



New Zealand
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Te Poari Ringa Hangarua Iraruke

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NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGISTS BOARD

FROM THE CHAIR

As the new incoming Chair of the Medical Radiation Technologists Board, I would like to thank Beryl Kelly for her hard work, dedication and contributions to the Board.

It is with sadness that we farewell our Registrar, Margaret Steel, having been with the Medical Radiation Technologists Board for three and a half years. We wish her well as she leaves to retire to the South Island and further adventures on 30 April 2021. On behalf of the Medical Radiation Technologists Board, I would like to welcome the new Registrar, Caleb Bridgeman who has worked in both the private and public sectors.

With the national roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme, the Medical Radiation Technologists Board is supporting and encouraging practitioners to get vaccinated help to protect themselves, their patients, and the wider community. A link to further information on the vaccination programme has been included in the Newsletter.

The new website is also going live this week and you may notice some changes to the site.

Ngā mihi,

**Billie Mudie
MRTB Chair**

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Once you are registered, you have a legal requirement to notify the Board of any changes to your residential, postal or work address within one month of the change. You can do this by logging into "My Profile" on the website.

BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY

The primary responsibility of the Board is to protect the health and safety of the New Zealand public by ensuring practitioners registered with the Board are competent and fit to practise.

Introduction from the Registrar

Kia ora koutou

Ko Caleb toku ingoa / My name is Caleb Bridgeman, I have taken up the task of filling Margaret's shoes. Margaret held the role for three and a half years and in that time has done excellent mahi.

I come to the Registrar role from a legal / litigation background. My work has included criminal prosecution and working for the Waitangi Tribunal.

Most recently, I was practising as an arbitrator and mediator. This involved resolving various disputes across a range of jurisdictions. I have also worked in the banking and insurance sectors and I have had the privilege of working as an English teacher in South Korea.

I appreciate the critical role Regulatory Authorities play in Aotearoa / NZ's health system and I look forward to playing my part in ensuring the health and safety of the NZ public.

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MRTB 2020/2021 Approved Registrations

2020/2021

SOP	Overseas	NZ
MIT	52	98
MRIT	6	21
NMT	3	7
RT	9	21
SON	46	26
T-Scopes	4	68

2019/2020

SOP	Overseas	NZ
MIT	100	102
MRIT	1	15
NMT	5	1
RT	19	25
SON	40	15
T-Scopes	4	61

While it shows that overseas MITs have dropped by 48 new registrations, the MIT APC holders have increased by 44 in the 2020/2021 year. This indicates that already registered MITs have either returned to practise in New Zealand or stayed in New Zealand and obtained a 2020/2021 APC.

In addition, new registrations for MRITs have increased from 16 in the 2019/2020 year to 27 in the 2020/2021 year.

Online Examinations 2020/2021

	MIT	RT	MRI	NMT	SON
Offered:	22	2	9	1	4
Sat:	18	1	5	-	2
Passed:	7	1	3	-	2

Getting your COVID-19 Vaccination

To register for your COVID-19 vaccination, the Medical Radiation Technologists Board advises medical imaging and radiation therapy practitioners to contact their DHB or employer.

COVID-19 Vaccine Education and Training

The Board has been asked to disseminate the below information from the Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC):

The IMAC are a nationwide organisation based at the School of Population Health at The University of Auckland. They provide New Zealanders with a local source of independent, factual information based on international and New Zealand scientific research regarding vaccine-preventable diseases and the benefits and risks of immunisation.

Medical imaging and radiation therapy practitioners are able to vaccinate within their current scope (with appropriate training). Therefore IMAC would like to provide online training, support and education to assist you to become COVID vaccinators. In providing this training and information IMAC can also ensure your client base has access to accurate information around the COVID vaccines and to provide support and increase confidence within this workforce when having vaccine conversations.

Introductory guide to COVID vaccine programme: <https://covid.immune.org.nz/about/introductory-guide-covid-19-vaccination-programme>

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General information: <https://covid.immune.org.nz/>