

## UKPHR Fee Announcement

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015

UKPHR's Board met on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to finalise its budget for 2015-16.

Registration fees were last increased in 2013 when the specialist registration fee was raised by 7.2 per cent and the practitioner registration fee was raised by 26.6 per cent.

The Board has decided that this year there shall be **no increase** in either of these registration fees and therefore they shall remain at £295 and £95 respectively.

The Board agreed to introduce a new category of registration for **Specialty Registrars** and the registration fee for any Specialty Registrar who chooses this registration will be £90.

All other fees and charges remain the same as for 2014-15 with one very significant exception. This relates to the **assessment fee** in respect of two of the routes to specialist registration: (1) Recognition of Specialist Status and (2) defined specialist.

This fee was set at £300<sup>i</sup> in 2013 and was not increased in 2014.

This year the Board has decided that this assessment fee will be increased to **£500 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015**.

This is an extraordinary increase which has been necessitated by an extraordinary circumstance.

UKPHR is currently set up to process an average of approximately 30 portfolio assessments a year.

The decision by the Department of Health to introduce statutory regulation of public health specialists by the Health & Care Professions Council has led to UKPHR receiving notification of a huge number of intended submissions of portfolios to us in 2015 alone – over 130 currently.

Whilst UKPHR is fortunate to have the assistance of many senior public health professionals in carrying out these assessments at no charge for their services, they and we incur costs in dealing with the assessment process, which costs have to be met in full from the assessment fees UKPHR charges. A four-fold increase in the workload in a single year will require us to take action on a number of fronts, including the hiring of additional personnel, in order to cope with this very greatly increased demand.

The approved fees and charges for 2015-16 can be read on our website [here](#).

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<sup>i</sup> Historically at the time of portfolio submission a total of £595 (£300 assessment fee and £295 first year's renewal fee) were required. For all portfolio submissions after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015, only the £500 assessment fee is required upon submission. Once admitted to the Register the annual renewal fees are to be paid pro rata to get in line with the Register's common renewal date of 1<sup>st</sup> July.