New Zealand
Medical Radiation
Technologists Board
Te Poari Ringa Hangarau Iraruke

Consultation - Naming policy

Submissions close: 11:59pm, 11 January 2027

Thank you for taking part in this consultation.

What you share helps shape the future of the profession.

This document includes:

- Background
- Proposed changes
- FAQs.

Overview

Te Poari Ringa Hangraru Iraruke | The Medical Radiation Technologists Board (the Board) invites practitioners and stakeholders to provide feedback on its Naming Policy. The policy outlines how the Board may publish the name of a practitioner following an order or direction made about the practitioner under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act). The policy outlines factors that the Board may take into consideration when deciding if it is going to publicly name a practitioner who is or has been the focus of an investigation and disciplinary matter.

Following a routine review of the policy, the Board proposes the following changes:

1. Added a reference that the Board has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with:
    a. Te Kaunihera Pūtaiao Hauora O Aotearoa | Medical Sciences Council, and
    b. Te Pou Tautoko Pūtaiao ā-Rongoā | Medical Sciences Secretariat.

    The MOU allows for the collection and sharing of information between these organisations for the purpose of performing statutory functions under the HPCA Act.

2. Decisions Relating to Health/Fitness to Practice Orders (Sections 48-50): Reference to sections 48-50 of the Act amended to sections 48 **and** 50 of the Act as section 49 does not apply to the Naming Policy.

3. Other brand formatting changes to the policy document and process diagram.

Background

The Act requires the Board to have a Naming Policy that outlines its decision-making process around the release of a practitioner's name, a summary of findings, and the effect of an order or direction. An order or direction occurs in this instance as a consequence of the practitioner being involved in a disciplinary process and most often requires the practitioner to engage in some activity.

This is the second review of the Board's Naming Policy.

The Act (s 157B) outlines the purpose of the Naming Policy which is to:

- Enhance public confidence in medical imaging and radiation therapy practitioners, and disciplinary procedures, by providing transparency about the decision-making processes; and
- Ensure medical imaging and radiation therapy practitioners whose conduct has not met the expected standards may be 'named' where it is in the public interest to do so; and
- Improve the quality and safety of health care.

It also instructs the Board on the content of the policy. Read the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 here.

For consultation

The Board is seeking feedback from practitioners, stakeholders, and the public which will help inform its decision.

The consultation will run from **25 November 2026** until **11.59pm on Monday 11 January 2027**. Practitioners, stakeholders, and the public are invited to give feedback by submitting written responses to mrtconsultations@medsci.co.nz. The draft policy is available on the website **Consultation** item: **MRTB Naming Policy**.

Privacy note: Because this is a public consultation, the Board may publish submissions on its website. If feedback from an individual is published, personal and contact information will be removed.

Use of AI: The Board may use artificial intelligence (AI) tools to assist with analysing consultation responses, including identifying themes and preparing summaries. Any use of AI will comply with the Privacy Act 2020 and align with relevant New Zealand government guidance on responsible AI use. Personal and confidential information with not be analysed by AI, and AI assisted output will be reviewed for accuracy and fairness. AI will not replace human judgement and decision-making.

The Board will carefully review all the feedback received prior to finalising the pathway and policies. 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 Naming Policy consultation.**

Frequently asked questions

What is the purpose of the policy?
Under sections 157A to 157I, the Board is required to have a Naming Policy which outlines the circumstances in which the name of a practitioner will be published under section 157 of the Act.

Who does the policy apply to?
The policy applies to all practitioners who are registered with the Board, including those on the register who do not currently hold a practising certificate.

Why is the Board reviewing the policy?
The Board is required under the Act to keep its Naming Policy up to date. Currently the policy is scheduled for a general review and consultation every three years.

Why is the Board consulting on the policy?
Consultation gives practitioners, stakeholders, and the wider public the opportunity to provide feedback on proposed changes to the policy, and whether it remains fit for purpose.

What information does the Board publish when naming?
Information that is published by the Board must comply with sections 157 (1) of the Act. This includes:

- The effect of the order; and
- A summary of findings; and
- The name of the health practitioner.

For consultation