

Board Budget Q & A

How are fees set?

The Board is “Special Funded.” Revenue is generated solely by the collection of licensure fees and is used exclusively to cover the costs to operate the Board. No money comes from taxes. The Board develops a budget annually, which attempts to predict income and expenses. The legislature requests that the Board maintain a 30% carry-over fund, for unforeseen expenses such as court costs. Fees have not increased since 2008.

Why does the renewal fee change every two years?

The renewal fee for the Board is \$250 every 2 years. In addition, the Board is required by law to collect a user fee from all licensees for the Maryland Health Care Commission (“MHCC”). The MHCC fee for 2017 and 2018 is \$26. The Board absorbed the \$26 MHCC fee for 2017 and 2018 licensure renewals.

What are the fees for being licensed? (Set in regulations)

Application Fee	\$75
License Fee	\$225
Renewal Fee	\$250
Inactive Fee	\$75
Reactivation Fee (After Inactive Status)	\$150
Reinstatement Fee	\$300 (+ renewal fee)
Letter of Good Standing	\$50

Why are the fees higher than some of the surrounding states?

Other states have a dietitian licensing board under an umbrella agency or another Board (Board of Nursing, etc.) Maryland is fortunate to have an independent board. Our goal is to provide exceptional customer service to licensees and the public.

What is the current Board Staffing?

- The Board’s staff is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Board. The Board employs a part-time Board Administrator and a full-time Administrative Specialist
- In addition, the Board pays for and shares legal, investigative, computer, fiscal, and legislative/regulatory staff with the other Health Occupation Boards.
- The Board also pays Indirect Costs to the Maryland Department of Health.