Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu
Midwifery Council

Tēnā koutou,

In November 2023, Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu | Midwifery Council sought feedback from the profession and stakeholder groups on a proposal to increase both the Disciplinary Levy and Annual Practising Certificate (APC) fee from 1st April 2024.

The Council would like to thank those kahu pōkai | midwives who took time to provide feedback on the Council's proposal - we received a total of 420 responses and one organisational submission.

While the Council has heard the concerns from the sector, it has no option but to sustainably resource its regulatory functions under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. These functions are crucial in maintaining the public's confidence in the midwifery sector and ensuring that all kahu pōkai | midwives are competent and fit to practice.

While all costs are carefully managed by Council, we are not able to cut back our core statutory functions, nor are we able to control the volume of work in relation to complaints and notifications made to Council.

The Council has decided to implement its proposal to increase the APC fee and Disciplinary Levy for the next practising year. This decision is not one we take lightly, and we acknowledge the impact it may have, particularly for kahu pōkai | midwives who are unable to claim an employer reimbursement.

For the 2024/2025 practising year, the Council will increase its APC fee to $730 and increase its Disciplinary Levy to $60.

In line with the responses we received from kahu pōkai | midwives, we are committed to exploring the feasibility of moving the APC renewal date to 1 July each year; and to exploring other payment options. We will provide further details as and when they come available.

Please note that applications for Annual Practicing Certificates will open on 19th of February 2024.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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