

Communiqué

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Accreditation arrangements for medical radiation practice: Consultation now open

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the National Board) is establishing an Accreditation Committee, the composition of which is currently being consulted on by the Board. Submissions to the consultation are due by close of business on 1 October 2012.

The decision to establish a committee was recently taken by the Board under s.43 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each State and Territory (the National Law).

The role of the Accreditation Committee will be to recommend accreditation standards to the National Board for approval and assess whether programs of study and education providers are meeting the accreditation standards. Accreditation standards help to ensure that education providers give students with the knowledge, skills and professional attributes to competently practice.

While the Board consults on the composition of the committee, the following transitional arrangements have been made to ensure that students, overseas qualified practitioners and education providers are in no way adversely affected while the ongoing arrangements are put in place.

The transitional arrangements are that:

- students enrolled in approved courses of study will continue to be eligible for general registration when they have successfully completed their course
- assessing overseas qualified practitioners seeking registration in Australia will continue to be assessed by the existing Board Committee (which was formed in January), and
- qualifications and programs of study that automatically transitioned to the National Scheme on 1 July 2012 will continue to be recognised.

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia is now seeking feedback on the composition of the Accreditation Committee. Submissions should be sent by close of business on **1 October 2012**.

The consultation is published under the [News](#) tab on the Board's website and will be widely distributed to stakeholders.

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