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Consultation: Examination Fee



The Medical Radiation Technologists Board (the Board) is introducing an examination as a pathway to registration for overseas-trained practitioners. In the longer-term the examination may also be used as a mechanism for the issue of a practising certificate for practitioners returning to practice after an extended absence.

In this consultation document we are seeking feedback from the medical imaging and radiation therapy profession and other interested stakeholders on the proposed examination fee.

Consultation Feedback

The Board invites written comments on the proposed examination fee by **Friday 10 August 2018** after which all submissions will be considered by the Board at their meeting on 23 August 2018.

Please email your comments to the following address: **admin@medsci.co.nz**

Introduction

From November 2018 the Board will introduce an examination for the purpose of registration and recertification under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act). This document sets out the proposed fees for the examination and provides information on how the examination fee has been calculated.

The Board operates within the health regulation framework under the Act. As a not-for-profit body the Board's operational revenue is derived from fees (such as registrations and annual practising certificates) and those fees are set in alignment with the Board's annual budgets. There is no general taxpayer contribution to any of its operations. Practitioner fees are set by the Board under sections 130 and 131 of the Act.

Policy Statement

In certain circumstances, the Board will require practitioners to sit an examination which has been designed as an assessment tool to measure an individual's level of proficiency in respect of foundational knowledge pertaining to the competencies required for the practice of medical imaging and radiation therapy in New Zealand.

The examination will be set under sections 12 and 15 of the Act.

Principles Underlying the Setting of the Examination Fee

The Board adopted the following principles when setting the examination fee:

- The proposed examination fee has been set at a level estimated to cover the annual running costs for administration of the examination.
- Establishment costs for the initial set-up of the examination have not been included in the examination fee. Those costs will be borne by the Board's capital expenditure reserves.
- Based on the previous numbers of overseas applicants sitting REA's in a given year, the fee level has been calculated on an average of fifty (50) examinations per year.
- The examination fee is in addition to the initial registration fee paid by each candidate.

Proposed fee

The Board is proposing to set the examination fee as follows:

First attempt	\$2,400 (incl. GST).
Subsequent attempts	\$2,400 (incl. GST).

Refund policy

Once the closing date for enrolling in a specific examination has passed the examination fee is non-refundable. However, in special circumstances as set out in the Examination Policy document candidates may be given an opportunity to re-sit the examination without incurring an additional examination fee.