

Media release

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Professional capabilities for medical radiation practice released

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (National Board) has released its *Professional capabilities for medical radiation practice*.

The capabilities statement identifies the minimum knowledge, skills and professional attributes necessary for safe, independent practice in diagnostic radiography, nuclear medicine technology and radiation therapy.

In order to be granted general registration by the National Board, a medical radiation practitioner must be able that they demonstrate these capabilities.

The requirements of the professional capabilities apply to all practitioners, including those who:

- qualified in Australia (via a four year program, or via a three year program plus supervised practice)
- qualified overseas, and
- are returning to practice after taking a break (even if they were registered before they took that break).

The capabilities have been grouped into domains which identify elements of practice. The domains for the professional capabilities for medical radiation practice are:

- Domain 1: professional and ethical conduct
- Domain 2: professional communication and collaboration
- Domain 3: evidence based practice and professional learning
- Domain 4: radiation safety and risk management, and
- Domain 5: practice in medical radiation science (common), and either:
 - 5a: practice in diagnostic radiography
 - 5b: practice in nuclear medicine, or
 - 5c: practice in radiation therapy.

The National Board expects medical radiation practitioners to demonstrate elements from a number of domains during all procedures or treatments. This recognises that competent professional practice requires an ability to draw on and integrate the breadth of capabilities to support overall performance.

Further information about how to apply these capabilities will be provided in a separate document, as part of the suite of tools to support professional learning and development.

Additional details about the *Professional capabilities for medical radiation practice* can be found on the [Board's website](#).

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