

Q: I already received my re-registration bill, but have not yet paid. Do I need to pay the higher amount?

A: No, any current licensee who has already received a re-registration bill will pay the amount listed in the bill regardless of the registration period start date.

Q: I have not yet received my re-registration bill, does this mean I will pay the higher fee?

A: Yes. Bills going out after September 25, 2009 reflect the higher fee. This will impact current licensees whose re-registration period begins on or after February 1, 2010.

Q: Why are bills mailed so far in advance?

A: We are required by law to mail re-registration notices four months in advance.

Q: I already paid my re-registration fee. Will I be back-billed?

A: No.

Q: I already paid my initial registration fee. Will I be back-billed?

A: Initial registration fees received after September 25 are required to include the surcharge. After that date, new applicants who do not include the surcharge in their payment will be sent a bill for the surcharge amount.

Q: Will you stop processing my licensure application if I didn't include the correct fee for the new surcharge?

A: No, you will be billed, but we will continue to process the application. The license and registration cannot be issued until the full fee is received.

Q: What will the Office of the Professions do with this money?

A: All expenditures are subject to approval by the Division of the Budget. We intend to utilize these funds to upgrade technology, hire needed staff, pursue claims of illegal practice, provide better service to our customers, and, most importantly, increase public protection.

Q: Where can I find the section of law that establishes the fee increase?

A: The Legislature enacted a new section 6507-a of the Education Law to authorize the imposition of the 15% surcharge on registration fees. The surcharge is rounded up to the nearest dollar and is in addition to the fees established in the Education Law for each licensed profession.

Q: Where can I get additional information about the fee increase?

A: General questions about licensure should be directed to Customer Service at (518) 474-3817 ext. 570 or OP4INFO@mail.nysed.gov.