

Outcome of Consultation: Changes to “Other Fees” for 2026/27

Overview

The New Zealand Psychologists Board consulted on proposed changes to a range of fees other than Annual Practising Certificate (APC) fees for the 2026/27 practising year.

The Consultation ran from 24 October to 5 December 2025 and sought feedback on the Board’s proposal to move all non-APC fees to 100% cost recovery, in line with the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003.

What we heard

The Board received five written submissions from practitioners and stakeholders.

Overall, feedback was strongly supportive of the proposal and the rationale for full cost recovery.

Key themes from submissions

Strong support for full cost recovery

Submitters broadly agreed that the Board should recover the full cost of regulatory functions provided, rather than relying on reserves or cross-subsidisation between practitioners.

Key themes included:

- **Support for financial sustainability** – respondents agreed the Board should recover the full cost of services rather than relying on reserves or cross-subsidisation
- **Fairness and transparency** – submitters welcomed clearer alignment between fees and actual service costs
- **Limited personal impact** – several respondents indicated little or no direct impact
- **Clarification sought** – confirmation that APC fees were not part of this consultation
- **Efficiency suggestions** – comments about accreditation review costs and possible future process improvements
- **Equity considerations** – a suggestion to consider lower fees for first-time New Zealand graduates in future reviews

Board decision

The Board carefully considered all submissions and has:

- Approved the final 2026/27 “Other Fees” schedule as consulted, with no substantive changes.
- Confirmed that APC fees and levies were not part of this consultation
- Noted suggestions for future efficiency and equity considerations for later review.

No submissions opposed the proposal.

Next steps

- The new fees will be published in the New Zealand Gazette.
- Fees will take effect 28 working days after gazettal
- Practitioner communications and website updates

The Board thanks all those who took the time to provide feedback.