



Consultation information:

Draft position statement - the provision of remote/virtual health care services and hybrid models of care

Issued: 12 November 2025
Submission closes: 11:59pm, 28 January 2026

Thank you for taking part in this consultation.

What you share helps shape the future of the profession.

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Background

Te Poari Ringa Hangarau Iraruke | The Medical Radiation Technologists Board (the Board) is responsible for protecting the health and safety of the public by ensuring that medical imaging and radiation therapy practitioners are competent to practice. To achieve this end the Board develops standards from time to time to outline their expectations for safe practice.

The development of new technology offers alternate methods of service delivery to provide more accessible care to patients which includes the integration of remote technologies with conventional onsite imaging and radiation therapy practices.

The draft statement about the provision of remote care has been developed to support practitioners who are working, or considering working, in a remote/virtual or hybrid environment. The statement outlines the Board's expectations of practitioners in these settings and aligns with their competence standards.

Practitioners, stakeholders, and the public are invited to give feedback on the statement to ensure that the statement reflects practical realities, aligns with professional standards, and supports equitable, high-quality care for patients.

The consultation will run **from 12 November 2025 to 11.59pm, 28 January 2026**. Practitioners, stakeholders, and the public are invited to give feedback (by completing a survey) using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HVLSZNH>

The draft position statement is available on the website news item: MRTB statement remote access and hybrid models of care.

The Board will carefully review all the feedback received prior to finalising the statement. The outcome of the consultation and final statement will be published on their website and communicated to practitioners.

Specific questions about the consultation can be directed to mrtconsultations@medsci.co.nz with the subject line: **MRTB remote access/hybrid models of care consultation**.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is meant by working in a remote/virtual or hybrid environment?

A remote/virtual or hybrid environment merges in-person with remote practitioner involvement. This type of delivery integrates the use of interactive technology operated in person or remotely, with remote or in-person interaction with the patient.

Q: Is this a position statement, a standard, or a policy?

The document states the Board's position for when registered practitioners are working in a remote or hybrid environment.

Q: Why is the Board developing this statement?

The Board has received several enquiries from practitioners about the Board's position when practitioners are working in a remote or hybrid way. This statement has been developed to clarify the Board's expectations of practitioners when working in these areas. The statement

may also be used when the Board receives a concern or complaint about practitioners working in a remote or hybrid environment.

Q: Who can work as an assistant?

Anyone working as an assistant must have the appropriate level of knowledge, skill, and safety awareness to perform the role.

Q: Do people working remotely still have to hold an annual practising certificate?

Practitioners who are providing services to people in Aotearoa New Zealand are required to hold a practising certificate, regardless of the mode of delivery. Please see the Practising Certificate Policy on the Board's website for more information. It is the Board's position that practitioners providing services to people in New Zealand should be registered with Te Poari Ringa Hangarau Iraruke | the Medical Radiation Technologists Board.

Q: What is the effect of this statement on supervision requirements?

The current supervision policy states that when a practitioner is working under level 1 supervision the supervisor must be physically present and observing at all times.

Survey questions

The survey may be completed online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCVQ7NR>

1. Name
2. Which scope(s) of practice are you registered in (if any)?
3. Are you completing this survey on behalf of an organisation?
4. If so, whom?
5. Do you agree with the definitions used in the statement? Agree/disagree/ neither agree or disagree
Why or why not?
6. Do you agree with the guiding principles of the statement? Agree/disagree/ neither agree or disagree
Why or why not?
7. Do you agree with the Board's position on remote and hybrid models of imaging?
Agree/disagree/ neither agree or disagree
Why or why not?
8. Is there anything that we have not explained clearly that you require additional information on?
9. Do you have any other feedback about the statement you would like the Board to consider?