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To Whom It May Concern

On behalf on the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist (ANZSNMT) group, I would like to submit the following comments on the Consultation document released for review in August 2011 by the MPRB:

*Attachment 1 – CPD:*

- The existing ANZSNM CPD program using points should continue as the preferred program for nuclear medicine technologists in the initial stages;
- Perhaps conversion from points to hours could be defined to assist those enrolled in the existing CPD programs;
- There should be a mandatory component dedicated to the practitioners current scope of practice, perhaps one third to ensure no loss in skill level;
- An exemption period should be available for those on maternity leave, long service leave or special leave such as for an illness for a period of > 6 months.

*Attachment 4 – PII:*

- The board and/or the professional bodies should provide guidelines on the minimum level of PII cover, specifically to assist those who have not been registered or taken out PII previously;
- This includes advice on the number of years' run-off to be included in the policy and the amount of liability coverage, perhaps a minimum of \$5 to \$8 million dollars.

*Attachment 5 – Recency of Practice:*

- If a practitioner has not been practicing for three years but has 3 or more years of experience in the profession, they should be required to provide some evidence of CPD during that time. This may be attendance at an education meeting or reviewing journals;
- If a practitioner has not been practicing for five years, then they should undertake a supervised program of re-entry into the profession that can be assessed after a pre-determined period such as 3 to 6 months dependent on the candidate and previous profession experience;
- These re-entry programs may need to be individualized based on prior experience, length of time out of the profession, skill level, etc.

*Attachment 6 – Grandparenting & general registration eligibility registration standard:*

- Evidence of CPD and recency of practice should be used to determine eligibility for general registration;
- The process and documentation required for general registration should be clearly defined;
- For those members not currently registered such as NSW and SA, the board need to disseminate the process and evidence needed to apply for general registration as soon as possible.

Kind Regards  
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