

# Website privacy

You may browse and access information on our website without providing personal information. We do not collect identifiable information about you if you only browse our website.

# Website analytics

We collect non-identifiable data using Google analytics – this is about the usage and traffic visiting our website, pages visited, length of time spent on a page, the site you were directed from, or other non-identifiable information. This information is used to improve our website and interaction with users.

#### Website cookies

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## **Personal information**

There are places on the website where you can choose to provide us with personal information.

These include:

- making an online application
- updating your details through your practitioner online account.

Information about how we handle, store, and use this data may be found in the Practitioner Privacy and/or Complaint Privacy sections.

### Phone calls

Please note that when you call the Board the call is recorded for quality assurance and monitoring purposes. This information is securely stored for a period of 12 months and then destroyed, unless the recording is required to be retained for Board investigative purposes.

# **Practitioner privacy**

Te Poari Ringa Hangarau Iraruke | Medical Radiation Technologists Board (the Board) collects personal information from applicants and practitioners to carry out the purposes detailed in the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (the Act) 2003. The Board is committed to ensuring the privacy and security of the personal information it holds.

## **Public register**

Some information about practitioners can be viewed on the public register as required by the Act. This includes a practitioner's:

- name
- registration number
- scope of practice
- date scope approved (ie date registered)
- qualification
- practising certificate status
- expiry date of practising certificate
- conditions on practice (if any, including the supervisor's name and location).

## Statistical information

The Board is required by the HPCA Act (<u>s123</u>) to share practitioner information with the Ministry of Health for workforce and planning purposes.

This includes the annual workforce survey which includes a practitioner's:

- registration code
- name
- date of birth
- ethnicity
- gender
- scope(s) of practice
- qualification/s
- registration status
- place or places of work
- average weekly number of hours worked at each place of work
- practising certificate status
- date practising certificate issued
- date first registered.

The Board also shares information with the Ministry of Health as part of assigning and maintaining the Health Provider Index Common Person Number (HPI CPN) system.

This includes a practitioner's:

- gender
- date of birth
- name
- registration code
- scope(s) of practice
- · date first registered
- current practising status
- date practising certificate issued
- start date and expiry date of practising certificate
- qualification (includes name, institution, graduated year, country of qualification)
- conditions on practice (if any).

#### **Collection of information**

Much of the information collected is required under the Act. Where information is not required by the Act, practitioners may choose to not provide information (eg, providing a work phone number).

Where information is provided to the Board about an applicant, or registrant from another source (i.e. a referee or confirming registration in another jurisdiction), the applicant or practitioner will usually be asked to provide consent for this to occur, except where required under the law.

# **Protection of personal information**

Regular reviews of privacy and security practices and policies are scheduled by the Board. All staff undertake privacy and security training as part of their induction process and ongoing education.

The Board manages practitioner information using a regulatory database. Data is held on servers in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia. Any hard copy data that the Board holds, including historical records, is held in a secure archive in Aotearoa New Zealand.

#### **Use of information**

As a repository of national data the Board is aware of its responsibilities to the profession, Tangata Whenua and the Ministry of Health in providing and sharing the data it holds. The Board also uses practitioner information to provide publicly available data, such as the Annual Report and workforce survey results. Individual practitioners are not identified in these reports.

The Board is required to have up-to-date contact information, for practitioners to provide registrants with details relevant to their registration, practising status, and responsibilities as a registered health professional.

The Board carries out research and auditing activities to determine the effectiveness of its processes and policies.

### **Access to information**

Practitioners and applicants can request a copy of the information that the Board holds about them and request the Board to consider a correction where they believe the information to be incorrect. Requests should be sent to <a href="mailto:privacy@medsci.co.nz">privacy@medsci.co.nz</a>.