



Dear Practitioner

You may be aware that Unitec recently announced that they are withdrawing from offering the Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Imaging. This includes both the modalities of Ultrasound and MRI .

The Board is currently liaising with the University of Auckland who are developing postgraduate diplomas in these modalities beginning 2013. The programmes will require evaluation and approval before the Board can confirm that they will meet the requirements for registration and to enable them to become prescribed qualifications in the scopes of practice of MRI and ultrasound. The MRTB will endeavour to keep practitioners informed of progress towards this.

In the mean time you are able to apply for enrolment in alternative Board approved qualifications offshore. However, the Board understands that applications into many overseas programmes will not be available until semester two, 2012.

As an interim measure, the Board has approved a twelve month exemption from enrolling in the academic component of the training. This will allow you to work towards the clinical component of the qualification while an approved New Zealand qualification programme is being developed and confirmed or it is possible to enrol in a programme offshore. This means that you may still apply for registration in a training scope of practice without evidence of enrolment in an academic programme. You will need to enclose a letter from your employer with your TSOP application stating they are aware of the supervision requirements for practitioners enrolled in a training scope of practice. This will include a six-monthly progress report to the Board from your supervisor. A supervisor report template has been developed and will be available on the boards website www.mrtboard.org.nz

Please note, should any programme leading to registration *not* contain a clinical component, graduates wishing to register as an MRI Technologist or sonographer will be required to complete 3360 clinical hours and undergo a Registration Examination Assessment Examination (REA). There is an additional cost of \$2,000.00 for this examination.

If you have any queries please contact the Board at mrt@medsci.co.nz

Yours sincerely

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