

CARNA Registration Fee Fact Sheet

Why did the registration fee increase for 2010-2011?

At its March 18, 2008 meeting, provincial council approved an increase in annual registration fees for the 2009, 2010 and 2011 practice years. This was the first fee increase since 2005.

Why did provincial council increase the registration fee?

- **Inflationary cost increases** and a CNA fee increase.
- **Introduction or revision of government legislation and regulations** which require external experts, increased legal consultation and increased demand on staff time.
- **Participating in health human resource workforce planning.**
- **Ongoing implementation costs related to the *Health Professions Act*** and a significant increase in complaints received.
- **Organization growth pressures** due to steady annual increases in membership numbers.
- **Growth in education programs for registered nurses and the resulting increase in program approvals** for basic and advanced nursing education programs. Expenses to administer the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination as well as requests for special accommodation for exam writers.

As of the 2009-2010 practice year, the renewal deadline was moved up to September 1. In past years, CARNA received up to half of the applications for renewal in the last two weeks of the practice year, that is after September 15, making it difficult to get everyone's permit processed and printed in time. Moving the deadline ahead by one month provides more time to process and print all of the more than 33,000 renewal applications CARNA expects to receive before they expire on September 30

2008 – 2011

Registration fees for registered nurse members

PRACTICE YEAR	INCREASE	ANNUAL FEE	TOTAL INCL. GST
2008	N/A	\$360	\$381.60
2009	\$50	\$410	\$430.50
2010	\$40	\$450	\$472.50
2011	\$30	\$480	\$504.00

NOTE: Registration fees for nurse practitioner and certified graduate nurse members increased \$50 in 2009, \$40 in 2010 and \$30 in 2011.

CARNA fees compared to other jurisdictions

COLLEGE AND/OR ASSOCIATION	2010
Quebec (OIIQ)	n/a
Manitoba (CRNM)	\$321.42
Prince Edward Island (ARNPEI)	\$350.00
Newfoundland and Labrador (ARNNL)	\$367.00
New Brunswick (NANB)	\$393.00
Ontario (CNO + RNO)	\$407.85
Nova Scotia (CRNNS)	\$448.19
British Columbia (CRNBC)	\$414.40
Alberta (CARNA)	\$472.50
Yukon (YRNA)	\$528.00
Saskatchewan (SRNA)	\$535.50
Northwest Territories / Nunavut (RNANT/NU)	\$583.80

NOTE : Several jurisdictions are in the process of considering fee increases for 2011 and exact figures are not available.

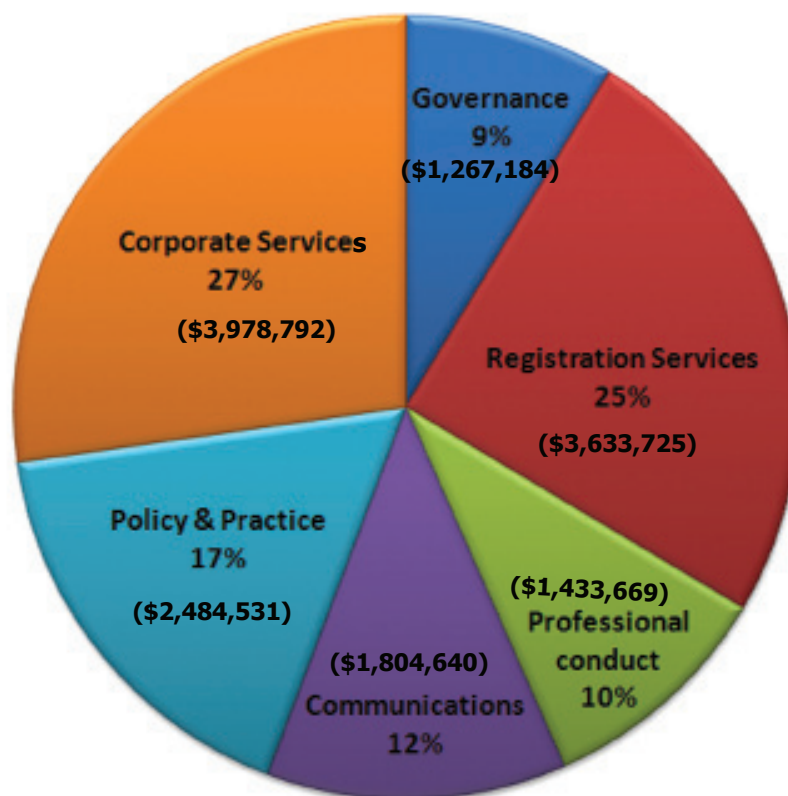
Ontario fees include fees paid to the College of Nurses of Ontario and the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario for the purposes of comparison.

Comparison of 2010 annual registration fees paid by RNs to other professions in Alberta

Licensed practical nurses	\$250
Respiratory therapists	\$425
Registered psychiatric nurses	\$425 (increasing to \$475 in 2011)
Registered nurses	\$504
Dietitians	\$551
Occupational therapists	\$550
Lab technologists	\$570
Dental hygienists	\$626
Pharmacists	\$735

Where does the money go?

Costs by functional area based on the 2009/2010 budget



The *Health Professions Act* requires CARNA to carry out nursing regulation to protect the public interest, including a continuing competence program and conduct process. **Member fees account for more than 80% of the revenue to finance the administration and processes required to support nursing regulation and professional practice.**

Corporate Services includes maintenance of the registration database and website, printing, postage, office supplies, building and equipment expenses, financial and human resource services, information technology and reception services. The CARNA registration fee continues to include \$20 towards a capital reserve. CARNA had decreased its capital reserve by paying down the long-term debt on the provincial office building.

Registration Services includes registration and renewal services, RN and NP exams and continuing competence.

Policy and Practice includes development of policies, guidelines, standards and position statements, practice consultation services, the regional coordinator program

and nursing education program approval.

Communications includes *Alberta RN*, the electronic newsletter, the CARNA website, the annual general meeting and conference, government relations, media relations, advertising and the CARNA library and archives.

Professional Conduct includes conduct committees and contract investigation officers.

Governance includes CARNA Provincial Council meetings and the president's office related expenses, Canadian Nurse Protective Society Fees, ARNET contributions, governance committee meetings, election and legal and audit expenses.