



New Zealand
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 NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGISTS BOARD

FROM THE CHAIR

The Board conducted its second audit of practitioners in August 2019 under the new CPD framework. The feedback from the audit suggested indicates that all practitioners are embracing the new CPD framework, as shown by the quality of documentation submitted in the audit. All practitioners who were audited should now have received a letter advising of the outcome.

The online examination as a pathway for registration of overseas trained Medical Imaging Technologists and Radiation Therapists launched in September 2019. The online examination will eventually replace the REA as a pathway to registration over the next 12 months. Most of the hard work for the online examination has been completed. However, the Board still requires the ongoing support of our content writers to produce questions for the online examinations. The Board will be hosting a content writers' workshop in early 2020. If you wish to become a content writer, please express your interest via email at mrt@medsci.co.nz.

The Board has recently consulted on the new Code of Ethical Conduct policy and is currently consulting on the Naming Practitioners policy. I hope you all have had a chance to look at this and submit your feedback.

Currently, the Board is one lay member short. The Board is waiting on further communication from the Ministry of Health in regard to the appointment of a new layperson.

The Board has received feedback from the profession about significant workforce shortages in some areas of New Zealand. I hope that the new graduates can fill some of these gaps. The Board is continuing to receive and process overseas applications, which should also help to relieve the workforce shortages.

Please take note of the dates the MRTB office will be closed over the Christmas break.

We wish you all a safe holiday season and hope you are all able to enjoy some time with family and friends for those of you fortunate enough to have leave over that time.

Beryl Kelly, 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.

OFFICE CLOSURE OVER CHRISTMAS

Please note the Board's office will be closed from Friday 20 December, and will reopen on Monday 6 January 2020. The Board wishes you all a happy and safe holiday.

NEED TO BE REGISTERED AND HOLDING AN APC BEFORE CHRISTMAS?

If you need to be registered and holding your practising certificate (APC) before Christmas, the Board will need to have received your completed registration application by **16 December 2019**. There are no guarantees applications received after this date will be processed before the Christmas break.

The last date for APC applications is **18 December 2019**. Any APC application received after this date cannot be guaranteed to be issued before the office closure period.

FEEDBACK ON 2019 CPD AUDIT

The Board has been impressed by the quality of the portfolios submitted by practitioner's select for audit in 2019. Here are some points to remember:

- Reduce the stress of being audited by keeping your CPD records up to date.
 - Provide a logbook which records all your CPD and includes a total for substantive and general activities completed for each year covered by the audit.
 - Present certificates and reflective statement in chronological order.
 - Identify the learning category for each activity.
 - You must complete 60 hours of CPD activity over a three-year period – triennium – with a minimum of 10 hours in any one year.
 - At least 35 hours of CPD activities within a triennium must be directly relevant to your scope(s) of practice.
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NEW GRADUATES FOR 2019

As the end of the year is fast approaching, it is timely for the Board to remind graduates and employers of their obligations to ensure all newly employed medical imaging and radiation therapy practitioners are registered and hold a current practising certificate.

NEW FEES EFFECTIVE FROM 1 FEBRUARY 2020

The Board is currently consulting on the proposal to increase practitioner fees by 2% from 1 February 2020. The schedule below sets out the proposed fees:

FEE CATEGORY	Proposed Fee GST inclusive 15%	Proposed Fee GST exclusive rate
REGISTRATIONS		
Registration Fee (NZ graduate)	\$364.00	\$316.52
Registration Fee (TTMRA)	\$364.00	\$316.52
Registration Fee (Overseas graduate)	\$832.00	\$723.48
Additional Scope	\$198.00	\$172.17
ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC)		
Renewal of an APC received by 31 March	\$460.00	\$400.00
Renewal of an APC received after 7 April	\$643.00	\$559.13
Application for an initial or Return to Work APC received between 1 October to 31 January	\$230.00	\$200.00
Application for initial APC received between 1 December and 31 March	n/a	n/a
Application for an initial or Return to Work APC received between 1 February to 31 March	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUPPLY OF DOCUMENTS		
Registration certification/Re-issue of reg cert	\$62.00	\$53.91
Letter of good standing	\$146.00	\$126.96
Restoration to the register	\$52.00	\$45.22
REA	\$2725.00	
Online Exam Fee	\$2448.00	\$2128.70

2020 CPD REQUIREMENTS

The date range for 2020 CPD audit is 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2020. If you are selected for audit in 2020 you will need to submit the following documents: (notifications on audit selection will be issued June 2020)

1. Recertification Declaration.
 2. Employment history - a brief description of your key responsibilities in your current and previous roles over the relevant triennium.
 3. Confirmation of a Peer Review that you have undergone a peer review/performance appraisal within the previous 12-months.
 4. Logbook recording the CPD activities undertaking in the period.
 5. Six Reflective Statements. Two of these must be related to ethical practice, and another two to your scope of medical imaging/radiation therapy practice. One reflective statement must relate to culturally appropriate practice. The remaining reflective statement can relate to any of these elements of practice.
 6. A sample of documents that provide evidence of your logged CPD activities. You are required to provide at least ten documents as evidence. At least six of these evidential documents must be related to substantive CPD activities. You must provide at least one evidential document for each of the three years of the triennium.
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