

## SUBMISSION

**To: Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia**

**Re: Recency of Practice Guidelines  
CPD Guidelines**

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### 1. Recency of Practice Guidelines

The matters for consideration for a return to practice plan are noted to be comprehensive and put the onus on the registrant to assess their own skills and knowledge.

There is inconsistency in the use of the word *practice*, sometimes defined in the guidelines as *clinical practice* but also just as *practice*. The definitions include one for *practice*, which means

- *Any role in which the medical radiation practitioner uses their skills and knowledge in their profession in any way that impacts on safe, effective delivery of health services.*

Clarity around the definition of *practice* vs *clinical practice* is sought.

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### 2. CPD Guidelines

It is noted that the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia have opted for an hours rather than points allocation for CPD activities which harmonises the policy with those of some of the other 10 already registered professions.

The exemptions as stated are limited and do not include consideration of maternity, paternity or family leave. In a female-centric profession, this could lead to some hardship.

It is noted that some of the other professions, for example medicine and pharmacy, allow a one year absence without the need to fulfill CPD and for an absence of 1 to 3 years a requirement to complete a minimum of one year's quota of CPD activities relevant to the intended scope of practice.

It is recognised that professional practice is dynamic and that medical radiation practices vary with changing technologies, however, an exemption of a year from CPD requirements, particularly for maternity, paternity or family leave would probably not materially affect a practitioner's ability to practice in a safe manner on return to practice.