

Dental Council's 2027/28 fees and levies consultation

Proposal for:

- Annual practising certificate fees for oral health practitioners
- Disciplinary levies for oral health practitioners
- **Other fees** (registration, examination, competence, accreditation, and other miscellaneous fees)

Consultation issued:

Wednesday 7 October 2026

Consultation closes:

Wednesday 18 November 2026

Summary of proposals:

The Dental Council (the Council) is consulting on:

1. The proposed 2027/28:
 - a. annual practising certificate (APC) fees; and
 - b. disciplinary levies for oral health practitioners.

Summarised together as follows:

Profession	Proposed APC fee \$	Proposed disciplinary levy \$	TOTAL Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy \$	TOTAL GST inclusive \$
Dentists and dental specialists	1,323.78	388.41	1,712.19	1,969.02
Oral health therapists	1,032.74	108.81	1,141.55	1,312.78
Dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries	1,007.88	(54.88)	953.00	1,095.95
Dental technicians and clinical dental technicians	1,148.42	(7.59)	1,140.83	1,311.96
Dental therapists	983.78	347.28	1,331.06	1,530.72

2. Activities previously stated as based on 'cost recovery' will now be stated as fixed or variable fees.
3. All other fees (registration, examination, competence, accreditation, and other miscellaneous fees) with a proposed cost and inflation adjustment of 3.0%.

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

The proposed dentists and dental specialist APC fee and disciplinary levy applies from 1 October 2027. All other fees and levies proposed apply from 1 April 2027.

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

Have your say – submissions on this consultation

How to make a submission

The Council want to hear your thoughts and invite all practitioners and other parties with an interest in this proposal to give feedback. We welcome and value all submissions, but please note, multiple, identical submissions do not carry any more weight than a single submission.

How to submit

Please submit feedback by email to: consultations@dcnz.org.nz.

Privacy notice

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

The Council will not publish any submissions it considers 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 feedback will only be used to help decide on each of professions APC fee, disciplinary levy, and other fees for 2027/28.

Deadline

Your submissions must reach us by **5pm on Wednesday 18 November 2026**.

Next steps

The Council will carefully review all submissions received prior to making a final decision on this consultation. The Council will share the decision and a summary of the consultation responses on our website. The final fees and levies will be published in the New Zealand Gazette (www.gazette.govt.nz).

Overview

The Dental Council (the Council) prescribes annual practising certificate (APC), and other fees for oral health practitioners¹ under section 130 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the HPCA Act). The Council imposes disciplinary levies for oral health practitioners under s131 of the HPCA Act.

In setting fees and levies the Council follows the good practice guide published by [The Audit Office](#) and Government expectations for good regulatory practice guidelines as published on the [Ministry for Regulation](#) website. Wherever practicable, fees and levies are determined using an activity-based costing approach, so they reflect the cost of the services provided.

Where identifiable, direct costs are attributed to the relevant profession. Shared or overhead costs are allocated on a proportionate basis across professions. This approach minimises the risk of cross-subsidisation and helps ensure each profession meets its costs in a fair and equitable manner. As part of the fee and levy setting process all information in the budget that contributes to the calculation of fees or levies are supported by robust review.

The Council maintains reserves for each profession in accordance with its [Level of Reserves Policy](#) with reserve levels reviewed regularly and as part of the budget process. Reserves support financial sustainability and help manage volatility in disciplinary costs and other regulatory obligations.

Further details on the Council's fee and levy setting, as well as the underlying budget process which supports this, and how we allocate costs to professions using a shared cost model, can be found in the [budget and fees/levy setting guidance](#).

Proposed 2027/28 APC fees and disciplinary levies

APC fees (excl. GST)

Profession	Calculated APC fee \$	Operational reserve (return)/top up \$	Net proposed APC fee \$
Dentists and dental specialists	1,468.60	(144.82)	1,323.78
Oral health therapists	997.78	34.96	1,032.74
Dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries	1,060.45	(52.58)	1,007.88
Dental technicians and clinical dental technicians	1,136.85	11.56	1,148.42
Dental therapists	1,163.72	(179.94)	983.78

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

Disciplinary levies (excl. GST)

Profession	Calculated Disciplinary levy \$	Disciplinary reserve (return)/top up \$	Net proposed Disciplinary levy \$
Dentists and dental specialists	432.61	(44.20)	388.41
Oral health therapists	221.05	(112.24)	108.81
Dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries	226.12	(281.00)	(54.88)
Dental technicians and clinical dental technicians	59.94	(67.52)	(7.59)
Dental therapists	274.84	72.44	347.28

Overall position

The proposed fees and levies are a product of the budget which for 2027/28 has a planned deficit of \$780k (Appendix 1 Table 1) to return forecast excess reserves as at 31 March 2027. A portion of these monies are unused monies from underspent 2025/26 projects. As per the Council's normal process, we return excess reserves from prior years to practitioners.

Forecast APC holders by profession used for allocating net Council expenditure

Practitioners - APC holders	Actual 2024/25	Actual 2025/26	Forecast 2026/27	Forecast 2027/28
Dentists and dental specialists	2,735	2,749	2,795	2,820
Oral health therapists	895	956	1,038	1,120
Dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries	348	358	387	384
Dental technicians and clinical dental technicians	315	321	342	346
Dental therapists	249	235	233	223
Total Practitioners	4,542	4,619	4,795	4,893

Budget income and expenditure

The total budgeted Council expenditure is \$8.78m, an increase of \$961k compared with the 2026/27 budgeted expenditure (Appendix 1 Table 2). The two key drivers of this increase are project costs and projected disciplinary costs, both detailed below.

Projects

In late 2025, the Council made the decision to pause the delivery of projects for the 2025/26 year. This was in response to seeing an unprecedented increase in disciplinary matters that required the imposition of an additional disciplinary levy. Whilst the cost of projects and the cost of disciplinary matters affect separate reserves, the pausing of projects allowed the Council to focus resources appropriately and keep net organisational spend across both operational and disciplinary activities down.

For the year ended 31 March 2026 the Council reported an audited \$129k surplus against a planned budget loss of \$1.26m. This represents underspend of \$1.39m of which \$471k was from our paused projects budget.

Alongside increased disciplinary activity, a review of the HPCA Act had been announced and until recently, any amendments from this review were uncertain. In May 2026 the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act Amendment Bill (the HPCA Bill) was released and has provided a level of clarity on the proposed amendments to the Act. As a result of the clarity provided the Council have then restarted several projects paused in the 2025/26 financial year.

Workforce

Enabling the growth of the Oral Health workforce was highlighted as a priority, one which the Council had anticipated, having proposed and consulted on introducing three new registration pathways, which were approved and are scheduled to be open to eligible overseas applicants on 1 November 2026. These new registration pathways reduce barriers for suitably trained overseas practitioners wanting to practise in New Zealand.

The proposed 2027/28 budget plans for three major projects totalling \$585k, detailed below.

Review of recertification

Five years on from implementing the current annual recertification programme, the Council are in the process of reviewing the programme to give greater assurance to the Council that practitioners are competent to practice within their scope. The feedback from the practitioner perception survey which closed in July 2026 will be reviewed against feedback from the 2024 survey, allowing us to track how practitioner experiences and views have evolved over time. This will shape the review and any proposed changes to the programme will be consulted on later in the year.

Following consultation with practitioners in 2026/27, the 2027/28 budget has allowed costs for any subsequent amendments to the annual recertification programme following this review. Any changes to the programme will require registry, practitioner portal, and website changes and development. We will also look to introduce automation for compliance monitoring tools to improve the efficiency of our processes. We have budgeted \$275k for this project.

This is a strategic project.

In addition, we have two projects that are statutorily driven.

Secondary Legislation Act

The first statutorily driven project is to ensure that the Council can be compliant with the Secondary Legislation Act 2021 prior to 1 November 2027. Prior to this date the Council need to develop, consult on and publish the required statutory instruments to ensure Council compliance. The budget for this project is \$210k. This budget is to cover the external cost of republishing the current scopes of practice and prescribed qualifications, standards of clinical competence, cultural competence and ethical conduct.

This is a one-off project required by statutory change.

Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Amendment Bill

The final project is for the implementation of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Amendment Bill. This cost has been previously included in our budgets and monies collected were not spent as we awaited the proposed amendments to be announced. The Council are anticipating that the Bill will be enacted in 2027/28 and so have budgeted for anticipated costs to a value of \$100k.

Per policy the Council do not hold monies collected in previous budgets, instead returning monies to practitioners by way of a return of operational reserves for each profession in each current budget. While this project is included as an expense in the 2027/28 budget (see Tables 1 and 2), we are

returning an equivalent unspent amount from the 2025/26 budget. The net impact to practitioners is nil.

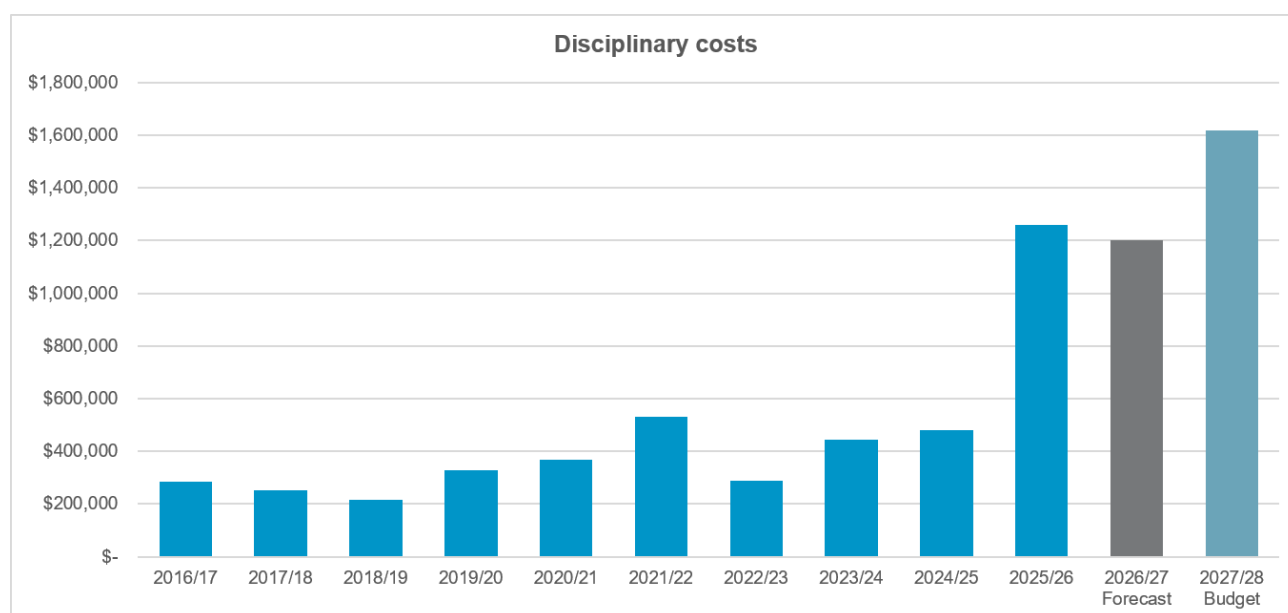
This is a one-off project required by anticipated statutory change.

Disciplinary costs

The budget for disciplinary costs is \$1.616m, an increase of \$349k on the 2026/27 budget of \$1.267m. This caters for the current known case costs expected to be incurred in 2027/28 and a projection of costs for new case activity. This increase aligns with the continued trend being seen in the volume, complexity, and cost of conduct cases. A number of the current known cases are expected to continue to bear costs into the 2028/29 financial year.

Council continue to be mindful of the effect that budgeting for these heightened costs has on practitioners. However, the Council cannot fully anticipate the disciplinary activities and costs required each year, so we must budget based on recent activities and prudent forecasting.

The disciplinary costs incurred over the last 10 years - displayed below - shows the impact that the combination of increased numbers and complexity of conduct cases has on the actual costs incurred and the forward-looking forecast and budget calculations.



Disciplinary costs are difficult to predict. The Council has no control over the number or complexity of matters that arise and must investigate and act where concerns are raised in order to protect the public and maintain professional standards. The proposed levy factors the anticipated cost of disciplinary activity while maintaining adequate disciplinary reserves.

At the time of publication of this consultation, the Council have 18 profession conduct committees (PCC's) being actively managed. Of these 4 are pending Criminal proceedings, some of which have been delayed by judicial processes, meaning Committees must be paused until the criminal case is complete. A further 4 PCC's have received one additional referral of concern, and 3 more have received two further referrals. Additional notifications mean Committee's need to pause completion of final reports to investigate each new matter. This causes delay in not only the process but any subsequent laying of charges to the HPDT. This means that whilst the amount of effort (external Committee and Council Employee management) and related costs are again both still historically high, the timing of these costs are being delayed and will be incurred in 2027/28 or 2028/29.

Delays in these cases are outside of the Council's control and are a clear example of the volatile and unpredictable nature of conduct cases.

Some of these cases had been included in the budget assumptions for 2026/27, with most of the cost expected to be incurred in that year. These delays mean that a portion of the costs for these matters will now be incurred in 2027/28. These known cases with extended timeframes have again been included in the calculation of costs to be incurred in this latest budget and make up some of the total \$1.616m disciplinary costs for 2027/28. The monies previously collected for these on-going conduct cases is being returned to practitioners by way of a credit to the minimum disciplinary reserve balance for the applicable professions (see tables 4 – 8).

Increasing disciplinary reserves in 2026/27

The increased disciplinary levy imposed in 2026/27 allowed for an increase in the minimum disciplinary reserve balances held to ensure the Council could retain financial resilience. For the 2027/28 budget the same level of reserves will be held for each profession, meaning the current proposed levy does not require additional funding to be collected for increasing minimum reserve balances, as was the case last year.

This means that for all professions, the total levy payable for 2027/28 will be less than the prior year levy.

We will continue to monitor the levels of reserves as part of each annual budget process.

Budgeted Minimum Disciplinary Reserves - 31 March 2028		2027/28
		\$
Dentists and dental specialists		900,000
Oral health therapists		100,000
Dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries		100,000
Dental technicians and clinical dental technicians		50,000
Dental therapists		100,000
Total Disciplinary Reserves		1,250,000

The dentistry, oral health therapy and dental therapy professions continue to have active conduct cases as reflected in the total disciplinary levy to pay.

With no active cases currently and costs for recent conduct matters being less than anticipated, a disciplinary levy refund is proposed for dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries. There were two known cases expected to have significant costs in 2026/27 for the hygiene profession. One case unexpectedly did not progress and while the other case went before the Health Practitioner Disciplinary Tribunal (HPDT). The lack of engagement by the practitioner meant the tribunal moved to a one-day online hearing. This significantly reduced the costs of this case.

An overall disciplinary levy refund is proposed for dental technicians and clinical dental technicians. There is a small disciplinary cost required for 2027/28 to cover the profession's share of the HPDT administrative costs and a minimum budget included for the commencement of a conduct case within the 2027/28 year. Any significant activity or costs may need to draw down on the profession's disciplinary reserve. The disciplinary reserve return proposed for 2027/28 is driven by the return of funds collected in 2026/27 to cover a potential notification that was subsequently closed.

Profession expenses

The total budget for profession expenses of \$3.29m covers the costs of the Council's key functions and the support for those functions. Where appropriate expenses have been subject to an inflationary adjustment of 3%.

The education and accreditation budget of \$232k allows for the planned review of several programmes with accredited terms due to expire. These accreditation reviews are a cost recovery activity with income offsetting expense.

The registration budget of \$661k includes reallocation of end-to-end process costs ensuring this process works on a cost recovery basis, and registered practitioners are not cross subsidising

registration applicants. Included in this budget is an allowance to operationalise and resource the expanded recognition of prescribed qualifications across the three new pathways.

The budget for complaints is \$274k. Again, we have reflected the 2025/26 actual activity as the basis of this budget line. This reflects that internal process enhancements mean complaints are being better triaged and internally managed.

Ongoing activity in competence assessments is budgeted to be lower than 2026/27 with a budget of \$668k. This reflects a budgeting of this activity to 2025/26 actual levels.

The information technology (IT) budget of \$421k is an increase of \$46k on the prior year budget. IT continues to be a material, and growing, cost. The budget represents maintaining the significant resources that have been made in the Council core infrastructure, external website, and core practitioner management systems. IT risk mitigation as well as enablement of new technologies remain key focuses, especially as we continue to be mindful of Artificial Intelligence as both a threat and an opportunity to oral health in general.

Other themes

As requested by various associations for each of our statutory processes each profession will utilise professional advisors that relate to that profession. In addition, with the review of competencies for the scopes of practice, the budget allows for working groups to include representation from both relevant associations and educational providers.

Activities previously stated as 'cost recovery'

The Regulations Review Committee (RRC) is an independent committee of Parliament, responsible for reviewing and ensuring the consistency of regulations. The RRC have reviewed the fees published in the New Zealand Gazette across health responsible authorities (RA). The focus of the RRC review was on the use of 'cost recovery' or 'at cost' as the basis for fees rather than publishing a set fee or hourly rate.

Following this review and engagement with the RRC, the Council and other RA's have been advised that all activities previously stated as 'cost recovery' will now be required to publish a set fee or rate.

Currently the Council have the following stated as 'cost recovery':

- Competence/recertification programme
- Supervision
- Drug and alcohol screening programme
- Accreditation of programmes
- Accreditation monitoring of programmes

For all budgeting, the Council calculate fees and allocate expenditure on the basis of user pays. This means that the costs for the remedial action should fall, in their entirety, on the individual concerned and not to the profession as a whole.

The Council has no reason to believe there is any increased support for shifting these activities from a user pays approach to a policy where the costs incurred are funded by all practitioners within the profession of the individual practitioner or programme. As the Council are not proposing to move away from the current approach, these fees need to be defined where previously they were stated as 'cost recovery'.

While the Council needs to consult on the proposed fees, there is no material change to the budget or cost to the individual practitioners or programmes who are currently incurring the costs. The new stated fees will be based on the same rates used in the underlying budget assumptions and match what is being on-charged to recover costs currently.

The Council intends to prescribe both a fixed administrative fee and a variable fee (a published hourly or per session rate) for each of the activities listed above, with the variable fee portion allowing for the

high degree of variability seen in these activities, enabling the Council to continue adopting the user pays model.

This two-tier fee structure is in line with The Audit Office's [good practice guide for setting fees](#) (section 3.91-3.94) and the Treasury's [Guidelines for setting charges in the public sector](#) (part 5.4). Both guides the use of fixed or variable charges when setting fees and discuss using a combination of a fixed fee and hourly rates, to allow for variability and to ensure the person or organisation benefiting from the activity bears the cost (part 5.1, Treasury).

To ensure full cost recovery for those programmes which require additional Council time (refinements, resources or consideration) above the level allowed for in the fixed administrative fee, several additional variable fees will now be published.

The proposed fees will replace the 'cost recovery' lines currently published and are detailed in Appendix 2.

These fees will be gazetted after consultation and approval and will take effect for the remainder of the 2026/27 year once published. These fees will remain unchanged for the 2027/28 financial year.

Adjustments to other fees

For the 2027/28 budget the Council has applied an inflation uplift of 3% (rounded to the nearest dollar) to other fees.

Remember:

Submissions close on **Wednesday 18 November 2026 at 5pm.**

Please note that all submissions received, including the name of the submitter, will be published on our website and will remain publicly available. If you are a registered oral health practitioner, the published submission will include your name and your profession. All other personal details will be removed before publication.

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Chief Executive

Appendix 1: 2027/28 draft budget

Table 1: Funding for consolidated surplus/(deficit)

(Deficit)/surplus - 1 April to 31 March	2027/28	2026/27	2025/26
	Proposed Budget	Budget	Actual
Summary	\$	\$	\$
Total Council operating income	6,734,228	5,747,008	5,928,776
Total Council disciplinary income	1,262,383	1,708,723	1,538,396
Total Council income	7,996,611	7,455,732	7,467,172
Total Council operating expenditure	(7,160,512)	(6,548,875)	(6,078,000)
Total Council disciplinary expenditure	(1,616,416)	(1,267,221)	(1,259,668)
Total Council expenditure	(8,776,928)	(7,816,097)	(7,337,668)
Funded: (from opening excess Reserves) or to opening Reserves shortfall	(780,317)	(360,365)	129,504

Table 2: Council expenditure prior to allocation to the professions

Expenditure - 1 April to 31 March	2027/28	2026/27	2025/26
	Proposed budget	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	\$
Administration expenses			
Administrative salaries and staff welfare	2,417,672	2,383,035	2,231,365
Audit	36,000	23,916	32,399
Rent and building	214,111	226,173	201,859
Insurance	97,659	107,169	94,499
Bank fees	67,710	65,280	78,156
Legal and professional	112,580	150,000	70,479
Amortisation and depreciation	235,600	222,294	214,902
Office and other	100,230	100,470	107,389
Total administration expenses	3,281,561	3,278,336	3,031,048
Profession expenses and allocations			
Dental Council and Committee fees, expenses, and travel	526,385	466,996	456,701
Standards framework	225,653	177,935	101,014
Education and accreditation	232,488	182,249	155,797
Registration	661,271	551,965	575,092
Recertification	105,000	55,800	39,042
Complaints	273,782	314,970	143,145
Fitness to practise	22,000	22,000	8,232
Competence assessments and reviews	668,459	738,994	584,689
Information technology	421,240	375,440	422,501
Other	157,673	159,190	86,507
Total profession expenses and allocations	3,293,951	3,045,539	2,572,720
Disciplinary expenses and allocations			
Total disciplinary expenses and allocations	1,616,416	1,267,221	1,259,666
Project expenses			
Strategic project expenses	275,000	125,000	474,232
Other project expenses	310,000	100,000	-
Total project expenses	585,000	225,000	474,232
Total expenditure	8,776,928	7,816,097	7,337,666

Table 3: Budgeted (deficit)/surplus by profession

For the year to 31 March 2028	Dentists	Oral health therapists	Hygienists	Technicians	Therapists	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income						
APC fees	3,733,046	1,087,818	374,258	383,571	213,479	5,792,172
Disciplinary levy	1,095,323	114,611	(20,378)	(2,534)	75,360	1,262,383
Other income	656,460	182,232	49,313	27,006	27,045	942,055
Total income	5,484,829	1,384,661	403,193	408,043	315,885	7,996,611
Expenditure						
General administration	1,929,659	720,771	254,095	228,548	148,488	3,281,561
Profession operational expenditure	2,517,733	420,090	139,963	122,049	94,115	3,293,951
Profession discipline expenditure	1,219,954	232,835	83,967	20,020	59,640	1,616,416
Project expenditure	350,512	92,366	49,037	56,117	36,968	585,000
Total expenditure	6,017,858	1,466,062	527,062	426,734	339,212	8,776,928
Funded from opening excess Reserves	(533,029)	(81,401)	(123,869)	(18,691)	(23,327)	(780,317)

Table 4: Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy for dentists and dental specialists

APC fee and disciplinary levy	2025/26 Actual \$	2026/27 Actual \$	2027/28 Proposed \$
APC fee	1,417.69	1,368.04	1,468.60
Capital replacement reserve refund	(62.97)	-	-
Operational reserve top up/(return)	(217.54)	(224.02)	(144.82)
Total APC fee	1,137.18	1,144.02	1,323.78
Disciplinary levy	461.06	350.38	432.61
Disciplinary reserve top up/(return)	(20.17)	71.96	(44.20)
Total disciplinary levy	440.89	422.33	388.41
Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (excl GST)	1,578.07	1,566.36	1,712.19
GST	236.71	234.95	256.83
Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (incl GST)	1,814.78	1,801.31	1,969.02

Note : 2025/26 comparative includes additional disciplinary levy

Table 5: Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy for oral health therapists

APC fee and disciplinary levy	2025/26 Actual \$	2026/27 Actual \$	2027/28 Proposed \$
APC fee	1,009.46	932.54	997.78
Capital replacement reserve refund	(62.97)	-	-
Operational reserve top up/(return)	(78.03)	(74.70)	34.96
Total APC fee	868.47	857.85	1,032.74
Disciplinary levy	150.00	165.86	221.05
Disciplinary reserve top up/(return)	(0.59)	64.17	(112.24)
Total disciplinary levy	149.41	230.04	108.81
Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (excl GST)	1,017.88	1,087.88	1,141.55
GST	152.68	163.18	171.23
Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (incl GST)	1,170.56	1,251.07	1,312.78

Note: 2025/26 comparative includes additional disciplinary levy

Table 6: Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy for dental hygienists and orthodontic auxiliaries

APC fee and disciplinary levy	2025/26 Actual \$	2026/27 Actual \$	2027/28 Proposed \$
APC fee	997.39	930.02	1,060.45
Capital replacement reserve refund	(62.97)	-	-
Operational reserve top up/(return)	(232.75)	(171.56)	(52.58)
Total APC fee	701.67	758.46	1,007.88
Disciplinary levy	414.64	161.44	226.12
Disciplinary reserve top up/(return)	31.33	208.67	(281.00)
Total disciplinary levy (refund)	445.97	370.11	(54.88)
Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (excl GST)	1,147.64	1,128.57	953.00
GST	172.15	169.29	142.95
Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (incl GST)	1,319.78	1,297.85	1,095.95

Note: 2025/26 comparative includes additional disciplinary levy

Table 7: Proposed APC fee and disciplinary levy for dental technicians and clinical dental technicians

APC fee and disciplinary levy	2025/26 Actual \$	2026/27 Actual \$	2027/28 Proposed \$
APC fee	1,018.47	947.24	1,136.85
Capital replacement reserve refund	(62.97)	-	-
Operational reserve top up/(return)	(150.70)	36.65	11.56
Total APC fee	804.80	983.88	1,148.42
Disciplinary levy	-	79.09	59.94
Disciplinary reserve top up/(return)	(0.09)	86.22	(67.52)
Total disciplinary levy (refund)	(0.09)	165.31	(7.59)
Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (excl GST)	804.71	1,149.20	1,140.83
GST	120.71	172.38	171.12
Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (incl GST)	925.41	1,321.57	1,311.96

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

APC fee and disciplinary levy	2025/26 Actual \$	2026/27 Actual \$	2027/28 Proposed \$
APC fee	1,190.47	1,057.80	1,163.72
Capital replacement reserve refund	(62.97)	-	-
Operational reserve top up/(return)	(193.72)	(205.74)	(179.94)
Total APC fee	933.78	852.06	983.78
Disciplinary levy	265.81	141.65	274.84
Disciplinary reserve top up/(return)	(101.63)	304.60	72.44
Total disciplinary levy	164.18	446.25	347.28
Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (excl GST)	1,097.96	1,298.31	1,331.06
GST	164.69	194.75	199.66
Total APC fee and disciplinary levy (incl GST)	1,262.66	1,493.06	1,530.72

Note: 2025/26 comparative includes additional disciplinary levy

Appendix 2: New proposed fixed and variable fees where previously stated as 'cost recovery' (excluding GST)

Activities previously stated as 'Cost Recovery'	Proposed Fixed Fee
Fixed Administrative Fees	\$
Competence Programmes	
Set up and administration fee for the first 12 months	3,240.00
Administration fee each 12 months thereafter	1,440.00
Supervision/Oversight	
Set up and administration fee for the first 12 months	1,755.00
Administration fee each 12 months thereafter	900.00
Individual Recertification Programmes	
Set up and administration fee for the first 12 months	1,725.00
Administration fee each 12 months thereafter	735.00
Health Monitoring Programmes	
Set up and administration fee for the first 12 months	1,855.00
Administration fee each 12 months thereafter	900.00
Accreditation of Programmes	
Administrative and governance fee per new programme submitted for accreditation	5,100.00
Administrative and governance fee per programme under review	3,050.00
Monitoring of Accredited Programmes	
Annual monitoring of accredited programmes	1,250.00

Activities previously stated as 'Cost Recovery'	Proposed Variable Fees
Variable Rate Fees	\$
For all Individual Programmes	
Education/Supervision/Monitoring/Oversight/Assessment fee (per hour)	200.00
Onsite programme coordinator fee (per hour)	200.00
Individual programme development/refinement fee (per hour)	135.00
Secretariat administrative overhead fee (per hour)	100.00
Additional Council Consideration (per session)	555.00
Accreditation or Monitoring of Programmes	
Site Evaluation Team per member (per hour)	200.00
Secretariat administrative overhead fee (per hour)	100.00
Accreditation Committee monitoring of conditions (per session)	515.00
Council Consideration (per session)	555.00

Appendix 3: Other proposed fees (excluding GST)

Fees (excludes new fees replacing previously stated 'cost recovery' lines)	Current fee \$	Proposed fee \$
Registration and retention fees		
Application to transfer from non-practising to practising status where applicant is subject to recency of practice policy	383.00	394.00
Application for registration (New Zealand and Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition applicants)	639.00	658.00
Application for assessment of eligibility to be registered via Competent Authority - Qualification	1,597.00	1,645.00
Application for assessment of eligibility to be registered via Competent Authority - Registration	1,888.00	1,945.00
Application for assessment of eligibility to be registered via Comparable Health Systems	2,179.00	2,244.00
Application for assessment of eligibility to be registered via Teaching and Research	1,743.00	1,795.00
Application for registration for applicant with non-prescribed qualifications and experience to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act (dentists, hygienists, therapists, clinical dental technicians, dental technicians, orthodontic auxiliaries, oral health therapists)	7,514.00	7,739.00
Application for registration for applicant with non-prescribed specialist qualifications and experience to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act (dental specialists)	8,814.00	9,078.00
Resubmission of application for assessment of non-prescribed qualifications and experience to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act	3,753.00	3,866.00
Withdrawal of registration for applicant with non-prescribed qualifications and experience to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act (dentists, hygienists, therapists, clinical dental technicians, dental technicians, orthodontic auxiliaries, oral health therapists) when application has been submitted for a period longer than 90 days	1,503.00	1,548.00
Withdrawal of registration for applicant with non-prescribed specialist qualifications and experience to be registered under section 15(2) of the Act (dental specialists) when application has been submitted for a period longer than 90 days	1,763.00	1,816.00
Application for removal of an exclusion(s) on the scope of practice after completion of a Dental Council approved course/accredited programme	352.00	363.00
Application for removal of an exclusion(s) on the scope of practice after completion of a course not approved by the Dental Council	639.00	658.00
Application for registration with a prescribed qualification in an additional scope of practice	352.00	363.00
Application for registration with a non-prescribed qualification in an additional scope of practice	988.00	1,018.00
Application for variation on the scope of practice	352.00	363.00
Application to undertake supervised activities for orthodontic auxiliaries while undertaking an approved training course	128.00	132.00
Retention on the Register	211.00	217.00
Application for restoration to the Register	639.00	658.00

Fees		Current fee	Proposed fee
(excludes new fees replacing previously stated 'cost recovery' lines)	Notes	\$	\$
Examination fees			
New Zealand Dental Hygiene Registration Examination (NZDHREX) – written examination		6,462.00	6,656.00
New Zealand Dental Hygiene Registration Examination (NZDHREX) – clinical examination		8,400.00	8,652.00
New Zealand Dental Therapy Registration Examination (NZDTREX) – written examination		6,462.00	6,656.00
New Zealand Dental Therapy Registration Examination (NZDTREX) – clinical examination		8,400.00	8,652.00
New Zealand Oral Health Therapy Registration Examination (NZOHTREX) – written examination		6,462.00	6,656.00
New Zealand Oral Health Therapy Registration Examination (NZOHTREX) – clinical examination		8,400.00	8,652.00
New Zealand Dental Technology Registration Examination (NZDTechREX) – combined examination (written and technical)		8,400.00	8,652.00
New Zealand Clinical Dental Technology Registration Examination (NZCDTechREX) – combined examination (written and technical)		-	8,652.00
New Zealand Dental Specialist Registration Examination		25,076.00	25,828.00
Health programme fees			
Third party testing – administration fee per test		168.00	173.00
Education Provider Fees			
Application for “removal of exclusion” course approval by providers who do provide training as part of a primary Dental Council accredited qualification	1	2,430.00	2,503.00
Application for “removal of exclusion” course approval by providers who do not provide training as part of a primary Dental Council accredited qualification	1	5,266.00	5,424.00
Application for approval of courses to equip registered oral health practitioners for registration in an additional scope of practice, for course providers who do provide training as part of a primary Dental Council accredited qualification	1	4,725.00	4,867.00
Application for approval of courses to equip registered oral health practitioners for registration in an additional scope of practice, for course providers who do not provide training as part of a primary Dental Council accredited qualification	1	8,275.00	8,523.00
Note:			
1. Not applicable for accreditation of adult restorative programmes.			
Other fees			
Administration fee		97.00	100.00
Application for additional registration advice		639.00	658.00
Secretariat administrative overhead fee - per hour		97.00	100.00
Certificate of good standing		128.00	132.00
Replacement registration or other certificate (now provided digitally via the portal)		128.00	-
Electronic copy of Register		280.00	288.00
Annual monitoring fee for teaching and research registrants with a practising intention		97.00	100.00