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NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGISTS BOARD

FROM THE CHAIR

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Once again, the country finds itself navigating the challenges of the pandemic, and a lot is being asked of the medical imaging and radiation therapy profession in addition to other healthcare practitioners. On behalf of the Medical Radiation Technologists Board (the Board), I would like to acknowledge your ongoing hard work and commitment, as well as offering a sincere thank you.

As a reminder, all practitioners registered with the Board need to be aware of the recent government announcement regarding the requirement for all health workers to be fully vaccinated. Under the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021, all registered practitioners must be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022. As practitioners registered under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, this is a mandated government requirement.

The Board notes that significant changes for the healthcare system and DHBs also lay ahead for 2022, we will continue to inform you of any impact to both the medical imaging and radiation therapy workforce.

Please take note of the dates the office will be closed over the Christmas break and the last day for registration and APC applications before the office closes for the year.

We wish you all a safe holiday season and hope you are all able to enjoy some time with family and friends.

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 Closure

The office will be closed from 24 December 2021 to 10 January 2022. 16 December is the last day for registrations applications from New Zealand graduates wishing to be registered and issued with an APC before the Christmas break. 20 December is the last day for APC applications from newly registered practitioners before the Christmas break.

CPD Audit 2022

The CPD audit for the 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023 trimester will be in 2022. Please note that the requirements for the 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023 trimester remain the same. If you are selected for audit you and have had difficulties in meeting the 60 hours of CPD due to the ongoing effects of COVID-19, you will need to advise the Registrar. All such instances will be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

Regulatory Authority Audit

In April 2021, the Medical Radiation Technologists Board underwent a performance review in respect of their obligations and responsibilities under section 118 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. An independent reviewer (BSI New Zealand) was appointed to conduct the review. Of the 23 performance sections that the Board was measured against, 16 were fully achieved and 7 were partially achieved. The Board has an action plan in place to achieve the 7 partially achieved sections.
