

Medical Board registration fee

The Medical Board of Australia has set the registration fee for the medical profession at \$650 with the rationale that resources were needed:

- for a smooth transition to a national scheme;
- to promote consistency of processes between states and territories;
- to meet prudential requirements imposed by the National Law, including the costs of processing an expected increase in complaints against doctors when new mandatory reporting laws start on 1 July.

All of these issues have created immediate additional, and ongoing transitional costs for the Board to administer the new scheme and to handle the additional functions, such as the new mandatory reporting arrangements. These should all be met by a further subsidy from governments.

The fee is nearly 85% more than the current weighted national average fee and represents fee increases over and above state fees as at May 2009 as follows:

State	Registration fee	increase
ACT	\$325	100%
NT	\$150	333
NSW	\$270	Dependent upon NSW govt subsidy
QLD	\$430	51
Vic	\$415	56
SA	\$410	58
WA	385	69
Tas	\$400	62%

Fees as at May 2009