

My personal view is that the APC fee for dental hygienists is too high.

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It is not tax deductible for me. I can't claim it as a cost of doing business.

When interviewing for a job, I am not going to risk being over looked by asking an employer to pay my APC.

An employer may prefer to employ an OHT to do the same work, over a dental hygienist as the APC is over 30% lower. This is huge.

Many dentists / employers do not pay the APC, or a portion of it for dental hygienists.

The majority of dental hygienists that I know, would like more working hours. Many of us live and work in regions where there are not enough jobs available. We are not able to work more hours to cover the cost of an ever increasing APC.

When I first registered as a dental hygienist I never imagined the APC would increase so dramatically.

My salary doesn't increase with the CPI. Especially not during a pandemic.

Why should the retention fee increase when everything has gone online? Wasn't going online supposed to decrease costs? I now have to print my APC to have on display for patients and yet costs keep going up.

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I agree that all practitioners within a profession continue to meet the costs of inquiries and competence reviews into an individual practitioner.

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Yes the costs of competence remediation should be met by the individual practitioner.

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