

2015

REVIEW OF FEES AND LEVY

[PROPOSED FEES AND LEVY]



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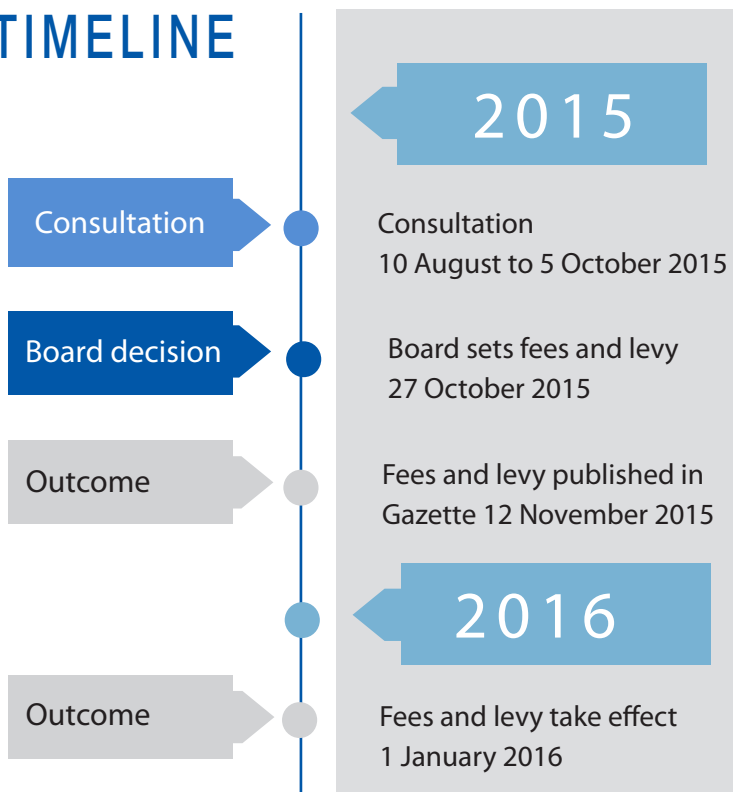
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REVIEW OF FEES AND LEVY

INTRODUCTION

TIMELINE



Every three years the Plumbers Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board (Board) reviews its fees. The Board is undertaking a review this year that will result in fees being introduced in time for the licence year that starts on 1 April 2016.

Earlier this year the Board held an initial consultation to hear your ideas. The Board has considered that feedback and has developed a detailed proposal.

This the Board will make a final decision on the fees at its Board meeting on 27 October 2015.

Note: Along with this booklet, to assist you in providing feedback and submissions, background information detailing what the fees pay for and explaining how the proposed fees were calculated has been uploaded to the Boards website (see page 5).



PROPOSED FEES

The following are the Boards proposed fees and levy.

Fee or levy (including GST)	Current Cost	Proposed from 1 April 2016
Annual licence fee (includes exemptions under supervision, and provisional licences)	\$ 101	\$ 86
Registration	\$ 409	\$ 355
Disciplinary levy (per licensed person) (This levy contains two components. First, a levy for administering the complaints and discipline process and second, an offences fee for prosecutions under the Act)	\$170 Levy + \$86 Fee <u>256 Total</u>	\$166 Disciplinary levy + \$105 Offences fee <u>\$271 Total</u>
Examination entry fee	\$ 411	\$ 290
Trainee Certificate	\$ 45	\$ 71
Fee for reconsideration of an examination paper	\$ 102	\$ 102
Exemption application fee (s18,20,24 and 52 PGD Act)	\$ 300	\$ 575



THE KEY POINTS

- A reduction of \$15 annual licence fee
- A reduction of \$54 per registration
- A reduction in the disciplinary levy of \$4
- An increase in the offences fee of \$19
- A reduction in the examination fee of \$121
- An increase in the trainee certificate fee of \$26
- Maintaining the examination reconsideration fee at the current level
- An increase in the Exemptions fee of \$275
- All of the fees are at actual cost except for examination reconsideration's and exemptions

The indicative annual costs for a licensee resulting from the proposed fees will be:

- 1 licence-current cost \$357, proposed cost \$357
- 2 licences-current cost \$458, proposed cost \$443
- 3 licences-current cost \$559, proposed cost \$529

The disciplinary levy of \$166 and the annual offences fee of \$105 will be combined into a disciplinary levy totaling \$271 but are shown separately for the purposes of consultation in order to demonstrate what costs make up the combined levy.

CONSULTATION MEETINGS



Date	Location	Venue	Time - 2 hrs
11 August	Northshore Auckland	Massey University Study Centre Building (SC1) 229 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany, Auckland 0632	5.30 pm
12 August	West Auckland	Kelston Community Centre Kelston Activity Room 2 135 Awaroa Road, Sunnyvale, Auckland 0602	5.30 pm
13 August	South Auckland	MIT Manakau Room 302 (Level 3), Cnr of Manukau Station Rd & Davies Ave, Manukau, Auckland	5.30 pm
18 August	Wellington	Rongotai College School Hall 170 Coutts Street, Rongotai, Wellington, 6022	5.30 pm
19 August	Lower Hutt	Hutt Bridge Club East Room, 1 Park Avenue, Lower Hutt, 5011	5.30 pm
24 August	Christchurch	Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology Room N104, 130 Madras Street, Christchurch Central, Christchurch, 8011	5.30 pm
2 September	Nelson	Trailways Hotel Nelson The rivers Room, 66 Trafalgar Street, The Wood, Nelson 7010	5.30 pm
8 September	Cromwell	Cromwell Sports Centre Barry Ave, Cromwell	5.30 pm
9 September	Dunedin	Otago Polytechnic Room G106, Union Street East, Dunedin 9016	5.30 pm
10 September	New Plymouth	Copthorne Hotel Grand Central Conference Room One, 42 Powderham Street New Plymouth 4601	5.30 pm
16 September	Palmerston North	Hotel Coachman, Hunterville Room 140 Fitzherbert Avenue, Palmerston Nth 4410	7.30 am
22 September	Napier	Cornwall Cricket Club, Roberts Street, Hastings 4122	5.30 pm
28 September	Hamilton	YWCA hall, Corner of Clarence and Pembroke Street, Hamilton	5.30 pm
29 September	Tauranga	Trinity Wharf Tauranga Hotel Room: Trinity Two, 51 Dive Crescent, Tauranga 3110	7.30 am

HAVING YOUR SAY



- 1.** You can complete the online form at www.pgdb.co.nz/consultation/current
- 2.** You can send your written comments by email to submissions@pgdb.co.nz
- 3.** You can mail your comments to: The Registrar, PGDB, PO Box 10655, Wellington 6143
If there is not enough room on the form (page 9 & 10), please feel free to attach your response on separate sheets.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Download the background information containing the following details from the Board's website at :
www.pgdb.co.nz/consultation/current.html

- Purpose of the Act
- How the Board is funded
- Setting fees
- The process so far
- How the proposed fees were developed
- The Budget
- Use of Reserve funds
- Actual costs
- The functions funded
- Registration
- Disciplinary levy
- Examination fees

REVIEW OF FEES AND LEVY - PROPOSAL

[Fees and levy]

1. Do you support the proposed fees and levy (circle yes or no)

 [YES / NO]

Annual licence fee
(includes exemptions under supervision, and provisional licences)

 [YES / NO]

Disciplinary levy (per licensed person)

 [YES / NO]

Examination entry fee

 [YES / NO]

Trainee Certificate

 [YES / NO]

Fee for reconsideration of an examination paper

 [YES / NO]

Exemption application fee (s18,20,24 and 52 PGD Act)

2. Do you support the proposal to cross subsidise examination reconsideration and exemptions?

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3. Please advise why you support or oppose any of the proposed fees.

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4. What changes would you like made to the proposed fees and levy and what are your reasons for that?

5. Do you wish to comment on any other matters relating to the review?

[Your contact details]

Name:
Registration number (if applicable):
Organisation:
Address:
Email:
Phone:

Thank you for your submission. The Board appreciates the time you have taken to make your comments and can assure you that they will be carefully considered.

Privacy statement

The Board may publish submissions on the Board's website. If you are happy for your personal details to be included, please tick the following box