

## NSCMIRTTP Fee Structure for 2026

This document provides evidence and rationale to support NSCMIRTTP's decision to implement fee increases this year and going forward to ensure operational sustainability.



### Adapting to Evolving Demands: NSCMIRTTP's Fee Strategy

The College is introducing a fee increase for fiscal year 2026. The decision to increase annual registration fees is rooted in the College's mandate: to serve and protect the public interest through effective regulation of the medical imaging and radiation therapy professions in Nova Scotia. This decision comes after several years of holding fees steady, despite rising operational costs driven by inflation and broader economic pressures. To manage this responsibly, we are adopting an approach that ties fee increases to a predictable measures and have calculated fee increases due to inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI)



### NSCMIRTTP's Annual Fees have not increased since 2016

The College has not increased its annual registration fees for 10 years.

### NSCMIRTTP Applications have grown over 65% from 2018 to 2024

The number of applicants to NSCMIRTTP has drastically increased in the last six years, and continues to show growth.. In addition, the percentage of applications from IEMIRTTPs is also steadily increasing. Applications, particularly IEMIRTTPs, represent a significant amount of the Regulator's workload.



Year	Applications
2018	580
2023	832
2024	959

Year	Total Applications as of May 31	% IEMIRTTP Applications as of May 31
2023	48	2.5%
2024	83	18.1%
2025	109	45.9%

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## Comparison of Licensing Dues Amongst Similar Regulators

Many regulators have already adopted a higher fee structure in response to growing costs, particularly from legal fees associated with regulatory changes and increasing costs due to complaints and investigations. Below is a comparison of six regulators that NSCMIRTTP used for comparison purposes based on member numbers and size of the organization.

	Current 2025 License Fee
NS Dental Hygienists	\$560
NS Dietitians	\$620
NS Laboratory	\$410
NS Physiotherapists	\$650
NS Occupational Therapists	\$575
Saskatchewan MRTs	\$445
<b>Average</b>	\$543
<b>Range</b>	\$410-\$650

## NSCMIRTTP's Expenditures have been increasing over the years



Base expenditures have consistently risen on a year-over-year basis, resulting in a cumulative increase of 51.3% between 2020 and 2025. However, as fee adjustments have not kept pace with these escalating costs, it has become increasingly challenging to sustain financial budgeted goals and adequately support ongoing operational needs. In any given year there are additional project expenses that contribute to the overall expenditures. For example, in 2025 we will incur a \$100,000 charge for a new registration platform.

Year	Expenses
2020	\$277,150
2021	\$311,598
2022	\$322,067
2023	\$378,236
2024	\$381,488
2025	\$419,535

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## **NSCMIRTTP Reserve Funds**

The College has three funds: Operational, Contingency, and Special Projects, with specific monetary targets. The Reserve Fund policy has been updated to reflect best accounting practices. It has taken nine years to meet the targets for all three funds based on previous best accounting practices. In an effort to meet the Reserve Fund policy targets in a timeline that reflects best accounting practices, NSCMIRTTP considered these policies when deciding the new fee structure.



## **Changes to NSCMIRTTP Administrative Fees**

A number of fees are changing for 2026, including the application fee from \$100 to \$150, late renewal fee from \$50 to \$100, and the reinstatement fee from \$100 to \$150.

Changes are also being made to the fees charged for the Refresher program. The administrative fee increases from \$100 to \$200, and both the academic and clinical portions of the program move from \$350 to \$650.



## **NSCMIRTTP's Proposed Change for January 1, 2026 License Fee Structure**

NSCMIRTTP has approved an adjustment to its annual fees, increasing the current yearly licensing fee from \$450 to \$570 effective January 1, 2026. This significant adjustment is needed to ensure NSCMIRTTP can meet regulatory requirements and respond to increasing operational pressures. The regulatory landscape will continue to change significantly. Therefore as a regulator we must be in a strong financial position to remain effective in meeting future challenges.

It is important to note that this increase reflects the average Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 2.8% over the last ten years. In an effort to maintain alignment with expenditure increases there will be an annual 2.5% CPI adjustment beginning in 2027.

The annual CPI adjustment will allow for improved budgetary planning, reduce the likelihood of a future significant annual increase, and by evaluating anticipated annual costs it is possible to pause the increment.