

Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians (Fees) Notice 2023

Under section 130 and section 133 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (“HPCA Act”), the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board (“Board”) gives notice of the following fees and levies (incl. GST) payable effective from 13 February 2023.

Commencement

This notice comes into effect on **13 February 2023** and sets the updated fees schedule of fees payable to the Board, including amending the APC fees payable for applications relating to the practising year commencing on 1 April 2023. All other fees remain unchanged. As of 13 February 2023, the following notices are revoked:

- Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians (Fees) Notice 2020 ([New Zealand Gazette, 29 January 2020, Notice No. 2020-gs377](#)), and
- Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians (Fees Amendment) Notice 2022 ([New Zealand Gazette, 19 May 2022, Notice No. 2022-gs1809](#)).

Schedule

Fees payable

A. Registration

Optometrist or dispensing optician graduates registering with the Board for the first time

Application for a New Zealand or Australian trained graduate, registering for the first time within 12 months after graduating, and who has never registered in any other country or jurisdiction.	\$265.00
Application for a New Zealand or Australian trained graduate registering for the first time, more than 12 months after graduating.	\$379.00

Applicants registering in the Provisional optometrist scope of practice

Application for registration in the Provisional optometrist scope of practice (<i>For new graduates with a prescribed qualification from an accredited and recognised New Zealand or Australian education and training provider, applying for registration within 12 months after graduating.</i>)	\$265.00
Application for registration in the Provisional optometrist scope of practice. (<i>For graduates with a prescribed qualification from a New Zealand or Australian training institution, applying for registration for the first time more than 12 months after graduating.</i>)	\$379.00

Australian registered optometrists and equivalent qualifications

Application for registration from Australian registered optometrists pursuant to the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act of 1997 (TTMRA).	\$379.00
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The assessment of qualifications for equivalence to the prescribed qualifications for dispensing opticians

Application for the assessment of an international dispensing opticians’ qualification under section 15(2) of the HPCA Act.	\$960.00
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Other registration related fees

Certificate of registration	\$30.00
Restoration of name to Register	\$30.00
Certificate of good standing	\$30.00
Copy of Register	\$30.00

Application for a change in scope of practice or an additional scope of practice

Application for change in scope of practice or an additional scope of practice, where the application is received by the Board within 12 months of the date the relevant qualification was conferred.	\$153.00
Application for change in scope of practice or an additional scope of practice, where the application is received by the Board more than 12 months after the date the relevant qualification was conferred.	\$368.00

B. Annual Practising Certificate (APC), Including Disciplinary Levy

Practising certificates for optometrists registered in all Optometrist scopes

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Application for an annual practising certificate (APC) for an optometrist registered in any Optometrist scope of practice, where the application is received between 1 April and 30 September, including a disciplinary levy of \$20.00. \$919.00

Application for an annual practising certificate (APC) for an optometrist registered in any optometrist scope of practice, where the application is received after 30 September, including a disciplinary levy of \$13.00. \$663.00

Practising certificates for dispensing opticians

Application for an annual practising certificate (APC) for a dispensing optician, where the application is received between 1 April and 30 September, including a disciplinary levy of \$37.00. \$897.00

Application for an annual practising certificate (APC) for a dispensing optician, where the application is received after 30 September, including a disciplinary levy of \$25.00. \$649.00

C. Maintaining Registration For Non-Practising Practitioners

Application for maintaining registration (*For non-practising practitioners who will receive communication from the Board.*) \$100.00

Application for maintaining registration with recertification requirements (*For non-practising practitioners who wish to continue to meet certain recertification requirements, such as the recording of continuing professional development (CPD) credits, including ethical and cultural CPD credits. They are however exempt from meeting the Board's recertification programme requirements. They will also receive communication from the Board.*) \$306.00

D. Monitoring Required for Registration or Competence Related Matters

Registration related supervision or mentoring session required by the Board (hourly fee). (*A session is usually between 1 to 3 hours long. If a supervision report is required, an additional hour will be charged.*) \$115.00

Competence or conduct related supervision or mentoring session required by the Board (hourly rate). (*A session is usually between 1 to 3 hours long. If a supervision report is required, an additional hour will be charged.*) \$115.00

E. Recertification

Assessment of documents / portfolio (*Assessment of a portfolio of a practitioner seeking recognition of prior learning (RPL), or assessment of credit accumulation and transfer (CAT) for formal recognition for any part of the Board's recertification programme.*) \$204.00

Dated at Wellington this 23rd day of December 2022.

ELMARIE STANDER, Registrar, Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board | Te Poari o ngā Kaimātai Whatu me ngā Kaiwahakarato Mōhiti.