

DECISION DOCUMENT

CHANGES TO THE SPECIALIST SCOPE OF PRACTICE: PHYSIOTHERAPY SPECIALIST

BACKGROUND

At the 11 & 12 July 2019 Board Meeting, the Board approved the assessment process for the Specialist Scope of Practice: Physiotherapy Specialist to be changed to a two-staged assessment process (portfolio and panel):

- Stage 1: Portfolio Assessment (two assessors); and
- Stage 2: Panel Review (three assessors) using electronic meeting, for example Zoom or another appropriate avenue, and no face to face meetings held.

Based on the changes, the Board's Accountant conducted a cost recovery calculation for the Specialist Scope of Practice application under the amended process.

At the Board Meeting of 15 & 16 August 2019, the Board approved the release of a consultation on the following proposed changes to the fees:

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| Current Fees (including GST): | |
| Portfolio Assessment | \$1,928.10 |
| Panel Review | \$3,413.00 |
| Proposed Fees (including GST): | |
| Portfolio Assessment | \$1,430.00 |
| Panel Review | \$1,700.00 |

The proposed fee is a reduction of **\$2,211.10 (including GST) overall:**

- \$498.10 for the Portfolio Assessment; and
- \$1,713.00 for the Panel Review.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES

The consultation was open from 25 August to 6 October 2019 and **357** responses were received to the following questions:

Do you agree with the proposed Portfolio Assessment fee?

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| Yes | 283 (79.3%) |
| No | 74 (20.7%) |

Do you agree with the proposed Panel Review fee?

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| Yes | 283 (79.3%) |
| No | 74 (20.7%) |

The majority of comments made by those who answered “No” were that the cost was still too high.

Other comments to the questions included:

- Queries about the value of the scope
- Queries about the application or assessment process
- Queries about the breakdown of the fee
- There should be three assessors
- Clinical examination should be reinstated
- It is appropriate to conduct the Panel Review by videoconference.

The majority of respondents were New Zealand registered with a current Annual Practising Certificate.

DECISION

Based on the feedback from the consultation, the Board approved the proposed fees of:

- a. Portfolio Assessment \$1,430.00
- b. Panel Review \$1,700.00.

The Board thanks those who took the time to submit their responses and comments; it was very much appreciated.