

MRTB NEWS

TE HEAMANA/FROM THE CHAIR

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As 2022 draws towards a close, it is fitting to reflect on some of the changes and achievements that have taken place throughout the year.

The Board presented at the ISMRT, NZIMRT, ASUM and ANZSNMT conferences and they provided the opportunity to connect with the professions in person and to answer questions. I would like to thank these professional bodies for the opportunity and look forward to future collaboration. In addition, I would like to especially acknowledge NZIMRT for incorporating Te Reo Māori throughout the conference and pepeha into the key speaker introductions.

On behalf of the Board, I would also like to thank all those practitioners who contributed to the CPD consultation document. It was heartening to receive overwhelmingly positive and constructive feedback, resulting in changes to the CPD audit cycle.

A reminder that in 2023 20% of practitioners will be audited on 10 hours of CPD completed between January and December 2022.

Lastly, and most recently, you would have received notification of the consultation document regarding the revision of the Board's Competence Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy – you will find a link to this document below. I urge you all to read through the document and provide your feedback via the online survey.

Finally, I thank you for your hard work, often unseen, and would hope that you have the opportunity to spend a much deserved rest with your friends and family this holiday season.

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.

Christmas Office Hours

The office will be closed from midday Thursday 22 December 2022 to 9 January 2023. 15 December is the last day for registration applications from New Zealand graduates wishing to be registered. Newly registered practitioners will need to submit their APC applications before 19 December to receive their APCs before the Christmas break.

No Fee Increases

The Board has determined there will be no fee increases for 2023.

Competence Standards Consultation

As a reminder, you would have received notification of the Competence Standards consultation document on 25 October 2022.

The competence standards have been specifically designed with the intent to move from a prescriptive to more principle-based model so this is more enabling for practitioners' day to day practise. This should also provide sufficient flexibility and versatility to be relevant to a variety of stakeholders.

A link to the consultation document is here.

Please submit your feedback via the online survey by Friday 16 December 2022.

CPD Audit Outcomes

The Board called 641 medical imaging and radiation therapy practitioners for audit. The below graph shows the CPD audit outcomes.

