

Becoming a Board Member

Role of The Board

The Medical Radiation Technologists Board (the Board) is one of eighteen New Zealand health regulation authorities appointed by the Minister of Health under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act).

The primary responsibility of the Board is to protect the health and safety of the public, not to represent the medical imaging and radiation therapy profession.

The Board ensures this by implementing mechanisms that ensures that medical imaging and radiation therapy practitioners are competent and fit to practise.

The Board sets the strategic direction and priorities, policies, identifies and manages risk, monitors and evaluates organisational achievements in order to exercise its accountability to the organisation and its stakeholders.

Commitment

Being a member of the Board is a significant responsibility. It is a responsibility that is not confined just to meetings.

Members also need to ensure they have the time and the ability to prepare for key issues, events, meetings, read Board documentation and do committee work.

The Board meets 6 times per annum, with meetings scheduled as 1-2 day events. All up, members need to plan to be in the Board's Wellington office for 10-12 days each year. Committee and project work is in addition to this time commitment.

Prior to each meeting, members need to plan for an average of 4 hours of preparation time to ensure they are well versed with each agenda and supporting documentation.

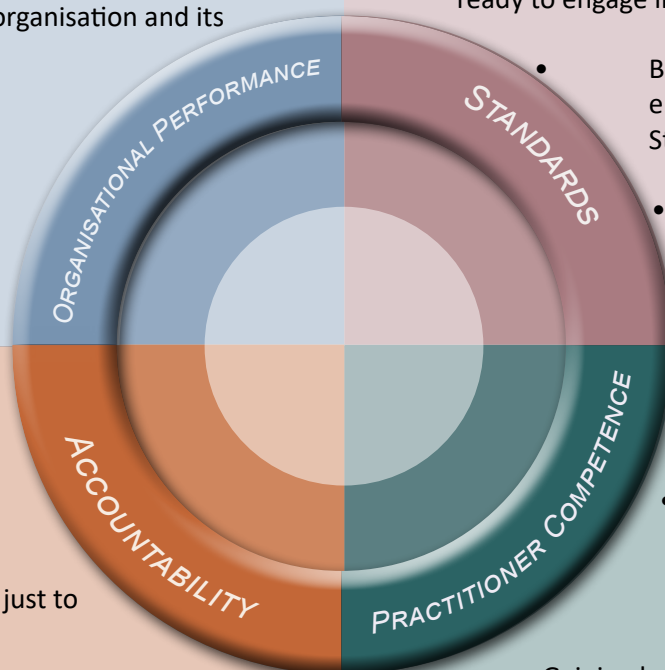
The time required for the committee and project work varies according to the Board's annual business plan.

The Role of a Board Member

When carrying out their role, Board members must ensure they are wearing their "hat" as governors. The appointment process is managed through the Ministry of Health with Board members ultimately being responsible to the Minister of Health.

Specific duties of a Board member include:

- Acting in the best interest of the health and safety of the New Zealand public concerning the medical imaging and radiation therapy profession.
- Developing a working knowledge of the HPCA Act and ensuring that the Act is being complied with.
- Attending Board meetings fully prepared and ready to engage in discussion and decision-making.



- Being part of a Board Committee e.g. Registration, Professional Standards.

- Respect confidentiality, be aware of any conflicts of interest and accepting collective responsibility for decisions.

Development & Remuneration

- Contributing to and being an integral part of protecting the health and safety of the New Zealand public.

- Gaining knowledge of the regulation/governance sector of the medical imaging and radiation therapy profession.

- Networking with other healthcare professionals and the Board's staff.

- Induction and training by senior Board members.

- Paid travel and accommodation plus paid time for preparation and meetings.

- The Board will pay each member a daily and/or hourly rate for all Board related activities (including but not limited to) – Board meeting preparation, decision making relating to Committee work and Board paper readings.

- Travel to/from Wellington and accommodation is arranged, booked and paid for by the Board.