



Gaining Registration in MRI to work in New Zealand

To work in MRI in New Zealand you need to hold occupational registration not only as an MRT but also in the SCOPE OF PRACTICE (SOP) of MRI. This is legislated by the Health Practitioner Competency Act and regulated by the Medical Radiation Technologist Board (MRTB).

For more information on this, please visit this website www.mrtboard.org.nz/.

Further information can be found under Registration Resources, in particular www.mrtboard.org.nz/assets_mrtb/Uploads/2020-gs5833.pdf

5. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technologist

The practitioner must satisfy one of the following:

- A relevant undergraduate health science qualification and a postgraduate diploma in MRI from a New Zealand tertiary education institution that is accredited and monitored by the Board, combined with appropriate MRI experience.
- A qualification in MRI approved by the Board combined with appropriate MRI experience.
- A MRI qualification and a pass in a Board examination combined with appropriate MRI experience.
- An undergraduate qualification in medical imaging or radiation therapy as approved by the Board, and a minimum of two and a half years FTE MRI practice that meets Board clinical experience requirements, and a pass in a Board MRI examination.

For overseas candidates to gain a SOP in MRI you need to either:

1. hold a post graduate qualification in medical imaging majoring in MRI, or
2. show enough recent experience to be allowed to sit the online exam,
AND
3. pass a supervised online examination (further information on the examination can be found here www.mrtboard.org.nz/pre-registration/overseas-trained-how-to-register/online-examination/)



Overseas Trained - How to Register

Holders of an overseas medical radiation and radiation therapy qualification can apply for registration with the New Zealand Medical Radiation Technologists Board.

Your qualifications and experience will be assessed to determine if they are equivalent or satisfactory as an approved New Zealand qualification for that scope of practice.

You must also meet the Board's English Language requirements and be in good standing with each registration authority you have worked in order to meet the Board's 'fitness to practise' requirements.

Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act

All Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) registered medical imaging and radiation therapy practitioners may apply for registration in New Zealand under the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act (TTMRA) pathway.

If you are a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technologist, you will need to apply according to the requirements for an overseas-trained applicant.

Applying for an Annual Practising Certificate (APC)

You must wait until you are a resident in New Zealand or can provide evidence of your move to New Zealand before applying for an APC. Once you are registered, and before you begin working in New Zealand, you must apply to the Board for an APC.

Registration Timeframe

Providing your application is received with all the required documentation and the full registration fee payment you can expect to receive confirmation of your registration within 30 days.

To apply for registration, the minimum you will need to provide:

1. Qualification: A certified copy of your qualification. A photocopy may be certified as a true copy by a solicitor, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or an Officer of the Court.
2. Evidence of Study: A certified copy of your academic transcript + a copy of the full course curriculum (in English) for the programme you undertook
3. Evidence of Character and Experience: Two 'Certificates of Good Character' that have been completed by persons unrelated to you, and one of whom is a practising medical imaging and/or radiation therapy practitioner + A certified copy of your registration certificate
4. Proof of Identity: Evidence of name change if applicable (certified copy of your marriage, birth or deed poll certificate) + One passport-style photograph signed with your signature, and certified to be a true likeness of yourself (stating your name) by a solicitor, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or an Officer of the Court.
5. Evidence of Employment: A statement from your most recent/current employer which includes start and end date of employment, normal contracted hours per week and job title + Curriculum Vitae.
6. Criminal history check: A criminal conviction notice that is no more than six months old from each country you have lived and worked in for more than 12 months.

Find a full list of requirements, as well as the forms you will need, by following this link
<https://www.mrtboard.org.nz/pre-registration/overseas-trained-how-to-register/ttmra/>

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