

Chinese Medicine Council (Fees) Notice 2026

Pursuant to sections 130–133 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (“HPCA Act”), the following notice is given.

Notice

1. Title and commencement

(1) This notice may be cited as the Chinese Medicine Council (Fees) Notice 2026 and shall come into force on 16 January 2026.

(2) This notice has the status of a disallowable instrument for the purposes of the Legislation Act 2019.

(3) This notice replaces the Chinese Medicine Council (Fees) Notice 2025 published in the [New Zealand Gazette, 12 December 2024, Notice No. 2024-s16321](#).

2. Fees

The Chinese Medicine Council sets the following fees specified in the attached Schedule.

All fees charged by the Council are non-refundable and are payable in \$NZD.

3. Tax

All fees specified in the Schedule are inclusive of goods and services tax (GST) of 15%.

Schedule

Fees and Levies Payable

Registration	\$
Initial registration fee (NZ-qualified, excl. new graduates)	300
Initial registration fee (NZ-qualified, new graduates)	200
Initial registration fee (TTMRA pathway)	300
Registration, application, and processing fee for overseas-qualified applicants (Express pathway)	750
Registration, application, and processing fee for overseas-qualified applicants (General pathway)	1,500
Registration, application, and processing fee for visiting teacher/educator	550
Registration, application, and processing fee for an additional general scope of practice or a change to a current general scope of practice ¹	115
Registration, application, and processing fee for each Specialist scope of practice or change to a Specialist scope of practice	300
Annual Practising Certificate (APC) Fees	
Application for an APC valid between 1 October 2025 and 31 March 2026 incl. a disciplinary levy of \$50	583.50
Application for an APC valid between 1 April 2026 and 30 September 2026 incl. a disciplinary levy of \$108	772.00
Application for an APC valid between 1 October 2026 and 31 March 2027 incl. a disciplinary levy of \$72	515.00
Annual practising certificate late fee (for applications to renew an APC received after 31 March)	100.00
Supply of Documents	
Application for Certificate of Registration/re-issue of Certificate of Registration	50.00
Application for Letter of Good Standing	100.00
Application for a Certificate of Good Standing	50.00
Application for Copy of the Register	50.00
Application for copies of documents held on file	100.00
Any Other Matter	
Non-practising/register maintenance fee	100.00
Application for Restoration to the Register	100.00
Accreditation and monitoring of educational institutions and degrees, courses of studies, or programmes that are prescribed for scopes of practice ²	Cost recovery

Explanatory Note

On 14 October 2025, the Council consulted publicly on APC fees proposed for 2026/27 with practitioners, practitioner representative bodies, members of the public, and other relevant stakeholders.

Eight submissions were received by the consultation deadline of 25 November 2025, from seven individual practitioners and one practitioner representative body. Feedback from submitters was mainly positive: most indicating

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the proposed reduced fees were reasonable and appreciated, while a minority indicated that the proposed fees should be further reduced and align with the fees paid by other professions who earn similar incomes to Chinese medicine practitioners.

The Council considered submissions and passed a formal motion to approve the APC fees as proposed in the consultation document. A full summary of the feedback received, Council's response to it, and the decision reached is available on the Council's website.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of December 2025.

LINDSEY PINE, Registrar, Chinese Medicine Council.

Endnotes

- [1.](#) Registration fee for an additional general scope of practice or a change to a current general scope of practice: this fee applies to current registrants who are applying to add or make changes to their approved general scopes of practice after the point of initial registration approval.
- [2.](#) Accreditation and monitoring of educational institutions and degrees, courses of studies, or programmes that are prescribed for scopes of practice: The direct professional fees, travel, accommodation, and other costs for site evaluation team members together with Council administration expenses for virtual meetings, printing, and postage etc., will be charged to the educational institution being accredited/monitored, based on actual costs incurred. The Council's secretariat administrative overheads incurred throughout the accreditation and/or monitoring process will also be charged to the educational institution. An invoice will be generated part-way through the accreditation review process, and then a final invoice for the balance payable will be generated at the end of the accreditation review process, regardless of the outcome of the accreditation. An indicative cost for an accreditation review will be provided to the educational institution in advance of any review taking place. For annual monitoring, or if monitoring spans more than one financial year, an annual invoice will be generated.