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TOPIC: Registration fee structure

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Mr Robinson: So, for initial renewal of registration there is an application lodgement fee of \$640. There is also a fee of \$3,300 for the application to either become a new RTO or renew their registration. After every five years they are required to renew their registration. Of course, in the case of the transition here, every provider that has come across to ASQA, either on 1 July or since, has its registration continue and does not have to pay a new fee until they come up for re-registration again.

Senator NASH: I am sorry, I might have missed this earlier. What is that \$3,300?

Mr Robinson: That is an assessment fee for an initial or a registration renewal application. But that is for an RTO that has up to 10 qualifications and up to 20 units of competency. Then it is \$100 for each additional qualification, to a maximum of \$10,000, although they would have a lot of qualifications to get to that.

Senator NASH: So, I could have one through to nine and I would get that \$3,300?

Mr Robinson: Yes. That is correct.

Senator NASH: After that is it incremental until you hit a ceiling?

Mr Robinson: We will table the existing fee structure for you in answer to your question.

Senator NASH: Yes, that would be really useful rather than trying to do it like this.

ANSWER

ASQA's registration fee structure includes application fees for initial registration and renewal of registration, assessment fees for assessing these initial and renewal applications, plus annual registration fees. The structure also includes application fees for changes to providers scope of registration. The assessment fees, annual fees, and change of scope fees vary depending upon the size of the provider's scope.

A copy of ASQA's fee schedule can be found at <http://www.asqa.gov.au/search-results.html?query=fee%20schedule>.