

Via Email 6/9/2011

Hi,

My name is Luke Arthur Colbran, I am a diagnostic radiographer, and have been working full time since 1994. I currently am not registered with my state (NSW) , although I do hold a current EPA radiation license(NSW).

I would like to make the following comments in regards to your draft standards CPD for medical radiation practitioners:

- Full time work should be seen as a major contribution to the CDP requirement. This is a hands on job, it is not 'rocket science'. Our most valuable lessons as trainees is the in the clinical setting, not sitting in the lecture theatre being told how to do our jobs. We learn day to day on the job. Working is meaningful learning. A triennium of 60 hours of extra work CDP would far too much, and inevitably meaningless to improving the ability of the practitioner in the workplace.
- The CPD needs to be obtainable without a financial burden to the practitioner. Quite frankly we don't need to increase the cost of doing business, we don't get paid enough to cover extra fees.
- The program needs to have the provision that the entire CDP requirements can be met without a travel burden to the practitioner (ie. Can be completed entirely online, or in journal form). Practitioners in remote areas are penalized with increased travel times and costs to attend seminars in city locations. Most of us have a life outside of work hours, and don't need more competition for our personal time.
- The CPD program should be obtainable without having to be a financial member of a professional body (the A.I.R.). Legitimizing a professional body through this legislation will only give it an opportunity to consolidate its fee base, through membership and ' legitimate CPD activities', which generally have a substantial fee associated. My fear is the professional body will become a self perpetuating bureaucracy, with no competition, scrutiny or accountability.

I would like to receive regular updates from the Medical Radiation Board of Australia/ AHPRA on luke.colbran@westnet.com.au and /or Luke.Colbran@prpimaging.com.au . Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and your time.

Kind regards,

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