

Policy

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Supervised practice in 2013 for Nuclear Medicine Scientists/Technologists

Purpose

This document provides information on the process of undertaking supervised practice in 2013. It is intended for use by students and recent graduates from programs of study where a period of supervised practice is required. The appendix provides contact details for key organisations that are up to date at time of publication.

Why the Medical Radiation Practice Board is publishing this information

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board) has recently reached agreement with the professional association Australian & New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM) to administer supervised practice for nuclear medicine scientists/technologists in 2013. With the end of the academic year approaching, graduating students and employers need information on the process for supervised practice in 2013.

Registration and radiation licensing

The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as in force in each state and territory (the National Law) requires those practicing as medical radiation practitioners to be registered with the Board.

For students and recent graduates from certain programs of study there is a further requirement to participate in a supervised practice program that has been approved by the Board.

A separate requirement of each Australian state and territory is that practitioners must be licensed to use radiation (please note that this license is not issued or required by the Board).

Supervised practice program

The supervised practice program approved by the Board for nuclear medicine scientists/technologists for 2013 is the **Professional Development Year**, PDY, run by the Australian & New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM).

ANZSNM has its own specific guide for its supervised practice program. To access the guide, contact ANZSNM or follow the link below:

www.anzsnm.org.au/cms/governance/document-search/

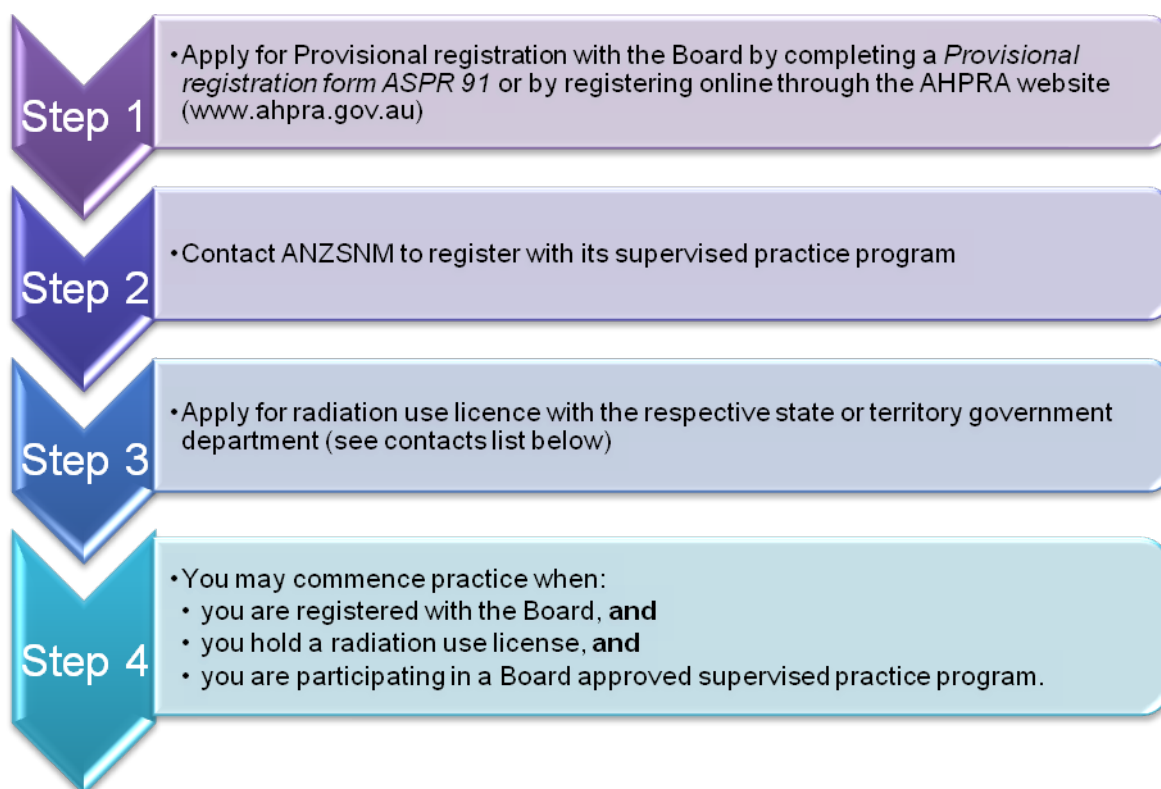
Amendments to the current supervised practice programs

The Board and ANZSNM have agreed to amendments to the supervised practice program:

- a) The ANZSNM will administer supervised practice for nuclear medicine technologists through the ANZSNM PDY program for 2013.
- b) The proportion of registered practitioners to supervised practitioners will be at a ratio of 1:1, subject to contingency plans for sole practitioner sites.
- c) There will be no cost to practitioners to participate in the program.
- d) There will be no cost to accredit practices to take PDY participants for 2013.

Typical Process

The following steps outline the typical process for graduating students to become registered.



Applying for registration with the Board

If you are an Australian or New Zealand graduate from a three year course, you are required to undertake a period of supervised practice in order to practice. You can apply for registration via the [Graduate applications](#) section on the AHPRA website www.ahpra.gov.au/

You can also register by using the [ASPR 91 Application form](#) which can be downloaded from the Board's website, under the *Registrations > Forms* tab.

For the purposes of meeting the qualification requirement defined in the National Law, the Board will only accept an official academic transcript from the university through which you undertook the approved program of study or a letter of completion signed by an approved signatory of the University.

Employment and registering

Graduate practitioners are encouraged to apply for registration, even if they have not yet secured a supervised practice position. This will enable practitioners to apply for their radiation license with the relevant State or Territory licensing authority. Once a registered practitioner has secured employment and has commenced supervised practice, they must notify the Board of their principal place of practice and their supervisor's details.

For more information

- Refer to the National Board's website: www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au
- Refer to AHPRA's website: www.ahpra.gov.au (you can make an online enquiry under the [Contact us](#) tab)
- For registration enquiries: 1300 419 495 (within Australia) +61 03 8708 9001 (overseas callers)
- For media enquiries: (03) 8708 9200

Appendix: Important contacts

This appendix provides the contact and address details, correct at date 1 October 2012, for:

1. AHPRA offices
2. ANZSNM
3. Radiation licensing authorities

AHPRA Offices

**Mailing address: GPO Box 9958
(In your nearest capital city)**

<i>Australian Capital Territory</i> RSM Bird Cameron Building 103-105 Northbourne Avenue Canberra ACT 2601	<i>New South Wales</i> Level 51 680 George Street Sydney NSW 2000	<i>Northern Territory</i> Level 5 22 Harry Chan Avenue Darwin NT 0800
<i>Queensland</i> Level 18, 179 Turbot Street Brisbane QLD 4000	<i>South Australia</i> Level 8, 121 King William Street Adelaide SA 5000	<i>Tasmania</i> Level 12 86 Collins Street Hobart TAS 7000
<i>Victoria</i> Level 8, 111 Bourke Street Melbourne VIC 3000	<i>Western Australia</i> Level 1, 541 Hay Street Subiaco WA 6008	

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PO Box 202
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Email: secretariat@anzsnm.org.au
Web: www.anzsnm.org.au/cms/

Radiation licensing authorities

<p><i>Australian Capital Territory</i></p> <p>Manager Radiation Safety Health Protection Service ACT Health Directorate Locked Bag 5005 WESTON CREEK ACT 2611 Email: hps@act.gov.au Telephone: (02) 6205 1700 Web: www.health.act.gov.au</p>	<p><i>New South Wales</i></p> <p>Manager Hazardous Materials, Chemicals and Radiation Environment Protection Authority PO Box A290 SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1232 Email: radiation@epa.nsw.gov.au Telephone: (02) 9995 5959 Web: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/radiation/index.htm</p>
<p><i>Northern Territory</i></p> <p>Manager Radiation Protection Radiation Protection Section Department of Health GPO Box 40596 CASUARINA NT 0811 Email: envirohealth@nt.gov.au Telephone: (08) 8922 7152 Web: www.health.nt.gov.au</p>	<p><i>Queensland</i></p> <p>Director Radiation Health Unit Queensland Health PO Box 2368 FORTITUDE VALLEY BC QLD 4006 Email: radiation_health@health.qld.gov.au Telephone: (07) 3328 9987 Web: www.health.qld.gov.au/radiationhealth/</p>
<p><i>South Australia</i></p> <p>Manager, Radiation Protection Environment Protection Authority GPO Box 2607 ADELAIDE SA 5001 Email: radiationprotection@epa.sa.gov.au Telephone: (08) 8463 7826 Web: www.epa.sa.gov.au</p>	<p><i>Tasmania</i></p> <p>Senior Health Physicist Radiation Protection Unit Dept of Health and Human Services GPO Box 125 HOBART TAS 7001 Email: radiation.protection@dhhs.tas.gov.au Telephone: (03) 6222 7256 Web: www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/peh/radiation_protection</p>
<p><i>Victoria</i></p> <p>Team Leader, Radiation Safety Department of Health GPO Box 4541 Melbourne VIC 3001 Email: radiation.safety@health.vic.gov.au Telephone: 1300 767 469 Fax: 1300 769 274 Web: www.health.vic.gov.au/radiation</p>	<p><i>Western Australia</i></p> <p>Secretary, Radiological Council Grace Vaughan House 277 Stubbs Terrace SHENTON PARK WA 6008</p> <p>Locked Bag 2006 PO NEDLANDS WA 6009 Email: radiation.health@health.wa.gov.au Telephone: (08) 9388 4999 Web: www.radiologicalcouncil.wa.gov.au</p>

Questions and Answers

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1. What is Provisional Registration?

Provisional registration is for medical radiation practice graduates from three year courses. It is used where the applicant has never practiced the profession and the National Board indicates that graduates must undertake a period of supervised practice in order to meet the requirements of general registration.

2. Where can I get an application for Provisional registration?

[Application forms](#) can be downloaded from the Board's website, under the *Registration > Forms* tab.

3. Where can I get more information about supervised practice?

For 2013 supervised practice for nuclear medicine scientists/technologists will be administered by Australian & New Zealand Society for Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM)

For more information about ANZSNM's supervised practice program, please contact ANZSNM.

4. How do I get a supervised practice position?

The decision regarding a particular position is not one made by the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia. It is a decision for each individual employer to consider whether they create or maintain a particular training position.

5. When can I start a supervised practice position?

In order to practice as a medical radiation practitioner you must be registered with the Board. Each state and territory also has requirements relating to radiation licensing. Additionally as a Provisional Registrant, you will need to participate in a supervised practice program approved by the Board. If you do not meet the above criteria you may be practicing in breach of the law.

6. What happens if I practice unregistered or unlicensed?

If you practice without being registered with the Board or you practice without a radiation license you may be in breach of the law.

It is a serious matter to practice unregistered or unlicensed. In these circumstances the Board may consider the breach as a *prima facie* case of professional misconduct.

7. What happens if I am not part of an approved supervised practice program?

If you are not listed with the ANZSNM to participate in its supervised practice program for nuclear medicine scientists/technologists, any time you have already worked will not count towards the completion of your supervised practice requirements.

If you practice for an extended period of time without participating in an approved supervised practice program, you will be practicing in breach of your registration with the Board.

In these circumstances the Board may treat that breach as professional conduct matter.

For more information

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