

## Communiqué

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### Arrangements for Supervised Practice in 2013 for Nuclear Medicine Technologists/Scientists

On 1 July 2012 the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009* (National Law) introduced the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for medical radiation practitioners. Practitioners who have qualified from courses identified as requiring a period of supervised practice now need to be supervised under arrangements approved by the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board).

The Board requires all graduate practitioners completing a period of supervised practice in 2013 to participate in an approved supervised practice program.

#### **Nuclear medicine scientists**

The Board has reached agreement with the ANZSNM to provide supervised practice in 2013. Nuclear medicine technologists and scientists whose registration specifies a period of supervised practice will be required to participate in this program in 2013.

There will be no cost for a graduate practitioner to enter the program. Nuclear Medicine Technologists/ Scientists should contact ANZSNM on (03) 9756 0128

The supervision ratio for the program will change. The ratio is defined as the “number of supervised practitioners may not exceed the number of practitioners with general registration in any one physical location” (ratio 1:1).

#### **Diagnostic radiographers and radiation therapists**

The Board and the Australian Institute of Radiography continue to negotiate for a supervised practice program for 2013. The Board is hopeful that it can approve arrangements for supervised practice for diagnostic radiographers and radiation therapists in the very near future.

#### **Arrangements for 2014 and beyond**

The Board continues to develop its approach to Supervised Practice for 2014. Following feedback at the Supervised Practice Forum in Melbourne in August 2012, the Board is developing a consultation paper which will be released later this year.

#### *For more information:*

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