

Feedback received on fee consultation

No.	Registrant feedback	GOsC response
1	<p>I would like to suggest a fee reduction is not a very useful way to use the surplus cash generated by the fee income.</p> <p>The profession would benefit far greater if that surplus money were placed in a research grants for studies that support the osteopathic profession. The money returned to ourselves will not create the same benefit to the members as good research would.</p>	<p>Thank you for your written response and for explaining why you do not believe that GOsC should reduce the registration fee.</p> <p>We hope that you will be aware from articles contained within <i>the osteopath</i> magazine that GOsC is one of a number of stakeholders which form the Osteopathic Development Group. This group has been working steadily over the summer of 2013 to convert the osteopathy development agenda into eight fully-fledged project plans.</p> <p>Some of these plans will require funding and GOsC has in principle agreed to support these projects with both financial and non-financial assistance. We therefore feel the registration fee levels can be reduced while still supporting the osteopathic development agenda.</p>
2	<p>I believe that overseas registration fees should be reduced more, as we cannot use any of the service's that come with registration in the country we are practising in but still wish to be registered with GOsC. This may be done by not posting the osteopath magazine overseas, but making it only available online for overseas registered osteopaths. This may reduce cost slightly and hopefully help in reduction costs.</p>	<p>Thank you for your written response.</p> <p>The GOsC is unusual among regulators in making a reduced fee available for those working overseas. While there is no requirement for those working in countries where osteopathy is not regulated to be registered with GOsC, many choose to do so because it gives them a level of professional standing otherwise not available to them. The cost to the GOsC of these registrants is no less than those based in the UK.</p>
3	<p>Any reduction in fee is highly appreciated in these tough times. I am an overseas osteopath working in India. I am on the register till May 2014. The cost of pound to India is 1£=100.55 rs.</p> <p>It would be nice if GOsC have cheaper fee, for osteopaths like me, who want to stay on GOsC register but are practising outside UK.</p>	<p>Thank you for your written response.</p> <p>While we have answered a question about the overseas registration fee above, we would like to confirm that registrants based overseas already pay a lower fee than those UK based practitioners.</p> <p>The GCC do not have an overseas category of registrant; the fee that</p>

	<p>This is to bring to your kind notice that the General Chiropractic Council are charging 1/8 for non UK practising person (£800 for practising fee)</p> <p>http://www.gcc-uk.org/files/page_file/2014RetentionPayment.pdf</p> <p>If GOsC considers further fee reduction in the interest of Osteopaths like me, I will be highly grateful.</p>	<p>you refer to is for chiropractors based in the UK but who are not practising.</p>
4	<p>I just wanted to lend my opinion to the discussion regarding fee reduction. I don't think this should be divided equitably between all members because there are some members of the GOC who are non-practising. This would include those on disability or those on maternity leave or those who are out of the country due to a spouse's job etc.</p> <p>So I think that these members should pay less of an annual registration fee than those who are working full time as osteopaths. Those who are working full time as osteopaths are far more reliant on the services of the GOC than those who are not.</p>	<p>Thank you for your written response.</p> <p>The GOsC already has in force a registration fee structure which recognises that not all registrants are in clinical contact with patients. Registrants who are not in clinical contact with patients for three months or more continuously in their registration year, which may be because of illness or maternity leave, are already entitled to pay a reduced fee.</p> <p>We believe that cost reductions we have identified should be passed back to all registrants via a fee reduction.</p>
5	<p>I feel that reducing fees too much will potentially compromise the development of the Osteopathic Profession in the absence of a Chartered Society.</p>	<p>Thank you for your email.</p> <p>We have answered a question about development of the profession above.</p>
6	<p>I am registered with the GOsC since my graduation in 2008 and I don't understand the aim of this consultation.</p> <p>I believe you are institution created to regulate and support the work of osteopaths in UK and abroad, you are not a business</p>	<p>Thank you for your written response.</p> <p>The purpose of the consultation is that GOsC was seeking views on whether identified cost reductions should be passed back to registrants via a fee reduction and, if so, to comment on the proposed mechanism</p>

	<p>company.</p> <p>You are providing a service. Therefore you should make the fees as low as possible according to your costs. Why are you asking us if the fees should be lower? Have you been making profits so far?</p>	<p>for reducing the registration fee levels.</p> <p>GOsC is a statutory regulator with the purpose of protecting patients and the public. It would be for the professional association to provide support to osteopaths in the UK and abroad.</p> <p>We recognise the need to reduce registration fees which is why over the last three years the headline registration fee has reduced by 24%, with all other registration fee levels reducing on average by 14%.</p>
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