

# Dental Council's Budget & Fee/Levy Consultation

Proposal for:

- Draft 2024/25 budget
- Annual practising certificate fees and disciplinary levies for oral health practitioners
- **Other fees** (registration, examination, competence, accreditation, and other miscellaneous fees)

Issued: Friday 6 October 2023

Submissions close: 5pm, Friday 17 November 2023

## Summary of consultation proposals

**The Dental Council | Te Kaunihera Tiaki Niho (the Council) is consulting on:**

1. The proposed 2024/25 budget.
2. The proposed 2024/25 annual practising certificate (APC) fees and disciplinary levies excluding GST:

Profession	Proposed APC fee	Proposed disciplinary levy (refund)	TOTAL Proposed APC and disciplinary levy 2024/25
Dentists and dental specialists	1,075.82	127.46	<b>1,203.28</b>
Oral health therapists	888.56	(6.82)	<b>881.74</b>
Dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries	781.48	51.14	<b>832.62</b>
Dental therapists	847.72	98.49	<b>946.21</b>
Dental technicians and clinical dental technicians	817.90	(1.27)	<b>816.63</b>

3. A proposed increase to registration examination fees (excluding the NZ dentist/dental specialist registration examination) to reflect the direct costs charged by education institutions to facilitate registration examinations. The proposed increases are:
  - o \$2,421 for all written examinations
  - o \$2,230 for all clinical examinations
  - o \$3,382 for the combined (written & technical) dental technology examination
4. The introduction of a withdrawal fee is proposed to be applied to applications to register with overseas non-prescribed qualifications under section 15(2) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, where the application has been submitted for a period longer than 90 days and then withdrawn by either the applicant or the Council. To ensure that registration remains a cost recovery activity, the withdrawal fee would be up to 20% of the registration fee paid.
5. All other fees (registration, competence, accreditation, and other miscellaneous fees) with a proposed cost and inflation adjustment of 10%.

Figures in this consultation document are exclusive of GST, unless otherwise stated.

The proposed dentists and dental specialist APC fee and disciplinary levy shall apply from 1 October 2024. All other fees and levies proposed shall apply from 1 April 2024.

The Council will give effect to any change in APC fees and disciplinary levies by notice in the New Zealand Gazette.

## Feedback and Submissions

Details of how to make submissions and provide your feedback are on page 8 of this document. Submissions close at **5pm on Friday 17 November 2023**.

### 1. Introduction

The Dental Council | Te Kaunihera Tiaki Niho (the Council) sets annual practising certificate (APC) fees and disciplinary levies for oral health practitioners<sup>1</sup> under sections 130 and 131 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act). This consultation document sets out proposals on the Council's:

- draft 2024/25 budget;
- proposed APC fees and disciplinary levies for oral health therapists, dental hygienists, orthodontic auxiliaries, dental therapists, dental technicians and clinical dental technicians for the practising year 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025;
- proposed APC fees and disciplinary levies for dentists and dental specialists for the practising year 1 October 2024 – 30 September 2025; and
- proposed registration, examination, competence, accreditation, and other miscellaneous fees effective from 1 April 2024.

### 2. Background

The Council follows the good practice guidelines established by the [Office of the Auditor-General](#) and the Treasury. The Council's budget, fees and levies are calculated on a full cost recovery basis. The Council endeavours to cover all costs over a one to two year period, considering the impact on reserves over the same time period, and is committed to operating in a cost effective and fiscally responsible way for our practitioners while balancing our obligations to protect the public.

The level of each profession's APC fee per practitioner depends on:

- the projected number of practitioners;
- direct income and expenditure budgets; and
- minimum reserve levels set and carried forward from the previous year.

A minimum level of reserves for each profession is maintained in accordance with the Council's [Level of Reserves Policy](#).

To maintain appropriate operational reserves and sustain financial viability, the Council:

- budgets and forecasts prudently;
- rations and prioritises resources; and
- adjusts APC fees to meet operational activities and to provide a buffer against an unknown number of competence cases, appeals or judicial reviews.

All financial tables other than Table 1 are included in Appendix 1.

---

<sup>1</sup> Dentists, dental specialists, oral health therapists, dental hygienists, orthodontic auxiliaries, dental therapists, dental technicians, and clinical dental technicians.

For each profession the proposed 2024/25 APC fee and disciplinary levy calculated from the budget, includes a refund or a top up to the required minimum reserve funds by profession, to provide a net proposed fee and levy charged for the 2024/25 year (refer Tables 5 – 9).

The proposed 2024/25 budget is set in the broader financial context of an on-going period of significant (for recent times) cost inflation and has regard to the associated financial impacts on practitioners and the requirement for all professions to continue to maintain minimum levels of reserves.

As a result, the proposed 2024/25 budget aims to be fiscally responsible and utilise professional reserves, when possible, to reduce costs to practitioners while continuing to meet Council’s obligations to the public.

### 3. Proposed 2024/25 budget

#### Overall position

The Council has budgeted for an overall deficit of \$1.05m (Table 2) in the 2024/25 year. This is primarily as a result of Council’s decision to return reserves to practitioners.

The proposed 2024/25 budget has been prepared to allow the Council to fulfil its regulatory functions including the implementation of the strategic initiatives associated with the Council’s [strategic plan](#).

Council’s financial year results for 2020/21 and 2021/22 recorded a substantial surplus, increasing the overall reserves held by the Council. Across the two years the surplus results were due to:

- the unsettled period of the COVID-19 pandemic led to the delay of some one-off project deliverables and diverted resources to pandemic related priorities.
- efficient management of operational expenses during this time, also contributed to the accumulation of overall reserves.

The above surpluses allow Council to deliver the strategic initiatives funded by utilising current reserves held, as well as returning excess reserves to practitioners by reducing the reserves held back to a pre-pandemic level. This in turn results in the planned large deficit presented.

Looking forward post pandemic, with targeted resource capability and vacant positions filled this will enable Council to shift its focus towards being a more effective regulator to deliver the strategic initiatives in the proposed 2024/25 budget.

#### How Council allocates expenditure to the professions

Net Council expenditure is determined by the Council’s income less the Council’s expenditure. As with the 2023/24 budget, the Council allocates net Council expenditure to each profession based on the number of practitioners who hold an APC in that profession (Table 1).

Net profession expenditure that can be accurately quantified and attributed is directly allocated to specific professions.

**Table 1: Estimated APC holders by profession used for allocating net Council expenditure**

APC - Practitioners numbers	Actual 2020/21	Actual 2021/22	Actual 2022/23	Est. 2023/24	Est. 2024/25
APC - Dentists	2,601	2,662	2,675	2,740	2,802
APC - Therapists	357	339	301	279	269
APC - Hygienists	396	416	402	389	380
APC - Technicians & CDT	329	338	340	354	361
APC - OHTs	663	761	840	916	1,003
<b>Total practitioners</b>	<b>4,346</b>	<b>4,516</b>	<b>4,558</b>	<b>4,678</b>	<b>4,815</b>

## Overview of proposed budget income and expenditure

The proposed Council and profession specific expenditure is \$6.9m, an increase of 18% compared with the 2023/24 budgeted expenditure (Table 3).

This year on year increase is largely driven by the inflationary cost adjustments and the proposed strategic project expenditure associated with implementing the three initiatives identified in the [strategic plan](#), being:

1. Improving health equity and cultural safety
  - transition to a Te Tiriti based regulator
  - cultural safety and improving equitable health outcomes
2. Strengthening our regulatory intelligence
  - IT governance framework
  - business intelligence (BI) tool
3. Preventing and responding to harm
  - compliance framework
  - new registrant recertification programme

### Details of budget 2024/25 proposed strategic and other expenditure as follows:

At an operational level there are increases to gazette fees to publish updates to the Haumarutanga ahurea/Cultural safety domain across all scopes of practice, targeted resource capability and depreciation for new office fitout. These increases are offset by the rent reduction for the new premises.

### Council project and profession expenses

Registration and recertification standards proposed budget of \$333.9k relates to strategic initiative 1 - improving health equity and cultural safety. There are two major elements to this project:

- implement the changes required to become a Te Tiriti based regulator. This project will include workshops, key stakeholders engagement, followed by roadshows in partnership with iwi and the development of a kete (basket) of resources to support practitioner learning.
- Council will partner with Māori to review Council's standards framework to update its ethical principles to include Te Tiriti, cultural safety, tikanga and all associated practice standards.

Strategic and organisational planning – projects expenditure is proposed at \$370.6k, primarily relating to strategic initiative 2 and includes:

- establishing an IT governance framework to protect Council's information asset, align regulatory compliance (e.g. data privacy), risk management and IT strategy with strategic goals.
- scoping the data intelligence project to ascertain the information needs, to enable evidence-based regulatory decision-making.
- BI tool that enables access and analysis of data to better understand patient harm.
- overall project management of the three strategic initiatives.

Recertification expenditure of \$280.9k to allow for the implementation of two outcomes relating to strategic initiative 3:

- the delivery of a compliance framework that ensures every practitioner can understand the consequences of non-compliance. This work will follow the Government expectations for good regulatory practice.

- the development of the new registrant recertification programme will enable the new registrants to deliver safe care with understanding of te ao Māori, hauora Māori, cultural safety and the application into their practice. This will include associated resources, such as a handbook, user guides and IT resources indicated above.

Information technology has a proposed increase of \$155.0k for development relating to strategic initiative 3 to include:

- the new registrant recertification programme, including cultural safety, to enable data collection, practitioner/mentor declarations and monitoring.
- a web-based tool for publication of the compliance framework. This development links with an increase in recertification costs discussed further down, as this initiative sits across both areas.

Competence assessments and reviews proposed budget has reduced to \$612.7k due to:

- a one-off allowance for training of competence review members being included in the budget 2023/24.
- the removal of competence review costs for oral health therapists and technicians previously included in budget, as trends show no activity against these professions. Should a competence review be required for these professions it is expected that the minimum reserves held will be sufficient to cover this activity.

Registration proposed budget is \$550.4k which includes reallocation of end-to-end process costs incurred to ensure the process is fully costed and recovered through registration fees ensures registered practitioners are not cross subsidising registration applicants. In addition Council continues to expand recognition of prescribed qualifications against scopes of practice in international jurisdictions that meet the competent authority model. This will likely be linked to any free trade agreements where oral health services are included.

The education and accreditation proposed budget is reduced to \$164.8k for the five yearly cyclical review of the three University of Otago undergraduate accreditation reviews, whereas last year it included eleven postgraduate programmes. The accreditation reviews are a cost recovery activity with a \$73.7k income offset.

The proposed budget for practice standards is \$65.5k which includes the review of the infection prevention and control practice standard and minor updates to several of the non-clinical practice standards.

## **Discipline Costs**

Disciplinary costs are proposed to be budgeted at \$380.0k being one medium complexity dentist case to be heard by the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal (HPDT), as well as one hygienist and one therapist professional conduct committee (PCC). The discipline levy under the Act (section 131) funds both the PCC and HPDT costs with Council policy allocating these funds to profession specific disciplinary reserves.

The proposed budget does not include any disciplinary activity for technicians or oral health therapists. It is expected that the minimum disciplinary reserves held for these professions will be sufficient to cover any cases that may arise. Should higher costs be incurred over and above the reserves, an additional disciplinary levy could be raised for that profession after consultation.

## **Capital expenditure**

Minimal capital expenditure is proposed in 2024/25 budget, allowing a fiscally prudent estimate for the replacement of out of warranty/end of life ICT equipment, particularly laptops and additional office furniture.

The capital replacement reserve (CRR) portion of the APC fee allows for prefunding or concurrent funding of capital expenditure. As no significant capital expenditure is planned, there is no requirement to collect a CRR fee in 2024/25. This is in line with recent prior years and assists in reducing the impact of APC fees on practitioners.

## Reserves

The capital asset reserve (CAR) is a non-cash reserve that represents a significant portion of the net book value of fixed assets held by the Council which enables the annual amortisation and depreciation expense to be drawn down from the reserve balance.

As there is no major capital expenditure expected over the next two financial years, the proposed 2024/25 budget and subsequent proposed APC fee includes returning half of the opening 2024/25 CAR balance to practitioners. Amortisation and depreciation are now included in the net Council expenditure allocated to practitioners and funded annually through the APC fee (where previously it was funded from the CAR). The impact this year is that the proposed 2024/25 CRR fee is set as a refund of \$74.26 per practitioner, assisting in reducing costs to practitioners during a time of considerable cost inflation.

As the dentists and dental specialists practising year (1 Oct – 30 Sep) spans two financial years, historically the minimum operating reserve for this profession included a proportion of budgeted professional expenditure to ensure funds were sufficient to meet Council's obligations to the public in the new financial year and until the following practising cycle for dentists and dental specialists. The minimum operating reserve for dentists and dental specialist also holds \$65.0k in reserve for competency. The volume and complexity of competence cases can vary significantly, making the expenditure hard to predict. A competency reserve is not held for the other professions as prior year case activity doesn't indicate the need for additional reserves.

It is proposed that the lag amount held in reserve for the dentists and dental specialists to offset a practising year that differs to the financial year is reduced from \$530.0k to \$300.0k, and the competence reserve previously maintained is set to nil and released in 2024/25. This results in decreasing the level of minimum operating reserves required for the dentists and dental specialists' profession.

## 4. Adjustments to other fees

The Council has undertaken a review of several of its fees to ensure they remain appropriate and where applicable, are set at a rate that will recover the costs incurred. As a result, the Council proposes the following fee changes:

1. An increase to examination fees to reflect the direct costs charged by education institutions to facilitate written and clinical examinations (excluding the NZ dentist/dental specialist registration examination). Based on recent costs incurred for candidates to sit an exam:
  - an increase of \$2,420.75 for the written examination fee for NZDTREX, NZDHREX, NZDOHTREX and NZCDTechREX, taking the proposed 2024/25 fee to \$6,120.00
  - an increase of \$2,230.38 for the clinical examination fee for NZDTREX, NZDHREX, NZDOHTREX and NZCDTechREX, taking the proposed 2024/25 fee to \$7,956.00
  - an increase of \$3,382.32 for the combined (written & technical) examination fee for NZDTechREX, taking the proposed 2024/25 fee to \$7,956.00
2. The introduction of a withdrawal fee to be applied to applications to register with overseas non-prescribed qualifications under section 15(2) of the Act, where the application has been submitted for a period longer than 90 days and then withdrawn by either the applicant or the Council. Significant resource can be required to assist an applicant with preparing the necessary

documentation and progressing the application, including those applications that are later withdrawn. To ensure that registration remains a cost recovery activity, the withdrawal fee would be up to 20% of the registration fee paid by the applicant:

- withdrawal of registration for applicant with overseas non-prescribed qualifications to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act being 20% of registration fee is \$1,423.51.
- withdrawal of registration for applicant with overseas non-prescribed specialist qualifications to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act being 20% of registration fee is \$1,669.69.

Applications that are withdrawn within 90 days of being submitted will incur the administration fee, as is currently applied to withdrawn applications. The proposed administration fee from 1 April 2024 is \$91.78.

3. The Council proposes to increase all other fees (Appendix 2) by a cost and inflation adjustment of 10%.

## 5. Feedback and submissions

The Council invites all practitioners and other individuals or organisations with an interest in this proposal to comment. We welcome and value all submissions, but please note, multiple, identical submissions do not carry any more weight than a single submission.

The consultation document will also be available on our website for feedback from any interested member or sector of the public.

The Council will consider all submissions and feedback received prior to making a final decision on the draft 2024/25 budget and proposed fees outlined in this document.

The Council will give effect to any change in APC fees and disciplinary levies by placing a notice in the New Zealand Gazette.

All submissions received and the name of the submitter will be published on our website and will remain publicly available. Published submissions from individuals will include your name and your profession if you are a registered health practitioner. All other personal and contact details will be removed.

We will not publish any submissions we consider derogatory or inflammatory.

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

Your submissions must reach us by **5pm on Friday 17 November 2023**.

Please send your submissions to:

Dental Council  
PO Box 10-448  
Wellington 6140  
Email: [consultations@dcnz.org.nz](mailto:consultations@dcnz.org.nz)

Ngā mihi



Marie MacKay  
Chief Executive



## Appendix 1: 2024/25 proposed budget

**Table 2: Consolidated Dental Council surplus / (deficit)**

Dental Council financial performance	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23
\$	Proposed Budget	Budget	Actual
<b>Summary</b>			
Total Council operating income	5,501,903	5,369,917	4,321,959
Total Council disciplinary income	394,719	(205,864)	248,029
<b>Total Council income</b>	<b>5,896,623</b>	<b>5,164,053</b>	<b>4,569,988</b>
Total Council operating expenditure	6,564,368	5,554,298	4,290,807
Total Council disciplinary expenditure	380,000	312,000	288,268
<b>Total Council expenditure</b>	<b>6,944,368</b>	<b>5,866,298</b>	<b>4,579,075</b>
<b>Total Council surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>(1,047,745)</b>	<b>(702,245)</b>	<b>(9,087)</b>

**Table 3: Council expenditure prior to allocation to the professions**

<b>Dental Council Expenditure prior to allocation to the professions</b>			
<b>For the period ended</b>	<b>31 March 2025</b>	<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>31 March 2023</b>
	<b>Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Administration expenses</b>			
Salaries	2,121,614	2,047,079	1,751,322
Staff welfare, training, ACC levies and recruitment	134,143	95,438	315,076
Telephone call charges and services	13,815	17,741	13,167
Photocopying, printing, postage and couriers	10,800	30,418	10,257
Doubtful debts/(doubtful debts recovered)	-	-	111,703
Office expenses	30,300	22,381	86,194
Publications and media monitoring	32,750	9,561	26,971
Audit fees	22,743	19,645	21,255
Advertising	-	-	-
Rent and building outgoings	177,346	266,426	127,514
Insurance	91,683	92,407	83,722
Bank charges	50,931	50,931	40,402
Legal	26,836	25,054	25,080
Finance	-	-	-
Professional Fees	44,850	22,350	77,147
Amortisation and Depreciation	203,907	157,544	191,631
Loss on disposal of assets	-	-	(1,970)
<b>Total administration expenses</b>	<b>2,961,717</b>	<b>2,856,972</b>	<b>2,879,471</b>
<b>Council project and profession expenses</b>			
Dental Council, Te Hā and ARM - fees and expenses	439,627	430,880	339,201
Information technology	426,680	271,680	394,848
New Zealand and international liaison	98,260	116,664	58,540
Strategic and organisational planning - projects	370,555	81,216	57,099
Registration and recertification standards	333,900	49,344	39,321
Pandemic and other costs	-	30,000	86
Workforce data analysis	20,000	-	15,000
Practice standards	65,450	10,000	-
Education and accreditation	164,813	375,077	105,761
Examinations	42,112	8,707	31,987
Registration	550,373	317,034	102,545
Recertification	280,920	116,321	6,492
Complaints	177,287	168,503	72,530
Fitness to practise	20,000	20,000	6,340
Competence assessments and reviews	612,674	703,900	181,585
Operational - overhead recoveries	-	(2,000)	-
Discipline - sundry expenses	-	2,000	-
Discipline - professional conduct committees	165,000	120,000	65,234
Discipline - Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal	195,000	170,000	223,035
Discipline - disciplinary case appeals	20,000	20,000	-
<b>Total Council project and profession expenses</b>	<b>3,982,651</b>	<b>3,009,326</b>	<b>1,699,604</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>6,944,368</b>	<b>5,866,298</b>	<b>4,579,075</b>

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

2024/25 Budgeted Surplus / (Deficit) by Profession Prior to Allocation							
	Council	Dentists	Hygienists	Therapists	Technicians	Oral Health Therapists	Total
<b>Income</b>							
From Recertification (APC Fees)	-	3,014,455	285,503	221,254	284,357	829,024	4,634,593
From Discipline Fees	-	357,138	18,682	25,705	(442)	(6,364)	394,719
From Other Activities	153,326	516,940	31,109	13,329	41,451	111,156	867,311
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>153,326</b>	<b>3,888,532</b>	<b>335,294</b>	<b>260,287</b>	<b>325,367</b>	<b>933,817</b>	<b>5,896,623</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
General administration (Secretariat)	3,184,490	-	-	-	-	-	3,184,490
Council depreciation and amortisation	203,907						203,907
Council ongoing workstreams	952,712	-	-	-	-	-	952,712
Council strategic expenditure	370,555	-	-	-	-	-	370,555
Profession ongoing operational workstreams	-	1,710,974	23,404	47,226	25,026	46,074	1,852,704
Profession ongoing discipline workstreams	-	335,000	20,000	25,000	0	0	380,000
Profession project expenditure							-
<b>Total Council Expenditure</b>	<b>4,711,664</b>	<b>2,045,974</b>	<b>43,404</b>	<b>72,226</b>	<b>25,026</b>	<b>46,074</b>	<b>6,944,368</b>
<b>Net surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>(4,558,338)</b>	<b>1,842,558</b>	<b>291,890</b>	<b>188,061</b>	<b>300,341</b>	<b>887,743</b>	<b>(1,047,745)</b>
Profession net other income to balance APC fee	(4,558,338)	(1,194,035)	7,705	(33,898)	16,425	65,083	(5,697,057)
2024/25 Budgeted Surplus / (Deficit) by Profession After Allocation							
	Council	Dentists	Hygienists	Therapists	Technicians	Oral Health Therapists	Total
<b>Allocation</b>		59.5%	7.8%	5.5%	7.4%	19.8%	100.0%
<b>Income</b>							
From Recertification (APC Fees)	-	3,014,455	285,503	221,254	284,357	829,024	4,634,593
From Discipline Fees	-	357,138	18,682	25,705	(442)	(6,364)	394,719
From Other Activities		608,173	43,005	21,827	52,771	141,535	867,311
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,979,766</b>	<b>347,189</b>	<b>268,786</b>	<b>336,687</b>	<b>964,195</b>	<b>5,896,623</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
General administration (Secretariat)		1,894,870	247,059	176,503	235,112	630,947	3,184,490
Council depreciation and amortisation		121,331	15,820	11,302	15,055	40,400	203,907
Council ongoing workstreams		566,893	73,913	52,805	70,339	188,762	952,712
Council strategic expenditure		220,492	28,748	20,538	27,358	73,419	370,555
Profession ongoing operational workstreams	-	1,710,974	23,404	47,226	25,026	46,074	1,852,704
Profession ongoing discipline workstreams	-	335,000	20,000	25,000	-	-	380,000
<b>Total Council Expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,849,560</b>	<b>408,944</b>	<b>333,374</b>	<b>372,889</b>	<b>979,602</b>	<b>6,944,368</b>
<b>Net surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(869,794)</b>	<b>(61,755)</b>	<b>(64,588)</b>	<b>(36,203)</b>	<b>(15,406)</b>	<b>(1,047,745)</b>

**Table 5: Proposed 2024/25 APC fee and disciplinary levy for dentists and dental specialists**

Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Proposed
APC Fee	907.38	922.06	1,112.95	1,394.14
Capital replacement reserve	-	-	-	(74.26)
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	(130.59)	(41.59)	(40.76)	(244.06)
<b>Total APC fee</b>	<b>776.79</b>	<b>880.47</b>	<b>1,072.19</b>	<b>1,075.82</b>
Disciplinary levy	244.39	112.87	113.37	119.56
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	(1.18)	(55.39)	(175.20)	7.90
<b>Total disciplinary levy</b>	<b>243.21</b>	<b>57.47</b>	<b>(61.83)</b>	<b>127.46</b>
<b>Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy excl GST</b>	<b>1,019.99</b>	<b>937.94</b>	<b>1,010.36</b>	<b>1,203.28</b>
GST	153.00	140.69	151.55	180.49
<b>Total Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy incl GST</b>	<b>1,172.99</b>	<b>1,078.64</b>	<b>1,161.91</b>	<b>1,383.77</b>

**Table 6: Proposed 2024/25 APC fee and disciplinary levy for oral health therapists**

Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Proposed
APC fee	677.64	735.64	717.39	898.25
Capital replacement reserve	-	-	-	(74.26)
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	(75.98)	(42.63)	49.64	64.57
<b>Total APC fee</b>	<b>601.66</b>	<b>693.02</b>	<b>767.03</b>	<b>888.56</b>
Disciplinary levy	9.81	8.53	-	-
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	(1.17)	(9.62)	(5.34)	(6.82)
<b>Total disciplinary levy</b>	<b>8.64</b>	<b>(1.09)</b>	<b>(5.34)</b>	<b>(6.82)</b>
<b>Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy excl GST</b>	<b>610.30</b>	<b>691.93</b>	<b>761.70</b>	<b>881.74</b>
GST	91.54	103.79	114.25	132.26
<b>Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy incl GST</b>	<b>701.84</b>	<b>795.72</b>	<b>875.95</b>	<b>1,014.00</b>

**Table 7: Proposed 2024/25 APC fee and disciplinary levy for dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries**

Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Proposed
APC fee	707.85	789.81	767.77	946.91
Capital replacement reserve	-	-	-	(74.26)
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	216.51	(93.13)	26.11	(91.17)
<b>Total APC fee</b>	<b>924.36</b>	<b>696.68</b>	<b>793.88</b>	<b>781.48</b>
Disciplinary levy	12.27	7.18	-	54.74
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	(25.50)	(26.40)	(4.93)	(3.61)
<b>Total disciplinary levy</b>	<b>(13.23)</b>	<b>(19.22)</b>	<b>(4.93)</b>	<b>51.14</b>
<b>Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy excl GST</b>	<b>911.13</b>	<b>677.46</b>	<b>788.95</b>	<b>832.62</b>
GST	136.67	101.62	118.34	124.89
<b>Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy incl GST</b>	<b>1,047.80</b>	<b>779.08</b>	<b>907.29</b>	<b>957.51</b>

**Table 8: Proposed 2024/25 APC fee and disciplinary levy for dental therapists**

Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Proposed
APC Fee	789.44	874.36	898.23	1,097.88
Capital replacement reserve	-	-	-	(74.26)
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	629.13	26.72	164.93	(175.90)
<b>Total APC fee</b>	<b>1,418.57</b>	<b>901.08</b>	<b>1,063.17</b>	<b>847.72</b>
Disciplinary levy	59.83	36.91	-	95.79
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	74.71	(24.59)	(84.85)	2.70
<b>Total disciplinary levy</b>	<b>134.54</b>	<b>12.32</b>	<b>(84.85)</b>	<b>98.49</b>
<b>Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy excl GST</b>	<b>1,553.10</b>	<b>913.40</b>	<b>978.32</b>	<b>946.21</b>
GST	232.97	137.01	146.75	141.93
<b>Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy incl GST</b>	<b>1,786.07</b>	<b>1,050.41</b>	<b>1,125.07</b>	<b>1,088.14</b>

**Table 9: Proposed 2024/25 APC fee and disciplinary levy for dental technicians and clinical dental technicians**

<b>Proposed APC fee and Disciplinary Levy</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
APC fee	726.42	789.23	789.32	920.76
Capital replacement reserve	-	-	-	(74.26)
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	289.42	(89.65)	(24.33)	(28.60)
<b>Total APC fee</b>	<b>1,015.84</b>	<b>699.58</b>	<b>764.99</b>	<b>817.90</b>
Disciplinary levy	21.57	19.64		-
Minimum reserve top-up / (refund)	(102.77)	(36.29)	(22.81)	(1.27)
<b>Total disciplinary levy</b>	<b>(81.20)</b>	<b>(16.64)</b>	<b>(22.81)</b>	<b>(1.27)</b>
<b>Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy excl GST</b>	<b>934.63</b>	<b>682.94</b>	<b>742.18</b>	<b>816.63</b>
GST	140.19	102.44	111.33	122.49
<b>Total proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy incl GST</b>	<b>1,074.83</b>	<b>785.38</b>	<b>853.51</b>	<b>939.12</b>

## Appendix 2: Other 2024/25 proposed fees (excluding GST)

Fee	Current fee \$	Proposed fee \$
<b>Registration and Retention Fees</b>		
Application fee to transfer from non-practising to practising status, where application is subject to Council's recency of practice policy	330.05	363.06
Application for registration fee (New Zealand and Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition applicants)	550.05	605.06
Application for registration for overseas applicant with prescribed qualifications and experience	1,375.17	1,512.69
Application for registration for applicant with overseas 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, oral health therapists	6,470.50	7,117.55
Application for registration for applicant with overseas non-prescribed specialist qualifications and experience to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act for dental specialists	7,589.51	8,348.46
Resubmission of application for assessment of overseas non-prescribed qualifications and experience to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act	3,230.90	3,553.99
Withdrawal of registration for applicant with overseas 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, oral health therapists - 20% of the registration fee paid	-	1,423.51
Withdrawal of registration for applicant with overseas non-prescribed specialist qualifications and experience to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act for dental specialists - 20% of registration fee paid	-	1,669.69
Application for removal of an exclusion(s) on the scope of practice after completion of a Dental Council approved course	302.51	332.76
Application for removal of an exclusion(s) on the scope of practice after completion of a course not approved by the Dental Council	550.05	605.06
Application for registration with a prescribed qualification in an additional scope of practice	550.05	332.76
Application for registration with a non-prescribed qualification in an additional scope of practice	850.43	935.47
Application to undertake supervised activities for orthodontic auxiliaries while undertaking an approved training course.	110.00	121.00
Retention on the Register fee	182.17	200.39
Application for restoration to the Register	550.05	605.06
<b>Examination Fees</b>		
NZDHREX - written examination	3,699.25	6,120.00
NZDHREX - clinical examination	5,725.62	7,956.00
NZDTREX - written examination	3,699.24	6,120.00
NZDTREX - clinical examination	5,725.62	7,956.00
NZOHTREX - written examination	3,699.24	6,120.00
NZOHTREX - clinical examination	5,725.62	7,956.00
NZDTechREX - written examination	4,573.68	7,956.00
NZDTechREX – technical examination		

<b>Fee</b>	<b>Current fee \$</b>	<b>Proposed fee \$</b>
NZCDTechREX – written examination	3,699.24	6,120.00
NZCDTechREX – clinical examination	5,725.62	7,956.00
New Zealand Dental Specialist Registration Examination	21,592.01	23,751.21
<b>Programme fees</b> <sup>1,2,3</sup>		
Supervision <sup>1,2,3</sup> (12-month programme)	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Oversight <sup>1,2,3</sup> (12-month programme)	4,596.73	5,056.40
Competence/Recertification Programme: <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Distance learning - per module	3,560.44	3,916.48
Clinical training - per practice area of training	6,093.33	6,702.66
<b>Health programme fees</b> <sup>1,2,3</sup>		
Drug and alcohol screening programme, set up and administration <sup>1,2,3</sup>		
Set-up and administration for the first 12 months	1,006.82	1,107.50
Administration fee for each 12-month period thereafter	503.40	553.74
Third party testing - fee per test	144.61	159.07
<sup>1</sup> Fee will be adjusted for any specific requirements of the individual programme and 3rd party costings at the time the programme is established.		
<sup>2</sup> The practitioner will be charged direct professional fees and travel and accommodation expenses for supervisors, those providing oversight, tutors, course administrators etc. These expenses will be charged on an actual and reasonable basis in accordance with the Dental Council's fees and payments and expenditure decisions and probity policies. Course materials, venue costs and administration expenses such as printing and postage will also be charged based on actual costs.		
<sup>3</sup> The practitioner will be charged for staff overhead administration at \$91.78 an hour.		
<b>Education fees</b>		
Application for "removal of exclusion" course approval by providers <u>who do provide training</u> as part of a primary Dental Council accredited qualification	2,092.86	2,302.14
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	4,534.59	4,988.05
Application for approval of courses to equip registered oral health practitioners for registration in an additional scope of practice for course providers <u>who do provide training</u> as part of a primary Dental Council accredited qualification	4,069.18	4,476.10
Application for approval of courses to equip registered oral health practitioners for registration in an additional scope of practice for course providers <u>who do not provide training</u> as part of a primary Dental Council accredited qualification.	7,124.96	7,837.46
<b>Other fees</b>		
Administration fee	83.44	91.78
Application for additional registration advice	550.05	605.06
Staff overhead administration fee	83.44	91.78
Supply of certificate of good standing	110.00	121.00
Supply of replacement registration certificate or any other certificate	110.00	121.00
Supply of electronic copy of Register	241.01	265.11