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A National Registration is a valuable concept.

I suggest this would be best to originate itself with a National Education curriculum. Being a supervisor for students, it is notable that some Universities produce more capable graduates than other Universities.

Enforcing all current licensed Diagnostic Radiographers to register in a National program, that insists on 60 CPD points per triennium is unrealistic.

What are the outcomes for those that do not register?

There are a number of radiographers who

- 1) will be retiring in the next 5 years
- 2) are single parents3) the sole income provider
- 4) live and work in remote areas of Australia
- 5) only work part-time or casual

and as such would see travelling to conferences and obtaining the required number of CPD points unachievable.

Working in the industry, being involved in discussions with peers and Radiologists, progressing with new technologies and being involved in the training of students and colleagues are in themselves classed as professional development and should cover any professional requirements.

Should it be deemed compulsory for ALL licensed Diagnostic Radiographers to register in the National program then you will find that there will be premature retirement and forced resignations for those that cannot commit to your requirements. There are many experienced Radiographers who are detrimental to training programmes.

IF this program is to be compulsory, then I suggest it commence with new graduates and on a volunteer basis for other Radiographers.

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