

Communiqué

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Arrangements for Supervised Practice in 2013 for Diagnostic Radiographers and Radiation Therapists

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 those graduate practitioners required to complete a period of supervised practice in 2013 to participate in an approved supervised practice program.

Diagnostic radiographers and radiation therapists

The Board and the Australian Institute of Radiography (AIR) have reached agreement for the AIR to provide supervised practice in 2013. Diagnostic radiographers and radiation therapists 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 AIR program.

The supervision ratio for the program will change. All practitioners holding general registration can provide day to day supervision for supervised practitioners. The ratio will be that the number of supervised practitioners will not exceed the number of general registrants in the same physical location at the time of supervision. Additionally there will be no requirement for supervisors to hold a validated statement of accreditation with the AIR.

For more information on the program, graduates should contact the AIR on (03) 9419 3336.

Nuclear medicine scientists

In its Communiqué of 4 October the Board advised that in 2013 graduate nuclear medicine practitioners would be required to participate in the PDY Program run by the ANZSNM.

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

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