontic auxiliary profession. The 2017/18 budgeted disciplinary reserve opening balance is \$46,960 resulting in a refund of \$18.72 per practitioner.

The Council proposes an overall refund of \$4.34 plus GST (table 7) for the dental hygienist and orthodontic auxiliary 2017/18 disciplinary levy, as prescribed in the Council's *Level of Reserves Policy*.

Dental therapists

The proposed APC fee for dental therapists is \$623.99 and the disciplinary levy a refund of \$2.24, a total amount payable of \$621.75, excluding GST. Subject to consultation, the APC fee and disciplinary levy will take effect from 1 April 2017.

APC fee

A minimum operating reserve balance of \$52,537 is required to sustain the dental therapist profession. The 2017/18 budgeted operating reserve opening balance is \$29,805. Therefore, the reserve will be increased by \$11,366 (\$12.81 per practitioner).

Council proposes to set the 2017/18 dental therapist APC fee at \$623.99 plus GST (table 8). The decrease per practitioner of \$71.46 is primarily due to:

- the profession's share of the activity required to define the draft scope of practice for oral health therapists concludes in 2017/18
- the profession's share of the investment in capital expenditure (\$7.07 per practitioner), the most significant being the roll-out of the integrated IT platform which will support online recertification
- the Council returning surplus operational reserves to dental therapists in accordance with the Council's *Level of Reserves Policy*.

Disciplinary levy

A minimum disciplinary reserve balance of \$32,000 is required to sustain the dental therapist profession. The 2017/18 budgeted disciplinary reserve opening balance is \$39,207. As a result, \$7,207 (\$8.13 per practitioner) will be returned to the profession via a reduction against the proposed disciplinary levy.

Council proposes an overall refund of \$2.24 plus GST (table 8) for the dental therapist 2017/18 disciplinary levy, as prescribed in the Council's *Level of Reserves Policy*.

Dental technicians and clinical dental technicians

The proposed APC fee for dental technicians and clinical dental technicians is \$613.39 and the disciplinary levy a refund of \$9.40, a total amount payable of \$603.99, excluding GST. Subject to consultation, the APC fee and disciplinary levy will take effect from 1 April 2017.

APC fee

A minimum operating reserve balance of \$23,037 is required to sustain the dental technician and clinical dental technician profession. The 2017/18 budgeted operating reserve opening balance is \$60,543. As a result, \$18,753 (\$53.58 per practitioner) will be returned to the profession via a reduction against the proposed APC fee.

Council proposes to set the 2017/18 dental technicians and clinical dental technicians APC fee at \$613.39 plus GST (table 9). The increase per practitioner of \$85.93 is primarily due to:

- the profession's share of the investment in capital expenditure (\$7.07 per practitioner), the most significant being the roll-out of the integrated IT platform which will support online recertification; and
- the Council returning surplus operational reserves to dental technicians and clinical dental technicians in accordance with the Council's *Level of Reserves Policy* which is lower than in previous years.

Disciplinary levy

A minimum disciplinary reserve balance of \$32,000 is required to sustain the dental technicians and clinical dental technicians profession. The 2017/18 budgeted disciplinary reserve opening balance is \$46,085. As a result, \$14,085 (\$40.24 per practitioner) will be returned to the profession via a reduction against the proposed disciplinary levy.

Council proposes an overall 2017/18 disciplinary levy refund of \$9.40 plus GST (table 9) for the dental technicians and clinical dental technicians. The refund is as prescribed in the Council's *Level of Reserves Policy*.

4. Proposed 2017/18 annual practising certificate fee

The following table sets out the proposed 2017/18 APC fee, as detailed above, for each profession:

Profession	Calculated fee \$	Min. operational reserve adj. \$	Net proposed fee \$
Dentists and dental specialists	875.31	12.85	888.16
Dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries	565.05	(3.42)	561.62
Dental therapists	611.17	12.81	623.99
Dental technicians and clinical dental technicians	666.97	(53.58)	613.39

5. Proposed 2017/18 disciplinary levy

The following table sets out the proposed 2017/18 disciplinary levy, as detailed above, for each profession:

Profession	Calculated levy \$	Min. disciplinary reserve adj. \$	Net proposed levy \$
Dentists and dental specialists	172.69	(12.79)	159.90
Dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries	14.39	(18.72)	(4.34)
Dental therapists	5.88	(8.13)	(2.24)
Dental technicians and clinical dental technicians	30.84	(40.24)	(9.40)

6. Adjustments to other fees

All other fees have been uplifted by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 2.0% as sourced from the Reserve Bank Monetary Policy Statement March 2016 (appendix 2).

7. Consultation proposals

The Council is consulting on:

1. The 2017/18 budget
2. All other fees (registration, examination, competence, health accreditation etc.)
3. an APC fee for
 - a. dentists and dental specialists of \$888.16 plus GST
 - b. dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries of \$561.62 plus GST
 - c. dental therapists of \$623.99 plus GST
 - d. dental technicians and clinical dental technicians of \$613.39 plus GST
4. a CPI adjustment equivalent to 2.0% for all other fees

The Council is setting:

5. a disciplinary levy for:
 - a. dentists and dental specialists of \$159.90 plus GST
 - b. a refund of \$4.34 plus GST for dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries
 - c. a refund of \$2.24 plus GST dental therapists
 - d. a refund of \$9.40 plus GST dental technicians and clinical dental technicians

The dentists and dental specialists APC fee and disciplinary levy shall apply from 1 October 2017. All other fees and levies shall apply from 1 April 2017.

8. Submissions

The objective of the consultation is to gather views from stakeholders to enable the Council to make a final decision on the proposals.

Council is consulting on the above proposals with oral health practitioners, relevant associations and societies, the Ministry of Health, District Health Boards and other organisations with an interest. The proposals will also be published on the Council's website, with a similar invitation to comment.

Submissions received will be published on the Council's website shortly after receipt, and will remain there as a public document. All personal contact details will be removed from submissions. Council does reserve the right not to publish any derogatory or inflammatory submissions.

As this is a public consultation, "in confidence" information will only be accepted under special circumstances. Please contact us before submitting material in confidence.

Council invites comments on the proposals which must be received in its office by **5pm on Friday 16 December 2016** after which the Council will consider all submissions before finalisation.

Responses should be sent to:

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marie Warner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marie Warner
Chief Executive

Appendix 1: 2017/18 budget

Table 1: Consolidated Dental Council surplus / (deficit)

Dental Council financial performance	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
\$	Actual	Budget	Budget
Summary			
Total Council operating income	3,336,868	3,457,446	3,722,919
Total Council disciplinary income	487,850	84,212	382,736
Total income	3,824,718	3,541,658	4,105,655
Total Council operating expenditure	3,572,890	3,615,700	3,597,285
Total Council disciplinary expenditure	146,700	262,100	426,403
Total Council expenditure	3,719,590	3,877,800	4,023,688
Total Council surplus (deficit)	105,128	(336,142)	81,967

Table 2: Net Council expenditure prior to allocation to the professions

Council activity	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
\$	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income			
Capital replacement (APC fees)	226,130	211,049	269,339
Other Council income	118,801	95,216	46,679
Total Income	344,931	306,265	316,018
Expenditure			
General administration expenditure	1,861,418	2,318,600	2,230,146
Audit, legal, insurance and financial expenses	90,241	92,900	93,836
Building and infrastructure expenses	175,613	175,900	178,603
Personnel related costs	1,443,823	1,780,700	1,743,640
Office costs	51,024	51,100	45,000
Depreciation expense	100,717	218,000	169,068
Ongoing workstreams	818,944	635,000	724,106
Council	232,213	200,100	268,102
Finance & risk management	31,301	39,200	32,254
Information technology	147,874	118,400	133,845
Liaison	43,228	106,800	126,123
Planning & governance	245,812	42,000	48,627
Continuing professional development	228	0	469
Communications	41,608	51,900	41,350
Workforce data	0	6,500	6,600
Contingency	0	10,000	10,000
Education and accreditation	76,680	60,100	56,736
Council project expenditure	209,551	232,000	212,850
Standards	87,993	146,600	0
Cultural competence	0	0	48,895
Informed consent	0	0	53,563
Record keeping	0	0	24,702
Professional behaviour	0	0	13,738
Recertification policy framework	121,558	85,400	71,953
Total Council expenditure	2,889,913	3,185,600	3,167,102
Net surplus (deficit) from Council activities	(2,544,982)	(2,879,335)	(2,851,084)

Table 3: Allocation of the net deficit from Council activities

Comparison of cost allocation rates	Council	Dentists	Hygienists	Therapists	Technicians	Total
Year ended 31 March 17 net Council expenditure including depreciation	3,120,423					
Less: capital replacement fee	(269,339)					
Net surplus (deficit) from Council activities as above	2,851,084					
Year ended 31 March 17 allocation rates		63.4190%	13.7370%	15.3580%	7.4860%	100.0000%
Cost allocation		1,808,129	391,653	437,869	213,432	2,851,084
Plan 17/18 allocation rates		60.4706%	15.0457%	16.9312%	7.5525%	100.0000%
Cost allocation		1,724,067	428,966	482,723	215,328	2,851,084
Variance		(84,061)	37,312	44,853	1,896	0

Table 4: Budgeted operating surplus / (deficit) by profession

2017/18 budgeted surplus / (deficit)	Council	Dentists	Hygienists	Therapists	Technicians	Oral health therapists	Total
Income							
From recertification (APC fees)		1,864,688	398,633	497,854	192,737	0	2,953,912
From capital replacement (APC fees)	269,339	0	0	0	0	0	269,339
From other activities	46,679	286,537	70,056	66,069	30,326	0	499,667
Total income	316,018	2,151,226	468,689	563,923	223,064	0	3,722,919
Expenditure							
General administration (Secretariat)	2,230,146	0	0	0	0	0	2,230,146
Council ongoing workstreams	724,106	0	0	0	0	0	724,106
Council project expenditure	212,850	0	0	0	0	0	212,850
Profession ongoing workstreams	0	310,779	24,168	48,870	16,166	8,720	408,703
Profession project expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	21,480	21,480
Total Council expenditure	3,167,102	310,779	24,168	48,870	16,166	30,200	3,597,285
Net surplus (deficit)	(2,851,084)	1,840,447	444,520	515,052	206,898	(30,200)	125,634
Allocation		60.4706%	15.0457%	16.9312%	7.5525%	0.0000%	100%
Income							
From recertification (APC fees)	0	1,864,688	398,633	497,854	192,737	0	2,953,912
From capital replacement (APC fees)	0	162,871	40,524	45,602	20,342	0	269,339
From other activities	0	314,764	77,079	73,973	33,852	0	499,667
Total income	0	2,342,324	516,236	617,429	246,931	0	3,722,919
Expenditure							
General administration (Secretariat)	0	1,348,583	335,541	377,591	168,432	0	2,230,146
Council ongoing workstreams	0	437,871	108,947	122,600	54,688	0	724,106
Council project expenditure	0	128,711	32,025	36,038	16,075	0	212,850
Profession ongoing workstreams	0	310,779	24,168	48,870	16,166	8,720	408,703
Profession project expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	21,480	21,480
Total Council expenditure	0	2,225,944	500,681	585,099	255,361	30,200	3,597,285
Net surplus (deficit) from Council activities	0	116,379	15,555	32,330	(8,430)	(30,200)	125,634

Table 5: Capital expenditure

Capex item	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
\$000's	Actual	Budget	Budget
Computer hardware	12	30	5
Office equipment	0	10	5
Office furniture	21	15	10
Computer software	7	365	411
Office refit	169	5	0
Total	210	425	431

Table 6: Proposed 2017 APC fee and disciplinary levy for dentists and dental specialists

Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	Actual	Actual	Proposed
APC fee	971.98	815.19	812.60
Capital replacement reserve	58.79	55.64	62.71
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	(305.50)	0.00	12.85
Total APC fee	725.27	870.83	888.16
Disciplinary levy	144.52	132.13	172.69
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	0.00	(35.79)	(12.79)
Total disciplinary levy	144.52	96.34	159.90
Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy excl GST	869.79	967.17	1,048.06
GST	130.47	145.08	157.21
Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy incl GST	1,000.26	1,112.25	1,205.27

Table 7: Proposed 2017 APC fee and disciplinary levy for dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries

Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	Actual	Actual	Proposed
APC fee	713.39	799.50	502.34
Capital replacement reserve	58.79	55.64	62.71
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	(186.51)	(208.26)	(3.42)
Total APC fee	585.67	646.88	561.62
Disciplinary levy	0.00	0.00	14.39
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	31.00	(42.97)	(18.72)
Total disciplinary levy	31.00	(42.97)	(4.34)
Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy excl GST	616.67	603.91	557.29
GST	92.50	90.59	83.59
Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy incl GST	709.17	694.49	640.88

Table 8: Proposed 2017 APC fee and disciplinary levy for dental therapists

Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	Actual	Actual	Proposed
APC fee	654.91	742.71	548.46
Capital replacement reserve	58.79	55.64	62.71
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	(175.23)	(102.90)	12.81
Total APC fee	538.47	695.45	623.99
Disciplinary levy	0.00	0.00	5.88
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	24.44	(46.27)	(8.13)
Total disciplinary levy	24.44	(46.27)	(2.24)
Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy excl GST	562.91	649.18	621.75
GST	84.44	97.38	93.26
Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy incl GST	647.34	746.55	715.01

Table 9: Proposed 2017 APC fee and disciplinary levy for dental technicians and clinical dental technicians

Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	Actual	Actual	Proposed
APC fee	755.00	812.65	604.26
Capital replacement reserve	58.79	55.64	62.71
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	(237.90)	(340.83)	(53.58)
Total APC fee	575.89	527.46	613.39
Disciplinary levy	0.00	0.00	30.84
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	168.82	(26.75)	(40.24)
Total disciplinary levy	168.82	(26.75)	(9.40)
Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy excl GST	744.71	500.71	603.99
GST	111.71	75.11	90.60
Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy incl GST	856.42	575.82	694.59

Appendix 2: Other fees

Fee	Current fee \$	Proposed fee \$
Retention fee	108.00	110.16
Application fee to transfer from non-practising to practising status, where application is subject to Council's recency of practice policy	273.89	279.36
Application for registration fee	456.48	465.61
Application for assessment of prescribed qualifications and experience to be registered	684.73	698.43
Application for assessment of non-prescribed qualifications and experience to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act for Dentists, hygienists, therapists, clinical dental technicians, dental technicians, orthodontic auxiliaries	2,988.18	3,047.95
Application for assessment of non-prescribed specialist qualifications and experience to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act for dental specialists	3,935.40	4,014.11
Resubmission of application for assessment of non-prescribed qualifications and experience to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act	2,681.25	2,734.88
Application for removal of an exclusion(s) on the scope of practice after completion of a Dental Council approved course for hygienists, therapists and orthodontic auxiliaries	251.06	256.08
Application for removal of an exclusion(s) on the scope of practice after completion of a course not approved by the Dental Council for hygienists, therapists and orthodontic auxiliaries	456.48	465.61
Application for registration with a prescribed qualification in an additional scope of practice for therapists and clinical dental technicians	456.48	465.61
Application for registration with a non-prescribed qualification in an additional scope of practice for therapists and clinical dental technicians	705.75	719.86
Application to undertake supervised activities for orthodontic auxiliaries while undertaking an approved training course.	91.29	93.11
The New Zealand Dental Hygiene Registration Examination		
NZDHREX - written examination where there is less than a total of 5 candidates sitting the same examination	3,069.90	3,131.30
NZDHREX - written examination where there is a total of 5 or more candidates sitting the same examination	2,519.61	2,570.00
NZDHREX - clinical examination where there is less than a total of 5 candidates sitting the same examination)	4,751.58	4,846.61
NZDHREX - clinical examination where there is a total of 5 or more candidates sitting the same examination	4,245.39	4,330.30

Fee	Current fee \$	Proposed fee \$
The New Zealand Dental Therapy Registration Examination		
NZDTREX - written examination where there is less than a total of 5 candidates sitting the same examination	3,069.90	3,131.30
NZDTREX - written examination where there is a total of 5 or more candidates sitting the same examination	2,519.61	2,570.00
NZDTREX - clinical examination where there is less than a total of 5 candidates sitting the same examination	4,751.58	4,846.61
NZDTREX - clinical examination where there is a total of 5 or more candidates sitting the same examination	4,245.39	4,330.30
The New Zealand Dental Technology Registration Examination		
NZDTechREX - Combined Examination where there is less than a total of 5 candidates sitting the same examination	3,795.60	3,871.51
NZDTechREX - Combined Examination where there is a total of 5 or more candidates sitting the same examination	3,199.07	3,263.05
The New Zealand Dental Specialist Registration Examinations		
New Zealand Dental Specialist Registration Examination	17,918.76	18,277.13
Professional standards programme fees ^{1,2}		
Supervision (12-month programme)	5,878.70	5,996.28
Oversight (12-month programme)	3,814.70	3,891.00
Competence/Recertification Programme:		
Distance learning - per module	2,954.70	3,013.80
Clinical training - per practice area of training	5,056.70	5,157.84
Health programme fees ^{1,2}		
Drug and alcohol screening programme, set up and administration		
Set-up and administration for the first 12 months	835.52	852.23
Administration fee for each 12 month period thereafter	417.76	426.11
Third party testing - fee per test	120.00	122.40
¹ Fee will be adjusted for any specific requirements of the individual programme and 3rd party costings at the time the programme is established.		

Fee	Current fee \$	Proposed fee \$
Education fees		
Application for “removal of exclusion” course approval by providers <u>who do provide training</u> as part of a primary Dental Council accredited qualification	1,736.80	1,771.54
Application for “removal of exclusion” course approval by providers <u>who do not provide training</u> as part of a primary Dental Council accredited qualification	3,763.15	3,838.41
Other fees		
Application for additional registration advice	456.48	465.61
Application for restoration to the Register	456.48	465.61
Supply of certificate of good standing	91.29	93.11
Supply of replacement registration certificate or any other certificate	91.29	93.11
Supply of electronic copy of Register	200.00	204.00