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# ASMIRT

## Overseas Assessment Frequently Asked Questions

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There are a number of protected titles for medical radiation practice. They include:

Medical Radiation Practitioner (MRP)

Diagnostic Radiographer (DR)

Medical Imaging Technologist (MIT)

Radiographer

Nuclear Medicine Scientist (NMS)

Nuclear Medicine Technologist (NMT)

Radiation Therapist (RT).

For the purposes of our documentation we use the broad descriptor Medical Radiation Practitioner (MRP) recognising that it covers a range of areas of practice.



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long will the application process take?

The assessment of an application may take up to 16 weeks. Practicing clinicians in medical imaging, radiation therapy and sonography from around Australia carry out the assessment. Please ensure that all documentation is submitted to reduce delay in assessment.

Applications are processed in the order of date received of all required documents. The ASMIRT is continuously receiving many applications. It would be inequitable to complete your application ahead of other applicants in the queue.

The initial process will be held up if all documentation is not present and further information is requested. If further information is requested, attach a covering letter listing the additional documents for submission, so that documents reach the appropriate department for processing. This will potentially extend the assessment period of 16 weeks, as each application is required to be assessed thoroughly again.

What is the cost of assessment?

The cost of the assessment for the July 2026 to June 2027 year is AUD\$1074.00 if applying from overseas. If resident in Australia (permanent or temporary), the assessment fee is AUD\$1180.00 which includes a total of AUD\$106.00 Goods and Services tax (GST). Refer to the application form for methods of payment. If you wish to have two modalities assessed an additional fee of AUD\$516 will need to be calculated into the above fee.

The application fee must be in Australian Dollars drawn on an Australian Bank or via direct bank transfer. Overseas currency is not acceptable. Do not send cash.

Evidence of payment of the assessment must be included with the application.

ASMIRT bank details have been provided on the application form to transfer the application fee.

If using a Bank Cheque – **Please make payable to “Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy” (Australian Dollars Only)**

Pre-Approved applications ONLY – The fee for this assessment for the July 2026 to June 2027 year is AUD\$338.00 Refer to the application form for methods of payment. Payment for the assessment must be included with the application. Accepted forms of payment are bank cheque drawn in Australian dollars, MasterCard, Visa Card or American Express. Bank cheques must be made payable to the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy and drawn on an Australian Bank. Overseas currency is not accepted. Please do not send cash.

Applicants that are eligible for this pre-approved application for a skills assessment letter and Statement of Qualification in medical imaging and radiation therapy include:

- Graduates in medical imaging and radiation therapy from undergraduate programs in New Zealand



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- Applicants that have previously been successful in their assessments and have not applied to immigration and require an updated skills assessment letter for migration purposes.

Applicants eligible for the pre-approved Certificate of Recognition in Ultrasound are:

- Graduates from ASAR approved courses <https://www.asar.com.au/course-accreditation/asar-accredited-courses/>
- Applicants that have previously been successful in their ultrasound assessments and have not applied to immigration and require an updated skills assessment letter for migration purposes.
- An applicant via this method must include certified copies of the information requested on the application form. If the applicant is from New Zealand, the applicant must have at least one year of clinical experience in their country of origin before applying. Applicants must demonstrate a proficiency in English.
- Applicants working in New Zealand that do not hold undergraduate qualifications from New Zealand will be required to undertake the full overseas assessment application process.
- Australian passport holders who hold overseas sonography qualifications will also be required to undertake the full overseas assessment application process if wishing to register with the Australian Sonographers Accreditation Registry.

*Application fees are a non-refundable cost.*

How many CPD documents are needed for the overseas application?

You will need to submit the last three years of CPD evidence demonstrating 20 hours per year. This will need to be more than a list of activities; documentary evidence such as certificates and/or letters will need to be supplied.

At least 35 hours of CPD must be substantive activities. Substantive activities are those learning activities that have a significant intellectual or practical content that is relevant to a **practitioner's area of practice or their emerging area of practice.**

How many **years' experience** must I have before I can apply?

You need to have a minimum of two years of clinical experience post qualification in medical imaging or radiation therapy. This does not include any clinical time that was included as part of your degree program.

If you submit all documentation to be assessed, and you have not reached the 2 years minimum requirement, your application will be held until you reach the requirements, and further documentation is supplied from your employer detailing the dates of employment as the specified Imaging or Therapy practitioner at the hospital/centre and the hours of



employment per week. The letter also needs to detail the work performed by applicant, including duties and responsibilities. A percentage breakdown of the different modalities undertaken in the department will need to be included.

If you have not undertaken the 2-year minimum post graduate clinical experience requirement, you are ineligible for a skills assessment letter.

Note: pre-approved applicants from New Zealand must demonstrate a minimum of 1 year post graduate clinical experience.

Sonography applicants will need to demonstrate appropriate scanning experience as per the Australian Sonographer Accreditation Registry (ASAR) Sonographer Qualifications and Areas of Practice

[https://www.asar.com.au/public/90/files/POL\\_11\\_ASAR\\_Position\\_Statement.pdf](https://www.asar.com.au/public/90/files/POL_11_ASAR_Position_Statement.pdf)

If I have registration in another country, will I need to undertake an ASMIRT assessment?

Registration regulations differ from country to country. If you undertake the ASMIRT overseas assessment process, you will need to provide evidence of your registration in your country. It does not automatically qualify you for unconditional recognition.

If you require eligibility for ASMIRT Membership, a Skills Assessment for Immigration purposes, or wish to register with the Australian Sonographer Accreditation Registry (ASAR), then you will need to undertake an ASMIRT assessment.

How do I become a member of the ASMIRT?

In order to be eligible for membership of the ASMIRT you need to demonstrate that you hold a Statement of Qualification or a Certificate of Recognition in Ultrasound. These are issued on successful conclusion of an overseas qualification assessment.

Membership incorporates professional indemnity insurance with an unlimited run off cover which is a mandatory requirement for Ahpra. Please note that not all employers will hold the appropriate cover for you

This membership also entitles you to lodge CPD hours and ensure compliance with the Ahpra mandatory CPD requirements.

What is the difference between AHPRA Registration and the ASMIRT?

Ahpra is the registration board only and deems whether practitioners are competent to be registered as a practitioner. They do not run programs of any sort, nor are a membership organisation.

Diagnostic Radiographers/Medical Imaging Technologists and Radiation Therapists are required to be Ahpra registered before gaining employment in Australia. For further details contact:



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Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra)

[www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au)

<http://www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/>

The ASMIRT is a professional association and the peak body representing radiographers, radiation therapists and sonographers in Australia. We recognise undergraduate courses across Australia, set standards of competency in practice and encourage scholarship and continuing professional development.

The overseas assessment process is not a registration process.



Why do I need to undertake the ASMIRT overseas assessment process?

The ASMIRT assesses your qualification for a few reasons.

The ASMIRT is gazetted by the Department of Immigration to review the course you have undertaken for suitability to practice in Australia. If successful in this process and you are at this professional standard, then you will be provided a skills assessment letter to submit with your visa application.

If your qualifications were gained outside Australia, you will need to have them assessed by the ASMIRT Overseas Qualification Assessment Panel (OQAP). Overseas qualifications are not necessarily recognised as being equivalent to the Australian standard and therefore need to be assessed on an individual basis. Further details on the process of applying to have your qualifications assessed by OQAP can be found under the Overseas assessment section of the ASMIRT website. <https://asmirt.org/overseas-assessments/>

What is meant by a Pre - approved course?

Selected international programmes in Diagnostic Radiography/Medical Imaging Technology and Radiation Therapy have been approved by the ASMIRT, allowing graduates to obtain an accelerated assessment of their eligibility for a Statement of Qualification.

Presently this includes those degree courses from New Zealand only. There are no other pre- approved courses from any other country on this list.

An applicant via this Direct Application method must include certified\* copies of the information requested on the application form. They must have at least 1 year of clinical experience in their country of origin before applying. Applicants must demonstrate a proficiency in English and are required to provide evidence of understanding and fluency in English.



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Do I need to undertake the ASMIRT overseas assessment process if I am a radiographer / radiation therapist?

The ASMIRT assesses radiography and radiation therapy qualifications for two reasons:

- Eligibility for Membership
- Skills Assessment for Immigration Purposes

It is not mandatory to be assessed for registration (MRPBA) purposes; however, some employers still like to see prospective employees hold a Statement of Qualification (SOQ) to demonstrate a professional standard.

A successful assessment will mean you are granted a Statement of Qualification that will then enable you to apply for immigration through the skilled migration program.

Do I require licensing in addition to registration?

Diagnostic Radiographers/Medical Imaging Technologists and Radiation Therapists are registered with the MRPBA as a mandatory requirement in order to practice in Australia. You must be on the Ahpra registry in order to gain employment in Australia.

To operate irradiating apparatus, you will need to be licensed in the different States of Australia that is separate to the AHPRA registration and ASMIRT process. Applicants should contact the relevant State and Territory regulating authority to enquire about the licensing requirements as they differ in each State and Territory.

What is meant by certified copy?

(Note: This may also be referred to as a notarised copy)

Certified copy of a document means an original document that has been signed by a person officially authorised to confirm that it is a true and accurate duplicate. The authorised representative will sight the originals and the photocopies to ensure they are identical. The authorised representative must declare on each photocopy that it is a true copy of the original document.

Authorised persons include but are not limited to: a Justice of the Peace, a Solicitor, a Lawyer, a Police Sergeant, a Notary Public, a Registered Health Practitioner (e.g. Doctor, Pharmacist) or a Member of an Australian Embassy or Consulate. If you are overseas, you can have your documents certified by an authorised person in your country. Anyone who can legally certify documents in your country can certify your documents for the purpose of your qualifications assessment. The certification must be in English

Documents that are being submitted for a skills assessment can only be notarised by those listed above.

Standard Statement: *"I have sighted the original document and certify this to be a true copy of the original."*





For Photo ID: *"I certify that this is a true copy of the original and the photograph is a true likeness of the person presenting the document as sighted by me."*

Authorised persons Details: The authorised person's signature, printed name, occupation, date, and contact details/professional registration number.

If you are applying for Ahpra at the same time, please see the requirements for certification of documents for their purposes:

<https://www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/Search.aspx?q=certification+of+documents>

Do I need to undertake the ASMIRT overseas assessment process if I am an overseas qualified sonographer?

The ASMIRT assessment process is undertaken on behalf of the Australian Sonographers Accreditation Registry (ASAR). The qualifications are assessed based on the benchmark set by this organisation.

For registration with the ASAR, it is a mandatory requirement that all overseas qualified practitioners undertake an assessment of their overseas qualifications.

Australian passport holders who hold overseas sonography qualifications will also be required to undertake the full overseas assessment application process if wishing to register with the Australian Sonographers Accreditation Registry.

International Practitioners who have undertaken an Australian Program will be required to undertake this process also. Applications involving pre-approved Australian courses will be dealt with in a shorter timeline and an applicant should receive advice of the outcome within one month of receipt. Incomplete applications that do not include all the required documentation may take considerably longer to assess.

Sonographers are required to be registered before gaining employment in Australia. For further details contact:

Australasian Sonographers Accreditation Registry (ASAR) Secretariat  
PO Box 146  
Welland  
SA 5007  
E: [registry@asar.com.au](mailto:registry@asar.com.au)  
P: 1300 151 522  
website: [www.asar.com.au](http://www.asar.com.au)

I am a sonologist and wish to be able to practice ultrasound in Australia. Am I eligible?

Overseas doctors with ultrasound training have a different emphasis and scope of practice than Australian sonographers. The post graduate program will need to be comparable to the academic and practical hours against the Australian standard. There needs to be sound information provided with regards to ultrasound topics covered.

*Overseas doctors are recommended to have their medical degree assessed.*



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**I don't have a degree level qualification. Can people undergo assessments** without a degree level qualification but with significant experience in the field?

There are no guarantees of a successful outcome in your application. Assessments are reviewed and take into consideration both the clinical and academic aspects of practice and are measured against the Professional Practice Standards for radiography and radiation therapy and standards set by the Australian Sonographers Accreditation Registry in the case of ultrasound. Note that qualifications obtained post 1995 must be of a degree standard.

Are you able to have a quick look at my credentials to see if I would be successful in my application?

There is no capacity to undertake a quick pre review of your application prior to submission. This assessment may result in a non-favourable outcome. It is recommended that you undertake your own research in the first instance to see if you meet the eligibility criteria prior to submitting for assessment

What are my qualifications assessed against?

*Diagnostic Radiography/Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy*

Your application and qualifications will be assessed against the Australian standard at the time of qualification. The assessment is reviewed on equivalence with the Australian standard at the time of your qualification. Your post qualification experience and postgraduate education will also be taken into consideration. Evidence of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) should be forwarded with your application. The Assessment Panel requires that the post qualification experience should be equivalent to an average Australian Diagnostic Radiographer/Medical Imaging Technologist or Radiation Therapist who qualified at the same time.

You must demonstrate at least two or more years in the last 5 years of good clinical experience. The minimum standard that your application would be expected to achieve is the ASMIRT's Professional Practice Standards (PPS) for the Accredited Practitioner.

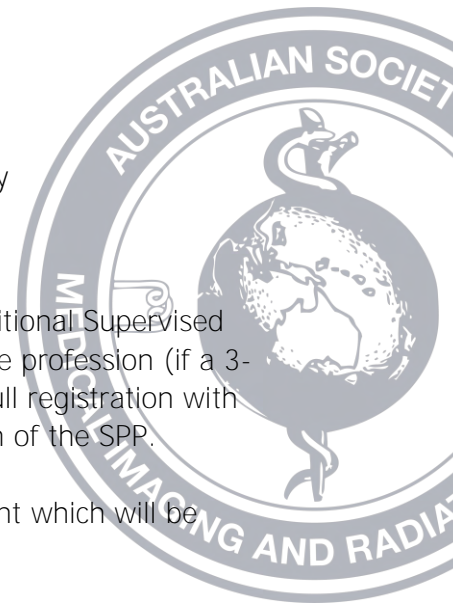
- Diagnostic Radiographers/Medical Imaging Technologists should have some experience of basic CT scanning or other cross-sectional imaging.
- Radiation Therapists should demonstrate understanding of both treatment planning (simulation and dosimetry) and treatment delivery.

The assessment is based on the Guiding Principles and Standards for Skilled Migration Assessing Authorities (the Guide) of the Commonwealth Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR).

Your qualification will be compared to a qualification in either Diagnostic Radiography/Medical Imaging or Radiation Therapy. In Australia the disciplines are quite different entities, and you can only qualify in one discipline. The following is a guide as to the Australian academic standard your qualification will be compared to:

- Up to 1972 (Certificate) - 3-4 years of part-time study with on-the-job training





- 1973-1985 (Associate Diploma) - 3 years equivalent fulltime study
- 1986-1994 (Diploma) - 3 years of fulltime study
- 1995 onwards (Degree) – 3-4 years of fulltime study with an additional Supervised Practice Program (SPP) year of mentored clinical entrance into the profession (if a 3-year degree is completed). Australian graduates are eligible for full registration with Ahpra on the completion of the 4-year program, or on completion of the SPP.
- NB: after 1995, a degree is the minimum qualification requirement which will be assessed against the current Australian Standard.

## Ultrasound

Ultrasound applications and qualifications will be assessed against the Australian standard at the time of qualification. The assessment is reviewed on equivalence with the Australian standard at the time of your qualification. This equivalence is the minimum qualification criteria as set by the Australian Sonographer Accreditation Registry (ASAR).

The assessment is based on guidelines from the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR), of the Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

Ultrasound qualifications will only be considered at a postgraduate level with an appropriate undergraduate qualification in an associated Health Science - Radiography, Biomedical Science and Nursing etc. in short, a course that has anatomy and related subjects in it.

Ultrasound applications must contain evidence of an appropriate volume and range of clinical experience in the area of speciality.

## What happens when my qualifications are assessed?

The assessment of your qualifications can take up to 16 weeks. Please note the 16-week period only commences following receipt of ALL the required documentation.

The Assessment Panel only comes together approximately twice per year for face-to-face meetings. All other activities of the Assessment Panel are conducted electronically through the ASMIRT.

The Assessment Panel members will assess all the paperwork provided by you and compare it to the Australian standard for the same period. They will compare the syllabus that is provided in your application to the Australian syllabus for the same time. They will compare subjects, topics covered under the subjects, the hours of instruction for each subject and topic, the clinical experience as part of the course and the type of clinical experience. They will look at your employment record and letters from employers to ensure your post qualification experience is of the required standard. Your evidence of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) will be also examined.





What if I do not agree with the findings of the overseas panel?

Applicants are able to choose from two options:

1. Submit further documentation to support their application
2. Direct appeal with a three-month period

A three-year period from the date of the rejection letter is allocated for applicants to reapply by submitting further documentation in support of their application. One re-submission is available within the three-year period to enable an upgrade in qualifications, or undertake additional requirements, as highlighted as gaps in the application. This re-submission is not for adding additional documents that were requested during the course of the assessment.

No additional payment is required for a reassessment if further evidence is received within the three-year timeframe. After these 3 years, a new application fee applies.

An applicant has the right of appeal against the findings and recommendations of the Overseas Qualification and Assessment Panel (OQAP). An appeal must be in writing and signed by the applicant. Emails and faxes will not be accepted. The letter must state clearly the grounds for the appeal and include supporting documentation. The appeal fee for the 2026 to 2027 year is \$306.00 (\$338 with GST). This documentation will be forwarded onto the ASMIRT Board of Directors for an independent review.

If an applicant chooses to undertake an appeal within three (3) months of the date of the Assessment Panel decision, and the Board of Directors upholds the decision of the panel, the file is closed.

If the applicant wishes to apply again in the future, then a new application fee and a new application will need to be submitted. This will be considered as a new assessment.

Applicants that are working with migration agents will need to contact them to seek further advice.

