

Dental Council's Budget & Fee/Levy Consultation

Proposal for:

- 2025/26 budget
- Annual practising certificate fees and disciplinary levies for oral health practitioners
- **Other fees** (registration, examination, competence, accreditation, and other miscellaneous fees)

Issued: Thursday 5 September 2024

Submissions close: Thursday 17 October 2024 at 5pm

Summary of proposals:

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

1. The 2025/26 budget.
2. The 2025/26 annual practising certificate (APC) fees and disciplinary levies (excluding GST) as follows:

| Profession | Proposed APC fee | Proposed disciplinary levy/(refund) | TOTAL Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Dentists and dental specialists | 1,137.18 | 105.89 | 1,243.07 |
| Oral health therapists | 868.47 | (0.59) | 867.88 |
| Dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries | 701.67 | 90.97 | 792.64 |
| Dental therapists | 933.78 | (50.82) | 882.96 |
| Dental technicians and clinical dental technicians | 804.80 | (0.09) | 804.71 |

3. All other fees (registration, competence, accreditation, and other miscellaneous fees) with a proposed cost and inflation adjustment of 3%.

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

The proposed dentists and dental specialist APC fee and disciplinary levy apply from 1 October 2025. All other fees and levies proposed apply from 1 April 2025.

The Council will give effect to the fees and levies by publishing in the New Zealand Gazette (www.gazette.govt.nz).

Feedback and submissions

Details of how to make submissions and provide feedback are on page 8 of this document.
Submissions close **on Thursday 17 October 2024 at 5pm.**

1. Introduction

The Dental Council | Te Kaunihera Tiaki Niho (Council) sets annual practising certificate (APC) fees and disciplinary levies for oral health practitioners¹ under sections 130 and 131 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act). This consultation sets out the Council's:

- proposed 2025/26 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 2025 to 31 March 2026;
- proposed APC fees and disciplinary levies for dentists and dental specialists for the practising year 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026; and
- proposed registration, examination, competence, accreditation, and other miscellaneous fees effective from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

2. Background

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

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

- the projected number of practitioners;
- allocation of net Council operational expenditure;
- direct profession income and expenditure; and
- minimum reserve levels set for each profession and reserves 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, Council:

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

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

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

For each profession, the proposed 2025/26 APC fee and disciplinary levy is calculated from the budget and includes a refund or a top up to the required minimum reserve funds by profession, to provide a net proposed fee and levy charge (refer Tables 5 – 9).

The proposed 2025/26 budget has been set based on the desire to be operationally prudent and with a focus on the delivery of our core strategic projects. Through this process, the Council has remained mindful of the impact that cost increases have on practitioners. This aim has been balanced by the need to perform our regulatory tasks effectively and efficiently, meet our obligations to the public, and ensure that each profession maintains appropriate levels of reserves.

As a result, the Council believe the proposed 2025/26 budget is very balanced and remains fiscally responsible.

Proposed 2025/26 budget

Overall position

The proposed 2025/26 budget allows Council to meet its core regulatory functions while continuing to deliver the Council's [strategic plan initiatives](#).

The budget proposes a **deficit of \$1.26m** (Table 2) principally funded from a reduction in reserves rather than from an increase in APC fees or disciplinary levies. This reduces total reserves held and means the overall cost for practitioners can remain close to, or less than the 2024/25 fees/levies.

Each Council budget looks at least 18 months into the future. During times of uncertainty, like post-pandemic, this can mean actual spend is lower than budgeted, and reserves increase. As we move out of the shadow of the pandemic, and into a more certain environment, Council feel confident to hold lower reserves.

Delivering on strategic initiatives

Council budgeted to start the delivery of the strategic initiatives in 2024/25 and the three core strategic projects are progressing as planned. The 2025/26 budget allows for these important initiatives to continue plus has the addition of a fourth strategic project.

The fourth project is to enable Council to respond to upcoming changes to the Act recently released under the [Government Policy Statement on Health 2024-27](#). This document includes a review of the Act, looks at options to improve health workforce regulatory settings, and international best practice on health workforce regulatory systems and patient safety.

Allocating budget for this Act review means Council will be ready to respond to project outputs and aspirations as they come to light.

How Council budgets by profession

Net Council expenditure is determined as the Council's income less expenditure. Like the previous budget, net expenditure is allocated to each profession based on the number of practitioners who hold an APC in that profession (Table 1).

Where income and expenditure can be accurately quantified and attributed to a specific profession, it is directly allocated to that profession.

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

| Practitioners - APC holders | Actual 2021/22 | Actual 2022/23 | Actual 2023/24 | Forecast 2024/25 | Forecast 2025/26 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Dentists and dental specialists | 2,662 | 2,675 | 2,705 | 2,767 | 2,887 |
| Oral health therapists | 761 | 840 | 913 | 952 | 1,067 |
| Dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries | 416 | 402 | 389 | 358 | 350 |
| Dental technicians and clinical dental technicians | 338 | 340 | 345 | 337 | 340 |
| Dental therapists | 339 | 301 | 283 | 264 | 254 |
| Total Practitioners | 4,516 | 4,558 | 4,635 | 4,678 | 4,898 |

Overview of proposed budget income and expenditure

Our proposed total expenditure is \$7.26m, an increase of 4.6% compared to the 2024/25 budgeted expenditure (Table 3).

This increase reflects inflationary cost adjustments, increasing notifications, the addition of one new strategic project, and the ongoing proposed strategic project expenditure associated with implementing the initiatives identified in the [strategic plan](#), and as discussed below.

Council strategic initiatives

An overview of the three existing and one new strategic initiatives is as follows. Project Management costs to oversee the delivery of the strategic projects has been attributed across the three core initiatives.

Cultural safety: Improving health equity and cultural safety Budget: \$165.0k

In the 2024/25 year the majority of costs related to the development of the proposed new standards to be consulted on shortly.

Core outcomes for 2025/26 include:

- Implementation of the new standards across our regulatory processes including supporting changes to our operational policy, procedures and guidance materials, website and IT system enhancements, to align with the:
 - amended competencies for each profession covering cultural safety, cultural competency, and Hauora Māori;
 - assimilating a new cultural safety practice standard;
 - assimilating an amended cultural competence practice standard;
 - assimilating a Hauora Māori practice standard;
 - amended standards framework and professional standards; and
 - amended accreditation standards.
- Implementing Council's Te Tiriti o Waitangi statement and aligning policy and processes.
- Providing for alternative pathways and approaches to achieve the best outcome for good regulation.
- Developing resources to support practitioner learning.

Data strategy:Strengthening our regulatory intelligence

Budget: \$490.0k

In the 2024/25 year, as part of our IT governance framework development we identified the need to better understand how our transactional processes create and use the data we collect securely. This is enabling us to improve our data quality which ensures strong ongoing regulatory intelligence and capability. This includes:

- The creation of standardised processes and procedures across key regulatory functions for the new and updated requirements.
- Strengthening our external IT capability that enables our case management committees to collaborate in an effective environment with high levels of security to protect from cyber security threats.

Core outcomes for 2025/26 include:

- Establishment of data storage tools to support regulatory analysis and the formation of evidence to support decision making.
- Establishment of end user reporting tools providing for management information and regulatory data analysis.
- As part of the compliance framework project, develop a picture of risk using monitoring and analysis to utilise information to develop an overall picture of risk. This includes:
 - extending our taxonomy to define and classify risk and their components;
 - a framework to enable us to determine the appropriate tools to respond to risk; and
 - develop other interventions including educational resources.
- A refreshed website enhancing the accessibility of information, enhanced patient voice, case studies demonstrating consequences of non-compliance, and new data focus area providing access to the regulatory intelligence.

Compliance framework:Preventing and responding to harm

Budget: \$190.0k

As a regulator in New Zealand, we are required to provide accessible, timely information and support to help practitioners understand and meet their regulatory obligations. It is important that Council takes a comprehensive approach to promoting compliance.

Council has a range of information at hand that can be utilised for this purpose. Monitoring and assessment programmes are essential tools for developing a picture of risk. Being a right touch regulator, having these accessible tools is important as it allows Council to make the most of our limited resources by focusing on the activities most in need of resource.

In the 2024/25 year the majority of costs relate to two key outcomes:

- The development of a compliance strategy, and developing a regulatory risk framework, that will be consulted on with the profession in 2025/26.
- Creating resources for overseas practitioners coming to work and live in New Zealand.

Core outcomes in 2025/26 include:

- Consult on and implement a compliance strategy including the regulatory risk framework. This includes workshops, key stakeholders and partner engagement, followed by presentations to the profession.
- Development of supporting operational policy, processes, practices and supporting tools including non-legislative compliance tools.

HPCA Act review:Legislative change

Budget: \$100.0k

This represents a new project in response to the recently released Government Policy Statement on Health 2024-27. Under this review, the Ministry of Health is looking at options to improve health workforce regulatory settings in 2024, including international best practice on health workforce regulatory systems and patient safety.

The breadth and depth of potential changes to legislation and our regulatory mechanisms, policies, and processes developed to support the current Act is unknown. Council felt it highly prudent to include a budget for the cost of the potential change.

- The goals and outcomes of this project will depend on the outcome of the review.

Project and profession expenses

Overall budgeted project and profession expenses (excluding strategic projects) have increased by \$207.9k from the 2024/25 budget.

The proposed budget sees an increase in IT costs from the 2024/25 budget. In 2023/24 we saw actual IT costs exceeding budget. These ongoing increases are primarily due to one off discrete pieces of structural work to strengthen the integrity of core systems as well enhancing our document sharing technologies. These tools will be used to simplify and enhance our internal capability.

New Zealand and international liaison costs are budgeted at \$152.1k, an increase from previous budget. This is our activity around regulatory engagements and reciprocity with overseas authorities. The need to expand registration pathways and attract more registrants is a key activity for the Council.

Accreditation expenditure is reduced as we have not budgeted for any external accreditation activities with third party education providers. Accreditation reviews are a cost recovery activity with an income offset, meaning they are budget neutral. With most accreditation programmes in a 5-year cycle, we have limited accreditation due in 2025/26.

We continue to focus efforts on our standards framework. Whilst one of our core strategic initiatives relates to the standards for cultural safety, this work will also have an impact upon our core standards.

The competence assessments and reviews proposed budget has increased from \$612.7k to \$738.9k. This principally reflects an increase in the case volume the Council is experiencing. There is also an uplift for inflation.

The proposed budget for registration is \$438.2k which includes reallocation of end-to-end process costs incurred to ensure the process is based on cost recovery and registered practitioners are not cross subsidising registration applicants.

Discipline expenses

Disciplinary expenses are proposed to be budgeted at \$396.4k. The majority of this is for the dentist profession. The discipline levy under the Act (section 131) funds both Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) and Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal (HPDT) costs with Council policy allocating these funds to profession specific disciplinary reserves.

Whilst we have a large volume of disciplinary cases, to reduce the impact on the current fee, if needed we will draw down on reserves in the first instance. This may mean that we need to fund these reserves in future years, via the disciplinary levies, to get them back to minimum levels.

The proposed budget does not include any disciplinary activity for technicians and oral health therapists. It is expected that the 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 can be raised for those professions if necessary.

Capital expenditure

Minimal capital expenditure has been proposed across the year. Council anticipate only the replacement of end of life equipment, particularly laptops and additional office furniture.

Historically the capital replacement reserve (CRR) element of the APC fee was to allow for prefunding of large capital expenditure. With no major capital expenditure planned in the short term, the proposed 2025/26 budget and subsequent proposed APC fee includes returning the remaining budgeted capital asset reserve (CAR) balance of \$301.8k to practitioners. As the reserve will have a NIL balance it will then be closed.

The impact this year is that the proposed 2025/26 CRR fee is set as a refund of \$62.97 per practitioner.

3. Adjustments to other fees

For the 2024/25 budget, Council reviewed fees to ensure they remained appropriate and where applicable, were set at a rate that would recover all the costs incurred. For the 2025/26 year, a full review of fees has not been undertaken and processes have remained unchanged. Instead, an uplift of 3% for cost and inflation (rounded to the nearest dollar) has been applied.

4. 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 2025/26 budget and proposals outlined in this document.

The Council will give effect to any change in fees and disciplinary levies by placing a notice in the New Zealand Gazette (www.gazette.govt.nz).

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.

The Council reserves the right to not publish any submissions considered derogatory or inflammatory.

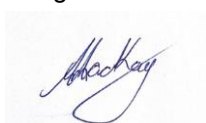
As this is a public consultation, "in confidence" information will only be accepted under special circumstances. Please contact the Council before submitting material in confidence.

Your submissions must reach us by **5pm on Thursday 17 October 2024**.

Please send your submissions to:

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Appendix 1: 2025/26 proposed budget

Table 2: Consolidated Dental Council (deficit)/surplus

| Financial performance - 1 April to 31 March | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2025/26 | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
| | Proposed Budget | Budget | Actual |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Summary | | | |
| Total Council operating income | 5,682,772 | 5,501,904 | 5,546,573 |
| Total Council disciplinary income | 323,086 | 394,719 | (267) |
| Total Council income | 6,005,858 | 5,896,623 | 5,546,306 |
| Total Council operating expenditure | (6,865,299) | (6,564,368) | (5,212,822) |
| Total Council disciplinary expenditure | (396,427) | (380,000) | (318,898) |
| Total Council expenditure | (7,261,726) | (6,944,368) | (5,531,720) |
| Total Council (deficit)/surplus | (1,255,868) | (1,047,745) | 14,586 |

Table 3: Council expenditure prior to allocation to the professions

| Expenditure - 1 April to 31 March | | 2025/26 | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|
| | Proposed Budget | Budget | Actual | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Administration expenses | | | | |
| Personnel costs | 2,045,227 | 2,121,614 | 1,657,122 | |
| Contractor costs | 192,162 | 134,143 | 464,604 | |
| Office expenses | 75,828 | 54,915 | 58,282 | |
| Publications and media monitoring | 63,750 | 32,750 | 37,196 | |
| Audit fees | 29,566 | 22,743 | 19,706 | |
| Rent and building outgoings | 210,108 | 177,346 | 182,410 | |
| Insurance | 111,380 | 91,683 | 84,825 | |
| Bank charges | 51,000 | 50,931 | 65,883 | |
| Legal and professional fees | 118,000 | 71,686 | 66,880 | |
| Amortisation and depreciation | 214,564 | 203,907 | 207,697 | |
| Total administration expenses | 3,111,585 | 2,961,717 | 2,844,605 | |
| Project and profession expenses | | | | |
| Dental Council and Committee - fees and expenses | 522,100 | 439,627 | 360,783 | |
| Information technology | 446,613 | 229,075 | 390,337 | |
| New Zealand and international liaison | 152,130 | 98,260 | 83,245 | |
| Strategic and organisational planning | - | 23,680 | 162,299 | |
| Standards framework | 171,000 | 115,450 | 107,263 | |
| Other expenses | - | 20,000 | 2,380 | |
| Education and accreditation | 91,734 | 166,953 | 299,784 | |
| Examinations | 24,712 | 42,112 | 40,390 | |
| Registration | 438,225 | 550,373 | 265,958 | |
| Recertification | 26,000 | 123,900 | 60,700 | |
| Complaints | 187,296 | 175,147 | 122,154 | |
| Fitness to practise | 10,000 | 20,000 | 9,644 | |
| Competence assessments and reviews | 738,903 | 612,674 | 339,077 | |
| Discipline - professional conduct committees | 221,427 | 185,000 | 214,767 | |
| Discipline - Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal | 175,000 | 195,000 | 228,334 | |
| Discipline - disciplinary case appeals | - | - | - | |
| Total project and profession expenses | 3,205,140 | 2,997,251 | 2,687,115 | |
| Strategic Projects | | | | |
| Cultural Safety | 165,000 | 333,900 | - | |
| Data Strategy | 490,000 | 370,600 | - | |
| Compliance Framework | 190,000 | 280,900 | - | |
| HPCA Act Review | 100,000 | - | - | |
| Total strategic projects | 945,000 | 985,400 | - | |
| Total expenditure | 7,261,726 | 6,944,368 | 5,511,659 | |

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

| Budgeted (deficit)/surplus by profession | Dentists | Oral Health Therapists | Hygienists | Technicians | Therapists | Total |
|--|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| For the year to 31 March 2026 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Income | | | | | | |
| APC Fees | 3,464,833 | 928,641 | 256,409 | 283,470 | 245,201 | 5,178,554 |
| Disciplinary Levy | 305,698 | (587) | 30,505 | (29) | (12,501) | 323,086 |
| Other income | 411,881 | 39,713 | 33,001 | 14,929 | 4,693 | 504,218 |
| Total Income | 4,182,411 | 967,767 | 319,915 | 298,371 | 237,393 | 6,005,858 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | |
| General administration (Secretariat) | 1,874,613 | 647,381 | 217,742 | 212,114 | 159,735 | 3,111,585 |
| Profession operational expenditure | 2,242,616 | 264,935 | 104,704 | 91,665 | 104,794 | 2,808,713 |
| Profession discipline expenditure | 363,927 | 0 | 20,000 | 0 | 12,500 | 396,427 |
| Project expenditure | 569,327 | 196,612 | 66,129 | 64,420 | 48,512 | 945,000 |
| Total Expenditure | 5,050,484 | 1,108,928 | 408,574 | 368,199 | 325,541 | 7,261,726 |
| Net (deficit)/surplus | (868,072) | (141,161) | (88,659) | (69,828) | (88,148) | (1,255,868) |

Table 5: Proposed 2025/26 APC fee and disciplinary levy for dentists and dental specialists

| APC fee and disciplinary levy | 2022/23 Actual | 2023/24 Actual | 2024/25 Actual | 2025/26 Proposed |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| APC Fee | 922.06 | 1,112.95 | 1,394.14 | 1,417.69 |
| Capital replacement reserve | - | - | (74.26) | (62.97) |
| Minimum reserve (refund)/top-up | (41.59) | (40.76) | (244.06) | (217.54) |
| Total APC fee | 880.47 | 1,072.19 | 1,075.82 | 1,137.18 |
| Disciplinary levy | 112.87 | 113.37 | 119.56 | 126.06 |
| Minimum reserve (refund)/top-up | (55.39) | (175.20) | 7.90 | (20.17) |
| Total disciplinary levy | 57.47 | (61.83) | 127.46 | 105.89 |
| Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (excl GST) | 937.94 | 1,010.36 | 1,203.28 | 1,243.07 |
| GST | 140.69 | 151.55 | 180.49 | 186.46 |
| Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (incl GST) | 1,078.64 | 1,161.91 | 1,383.77 | 1,429.53 |

Table 6: Proposed 2025/26 APC fee and disciplinary levy for oral health therapists

| APC fee and disciplinary levy | 2022/23 Actual | 2023/24 Actual | 2024/25 Actual | 2025/26 Proposed |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| APC Fee | 735.64 | 717.39 | 898.25 | 1,009.46 |
| Capital replacement reserve | - | - | (74.26) | (62.97) |
| Minimum reserve (refund)/top-up | (42.63) | 49.64 | 64.57 | (78.03) |
| Total APC fee | 693.02 | 767.03 | 888.56 | 868.47 |
| Disciplinary levy | 8.53 | - | - | - |
| Minimum reserve (refund)/top-up | (9.62) | (5.34) | (6.82) | (0.59) |
| Total disciplinary levy | (1.09) | (5.34) | (6.82) | (0.59) |
| Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (excl GST) | 691.93 | 761.70 | 881.74 | 867.88 |
| GST | 103.79 | 114.25 | 132.26 | 130.18 |
| Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (incl GST) | 795.72 | 875.95 | 1,014.00 | 998.06 |

Table 7: Proposed 2025/26 APC fee and disciplinary levy for dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries

| APC fee and disciplinary levy | 2022/23 Actual | 2023/24 Actual | 2024/25 Actual | 2025/26 Proposed |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| APC Fee | 789.81 | 767.77 | 946.91 | 997.39 |
| Capital replacement reserve | - | - | (74.26) | (62.97) |
| Minimum reserve (refund)/top-up | (93.13) | 26.11 | (91.17) | (232.75) |
| Total APC fee | 696.68 | 793.88 | 781.49 | 701.67 |
| Disciplinary levy | 7.18 | - | 54.74 | 59.64 |
| Minimum reserve (refund)/top-up | (26.40) | (4.93) | (3.61) | 31.33 |
| Total disciplinary levy | (19.22) | (4.93) | 51.14 | 90.97 |
| Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (excl GST) | 677.46 | 788.95 | 832.62 | 792.64 |
| GST | 101.62 | 118.34 | 124.89 | 118.90 |
| Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (incl GST) | 779.08 | 907.29 | 957.52 | 911.53 |

Table 8: Proposed 2025/26 APC fee and disciplinary levy for dental therapists

| APC fee and disciplinary levy | 2022/23 Actual | 2023/24 Actual | 2024/25 Actual | 2025/26 Proposed |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| APC Fee | 874.36 | 898.23 | 1,097.88 | 1,190.47 |
| Capital replacement reserve | - | - | (74.26) | (62.97) |
| Minimum reserve (refund)/top-up | 26.72 | 164.93 | (175.90) | (193.72) |
| Total APC fee | 901.08 | 1,063.17 | 847.72 | 933.78 |
| Disciplinary levy | 36.91 | - | 95.79 | 50.81 |
| Minimum reserve (refund)/top-up | (24.59) | (84.85) | 2.70 | (101.63) |
| Total disciplinary levy | 12.32 | (84.85) | 98.49 | (50.82) |
| Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (excl GST) | 913.40 | 978.32 | 946.20 | 882.96 |
| GST | 137.01 | 146.75 | 141.93 | 132.44 |
| Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (incl GST) | 1,050.41 | 1,125.07 | 1,088.13 | 1,015.41 |

Table 9: Proposed 2025/26 APC fee and disciplinary levy for dental technicians and clinical dental technicians

| APC fee and disciplinary levy | 2022/23 Actual | 2023/24 Actual | 2024/25 Actual | 2025/26 Proposed |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| APC Fee | 789.23 | 789.32 | 920.76 | 1,018.47 |
| Capital replacement reserve | - | - | (74.26) | (62.97) |
| Minimum reserve (refund)/top-up | (89.65) | (24.33) | (28.60) | (150.70) |
| Total APC fee | 699.58 | 764.99 | 817.90 | 804.80 |
| Disciplinary levy | 19.64 | - | - | - |
| Minimum reserve (refund)/top-up | (36.29) | (22.81) | (1.27) | (0.09) |
| Total disciplinary levy | (16.64) | (22.81) | (1.27) | (0.09) |
| Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (excl GST) | 682.94 | 742.18 | 816.63 | 804.71 |
| GST | 102.44 | 111.33 | 122.49 | 120.71 |
| Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (incl GST) | 785.38 | 853.51 | 939.13 | 925.41 |

Appendix 2: Other 2025/26 proposed fees (excluding GST)

| Fee | Current fee | Proposed fee |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Registration and Retention Fees | | |
| Application fee to transfer from non-practising to practising status, where application is subject to Council's recency of practice policy | 363.06 | 374.00 |
| Application for registration fee (New Zealand and Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition applicants) | 605.06 | 623.00 |
| Application for registration for overseas applicant with prescribed qualifications and experience | 1,512.69 | 1,558.00 |
| Application for registration for applicant with 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 | 7,117.55 | 7,331.00 |
| Application for registration for applicant with non-prescribed specialist qualifications and experience to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act for dental specialists | 8,348.46 | 8,599.00 |
| Resubmission of application for assessment of non-prescribed qualifications and experience to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act | 3,553.99 | 3,661.00 |
| Withdrawal of registration for applicant with 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 | 1,423.51 | 1,466.00 |
| Withdrawal of registration for applicant with non-prescribed specialist qualifications and experience to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act for dental specialists | 1,669.69 | 1,720.00 |
| Application for removal of an exclusion(s) on the scope of practice after completion of a Dental Council approved course | 332.76 | 343.00 |
| Application for removal of an exclusion(s) on the scope of practice after completion of a course not approved by the Dental Council | 605.06 | 623.00 |
| Application for registration with a prescribed qualification in an additional scope of practice | 332.76 | 343.00 |
| Application for registration with a non-prescribed qualification in an additional scope of practice | 935.47 | 964.00 |
| Application for variation on the scope of practice | - | 343.00 |
| Application to undertake supervised activities for orthodontic auxiliaries while undertaking an approved training course. | 121.00 | 125.00 |
| Retention on the Register fee | 200.39 | 206.00 |
| Application for restoration to the Register | 605.06 | 623.00 |
| Examination Fees | | |
| NZDHREX - written examination | 6,120.00 | 6,304.00 |
| NZDHREX - clinical examination | 7,956.00 | 8,195.00 |
| NZDTREX - written examination | 6,120.00 | 6,304.00 |
| NZDTREX - clinical examination | 7,956.00 | 8,195.00 |
| NZOHTREX - written examination | 6,120.00 | 6,304.00 |
| NZOHTREX - clinical examination | 7,956.00 | 8,195.00 |
| NZDTechREX - written examination | 7,956.00 | 8,195.00 |
| NZDTechREX – technical examination | | |
| New Zealand Dental Specialist Registration Examination | 23,751.21 | 24,464.00 |
| Programme fees ^{1,2,3} | | |
| Supervision ^{1,2,3} (12-month programme) | Cost recovery | Cost recovery |

| Fee | Current fee | Proposed fee |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Oversight ^{1,2,3} (12-month programme) | 5,056.40 | 5,208.00 |
| Competence/Recertification Programme: ^{1,2,3} | Cost recovery | Cost recovery |
| Distance learning - per module | 3,916.48 | 4,034.00 |
| Clinical training - per practice area of training | 6,702.66 | 6,904.00 |
| Health programme fees ^{1,2,3} | | |
| Drug and alcohol screening programme, set up and administration ^{1,2,3} | | |
| Set-up and administration for the first 12 months | 1,107.50 | 1,141.00 |
| Administration fee for each 12-month period thereafter | 553.74 | 570.00 |
| Third party testing - fee per test | 159.07 | 164.00 |
| ¹ Fee will be adjusted for any specific requirements of the individual programme and 3rd party costings at the time the programme is established. | | |
| ² 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. | | |
| ³ The practitioner will be charged for secretariat administrative overheads at \$95.00 an hour. | | |
| 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 | 2,302.14 | 2,371.00 |
| 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 | 4,988.05 | 5,138.00 |
| 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 | 4,476.10 | 4,610.00 |
| 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. | 7,837.46 | 8,073.00 |
| Other fees | | |
| Administration fee | 91.78 | 95.00 |
| Application for additional registration advice | 605.06 | 623.00 |
| Secretariat overhead administration fee | 91.78 | 95.00 |
| Supply of certificate of good standing | 121.00 | 125.00 |
| Supply of replacement registration certificate or any other certificate | 121.00 | 125.00 |
| Supply of electronic copy of Register | 265.11 | 273.00 |