

Statement

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Supervised Practice 2013

Purpose

This statement provides information on the process of undertaking supervised practice in 2013. It is intended for use by students and recent graduates from those programs of study where a period of supervised practice is required.

Why is the Medical Radiation Practice Board publishing this information.

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board) has recently reached agreement with the professional associations to administer supervised practice for 2013. With the end of the academic year approaching graduating students and employers will require information on the process for supervised practice in 2013.

Registration and Radiation Licensing

The *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009 (the National Law)* as in force in each State and Territory requires those practicing as medical radiation practitioners to be registered with the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board). Additionally, there is broad requirement in each Australian State and Territory to be licensed to use radiation. For supervised practitioners there is a further requirement to participate in a supervised practice program approved by the Board.

Supervised Practice Program

The two supervised practice programs approved by the Board for 2013 are

- The Australian & New Zealand Society for Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM) for nuclear medicine scientists / technologists
- The Australian Institute of Radiography (AIR) for diagnostic radiographers and radiation therapists

Each professional association has their own specific guide for their respective supervised practice programs. To access these guides, contact the respective professional association or follow the links below

www.anzsnm.org.au/cms/governance/document-search/

www.air.asn.au/cms_files/07_ClinicalTraining/01011_Guide_NPDP.pdf

Amendments to the Current Supervised Practice Programs

The Board and the professional associations have agreed to amendments to the respective supervised practice programs

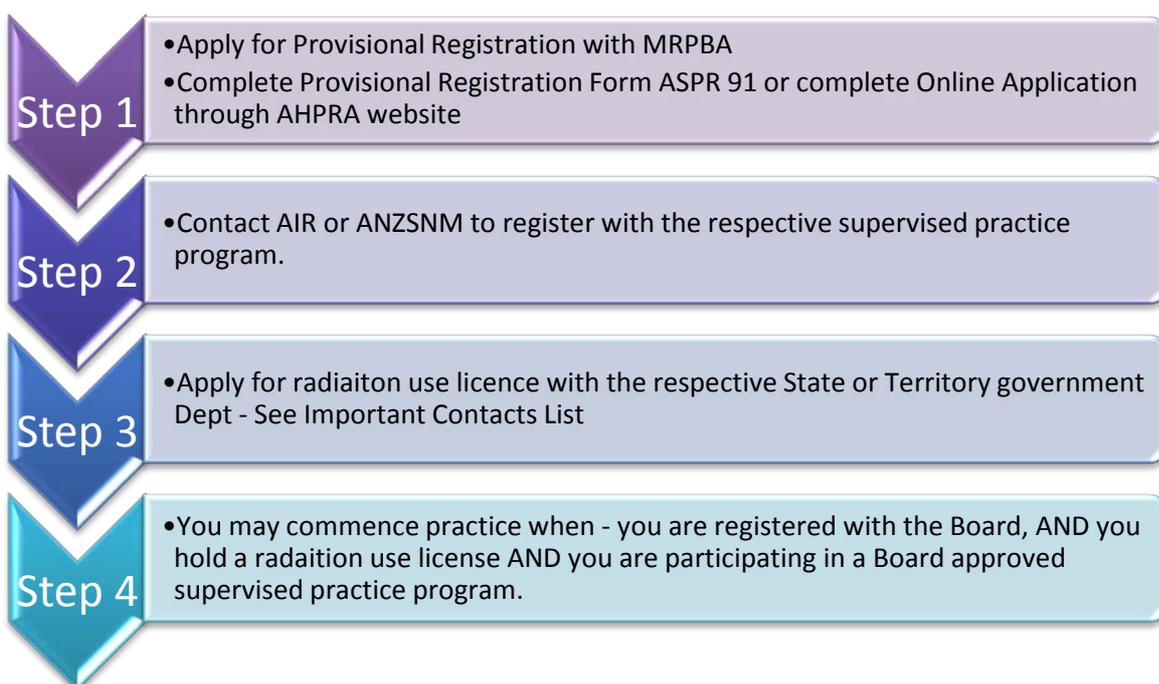
For the Australian & New Zealand Society for Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM) the following changes are noted:

- a) The ANZSNM will administer supervised practice for nuclear medicine technologists through the ANZSNM PDY program for 2013.
- b) That the proportion of registered practitioners to supervised practitioners will be at a ratio of 1:1, subject to contingency plans for sole practitioner sites.
- c) There will be no costs to practitioners to participate in the program.

For the Australian Institute of Radiography (AIR) the following changes are noted:

- a) The AIR will administer supervised practice for diagnostic radiographers and radiation therapists through the AIR National Professional Development Program (NPDP) for 2013.
- b) That a person supervising a supervised practitioner will not be required to hold an AIR Validated Statement of Accreditation (VSoA)
- c) That the proportion of registered practitioners to supervised practitioners will be such that a single registered practitioner may supervise up to two provisional registrants within the same physical location.
- d) There will be no costs to practitioners to participate in the program.

Typical Process



Applying for Registration with the Board

Australian and New Zealand graduates from 3 year courses are required to undertake a period of supervised practice can apply online via the Graduate Applications portal on the AHPRA website. www.ahpra.gov.au

Alternatively you may also use the ASPR 91 Application form which can be downloaded from the Boards' website, under the *Registrations > Forms* tab www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/Registration/Forms.aspx

For the purposes of meeting the qualification requirement defined in the National Law, the Board will only accept an official academic transcript from the university through which you undertook the approved program of study or a Letter of Completion signed by an approved signatory of the University.

Employment and Registering

Graduate practitioners may apply for registration without first having secured a supervised practice position. This will then enable practitioners to apply for their radiation license with the relevant State or Territory licensing authority. However, there is a Board requirement that once a registered practitioner has secured employment and has commenced supervised practice, they must notify the Board of their principle place of practice and their Supervisor's details.

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Questions and Answers

Where can I get an Application for Provisional Registration?

Applications can be downloaded from the Board's website, under the "Forms" tab. You can use the following link - www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/Registration/Forms.aspx

Where can I get more information about supervised practice?

For 2013 supervised practice will be administered by the professional associations

- The Australian & New Zealand Society for Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM) for nuclear medicine scientists / technologists, and
- The Australian Institute of Radiography (AIR) for diagnostic radiographers and radiation therapists

For more information about supervised practice, contact the relevant professional association.

How do I get a supervised practice position?

The role of the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia is to regulate the practice and conduct of the profession. In this role the Board is required to consider the impact of its decisions on workforce and access to healthcare services.

The decision regarding a particular position is not one made by the Board. It is a decision for each individual employer to consider whether they create or maintain a particular training position.

When can I start a supervised practice position?

In order to practice as a medical radiation practitioner you must be registered with the Board. Each State and Territory also has requirements relating to radiation licensing. Additionally as a Provisional Registrant, you will need to participate in a supervised practice program approved by the Board. If you do not meet the above criteria you may be practicing in breach of the law.

What happens if I practice unregistered or unlicensed?

If you practice without being registered with the Board or you practice without a radiation license you may be in breach of the law.

It is a serious matter to practice unregistered or unlicensed. In these circumstances the Board may consider the breach as a *prima facie* case of professional misconduct

What happens if I am not part of an approved supervised practice program?

If you are not listed with the relevant professional association to participate in their respective supervised practice program, any time you have already worked will not count towards the completion of your supervised practice requirements.

If you practice for an extended period of time without participating in an approved supervised practice program, you will be practicing in breach of your registration with the Board.

In these circumstances the Board may treat that breach as professional conduct matter.