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Subject: Feedback on proposed APC increase

Hi

I am would like to respond to the request for feedback on the Dental Council's proposed further increase in the APC.

I am making a submission protesting to the further increases, which brings the increase in two years to roughly 20%, which seems rather high in such a short time.

As a part-time associate dentist with a commitment to looking after my young family, I only work an average of 8-12 hours per week, and have done for the last few years. I have also had 2 periods of maternity leave with limited income during this time. I have the same CPD requirements as a full-time partner of a practice would have, and cost associated with this. My APC registration fee is the same as that of a dentist working a 45 hour week, and this is increasingly becoming more of a financial burden. I disagree with the proposal to increase this fee even further. I understand the increase in budget is largely to fund the cost of producing the ongoing "Codes of Practice" of which the NZDA had already created similar guidelines developed and updated over many years. Could these not have been taken, slightly modified and made into the "Codes of Practice" without need for such expenditure that is then passed on to dentists in the APC fee?

I also support the NZDA in their submission to protest this proposal.

Regards,
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