



Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine

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Application for Overseas Qualification Assessment in Nuclear Medicine Technology

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Important: Please READ the following explanatory notes carefully before completing all sections of the application form which is attached at the end of the explanatory notes

The ANZSNM has been specified by the Minister of Immigration and Citizenship, in accordance with the Migration Regulations 1994, as the assessing authority for the occupation Nuclear Medicine Technologist (ASCO Code 2391-15).

The Australian Government General Skilled Migration Program

The Department of Home Affairs implements the Australian Government's General Skilled Migration program, to ensure that policies and procedures for assessing the skills of prospective migrants are appropriate, transparent and do not pose unreasonable barriers to migration.

Approval is granted to professional bodies which meet established criteria, including a commitment to support the objectives of the General Skilled Migration programme and the provision of an appropriate assessment service to prospective migrants.

If you wish to apply to migrate to Australia as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist under the General Skilled Migration visa category, you will be required to provide evidence of registration with the regulatory body in Australia, the [Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia \(MRPBA\)](#). This may involve an exam to demonstrate competency and/or a period of supervised practice via the MRPBA Supervised Practice Programme.

In addition, you will be required to have your skills (clinical experience and tertiary qualifications) assessed by the ANZSNM. The ANZSNM will assess your skills as "suitable" or "not suitable" for your nominated occupation on this basis of the information you provide.

Your skills assessment must be included with your visa application to the Department of Home Affairs, Immigration and Citizenship and you must be prepared to show all the documentation you have relied upon when seeking a skills assessment. You should keep a certified copy of your skills assessment and all other relevant documentation for your own records.

The ANZSNM can only provide advice on applying for a skills assessment. All other questions relating to migration should be directed to [Immigration and Citizenship](#) for information and contact details.

Information for Intending Migrants

If you intend to migrate to Australia, you should first contact your nearest Australian Embassy, Consulate or High Commission, for information about migration processes and requirements for assessment of your qualifications. If you intend to migrate in a General Skilled Migration category,



information relevant to you is available from the Department of Home Affairs on their website at <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/what-we-do/skilled-migration-program>. It is essential that you read the information on the website carefully before proceeding with your skills and qualifications assessment.

To migrate to Australia under the General Skilled Migration categories, you or your spouse must satisfy certain basic requirements before applying to migrate. One of the basic requirements is to nominate an occupation from the Skilled Occupations List which fits your skills and qualifications, and have your skills and qualifications assessed by the relevant assessing authority.

If your nominated occupation is "Nuclear Medicine Technologist", **you must first obtain your registration with the MRPBA and meet their criteria** then apply to the ANZSNM for an assessment of your skills and work experience.

Please note that, under migration law, if your qualifications were gained in Australia and you wish to apply for a visa under the General Skilled Migration program, you will also need to apply for a skills assessment, please contact the secretariat. If your Nuclear Medicine Technology qualification is suitable for migration to Australia, you may be required to meet additional requirements of the MRPBA before you are eligible for full registration as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist.

For New Zealand citizens wishing to live and work in Australia, you must apply for a Special Category Visa (SCV) - Subclass 444. In accordance with the Trans-Tasman mutual recognition agreement, nuclear medicine technologists registered with the NZMRTB, can apply for registration with the MRPBA/AHPRA using the form ATMR-91.

Visa requirements

To work as a medical radiation practitioner (diagnostic radiographer, radiation therapist or nuclear medicine technologist) in Australia, you need to:

- apply for, and be registered with, the MRPBA (the Board)
- you may also need to apply for a visa issued by the Australian Department of Home Affairs (Immigration and Citizenship).

These two application processes are entirely separate and success in one does not automatically guarantee success in the other.

More information on visa applications, including skills assessments is available on the <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/> website.

Registered profession in Australia

The **MRPBA (the Board)** are the professional regulators who will assess your qualifications for the purposes of becoming a registered medical radiation practitioner with the right to practice in Australia.

The functions of the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia include:

- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the medical radiation profession
- approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study
- registering medical radiation practitioners and students



- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings, and
- assessing overseas-trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia.

The **Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM)** are assessing authorities gazetted by the Minister for Immigration (pursuant to the *Migration Act 1958, Regulations Amendment 1999, 2.228*) to perform skills assessment for migration purposes. The ANZSNM assess the skills of overseas qualified medical radiation practitioners who want to migrate to Australia. Applicants must contact these assessing authorities to obtain valid skills assessment.

The ANZSNM take into consideration work experience in assessing an applicant's qualifications, which is then used to determine suitability for skilled migration.

Important note:

We recommend that you do not apply for work until your registration is confirmed. We also advise that you do not make any irreversible decisions - such as resigning from current employment or moving to Australia - until you have applied for and been approved for registration as a medical radiation practitioner in Australia. The timeframe to process your application for registration depends on the unique circumstances of your application.

Please note AHPRA and the MRPBA cannot assist you in seeking employment or influence employment or visa outcomes.

Employers

Employers are responsible for all matters relating to employment. Employers should therefore make sure that medical radiation practitioners are registered and have the legal right to work in Australia. The Board is not involved in employment matters and is unable to assist practitioners in seeking employment or influencing employment outcomes. However, it is important to be aware that practitioners in a registered health profession must hold registration with the relevant National Board prior to taking up employment in Australia in their profession.

Requirements

1. Evidence of current registration as a medical radiation practitioner with MRPBA or NZMRTB
2. Provide completed Application form for Overseas Qualification Assessment in Nuclear Medicine Technology

Documents to Send with the Application Form for Skills Assessment

These are the documents that you **MUST** include with this application. **DO NOT** send originals: send **CERTIFIED COPIES** (but not copies of certified copies - see notes on certification below).

Please ensure that the documents are page-by-page, printed on one side only, not double-sided.

- Official certified copy of your qualification papers (for example, your degree, diploma, certificate etc) in the original language.
- Official certified transcripts of educational courses completed, showing subjects, hours and examination results and, where applicable, details of practical and clinical education, in the original language.



- If you are registered with a licensing/registration authority in your home country or any other country, please provide a certified copy of your registration certificate.
- Two official, certified references from employers, practical placement supervisors (if recently graduated) or, if self-employed, two references from professional colleagues attesting to your professional competence.
- Official certified evidence of any change of name, e.g., a marriage certificate ONLY if the name on your documents is different from your current name.

You must also send certified copies of translations into English of any of the documents above that are issued in another language. If forged, altered or falsified documents are submitted to the ANZSNM, no assessment will be provided, and your assessment fee will not be refunded.

If you cannot obtain the required documents, you should attach a letter to this form identifying which documents you cannot obtain and explain the reason(s) for this.

Document Certification

All copies of original documents must be clearly certified as true copies of the original by an authorised person. In Australia, people who are authorised to certify copies are:

- Justices of the Peace
- Legal practitioners
- Admissions officers of all Australian universities
- Officers of State and Territory Overseas Qualifications Units

In countries outside Australia, authorities in that country approve persons who certify documents. If you are uncertain, the nearest Australian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate can advise you.

To have your copies certified, you must present both the original and the copy to the person carrying out the certification. Each copy of a document must be certified separately and must show clearly:

1. the words "certified true copy of the original" **AND**
2. the signature of the certifying officer **AND**
3. the name and address or provider/registration number (where applicable) of the certifying person, legibly printed below the signature.

It must be possible, from the details provided, for the ANZSNM to contact the certifying person if necessary.

ANZSNM Fee Structure

All fees are quoted in Australian dollars. The fee must be in Australian dollars made payable to the ANZSNM via Visa or MasterCard or via bank transfer. If paying by credit card, please provide name of cardholder, card number, expiry date and the CVV (3-digit security code usually at the back of the card) on a sheet of paper separate from your application.

Overseas Qualification Assessment (clinical experience and tertiary qualifications) \$550
- Add 10% GST for applicants residing in Australia



Waiting Time for Assessment

An application for assessment may take up to four weeks. You should not make contact to check on the progress of your assessment before this time. Processing includes assessment of the application, documentation and ratification of the assessment by the ANZSNM. Sometimes further information may be sought from the applicant, educational institution, referees or certifying persons in other countries where the response and mail service may be slow.

Agents

Australia's privacy legislation prohibits the ANZSNM from discussing your application with other people unless you authorise us to do so. If you want someone, such as a family member or other agent, to deal with ANZSNM on your behalf you need to attach a letter, signed by you, authorising this person (by name) to act as your agent.

Reviews

If the assessment does not recognise your skills as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist in Australia as appropriate and you disagree with the assessment, you may apply to the ANZSNM for a review of the decision. Please [contact](#) the ANZSNM if you require further information about this option.

Next steps

Once the Skills Assessment is completed, you will receive an official assessment letter from the ANZSNM. If you wish to apply for migration to Australia under the General Skilled Migration category, you should include the original assessment letter you receive from the ANZSNM with your application to migrate.

Registration is a requirement to obtain a radiation licence in some Australian States and Territories.

Enquiries

For more information about the assessment process, please contact the ANZSNM at

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APPLICATION FORM**

Section A - Your Personal Details

Preferred title (please circle) Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Your family name _____

Given names _____

Any other names you have used (e.g., before marriage etc) or if your name is now different from the name on your qualifications. _____

Sex (please circle) Male Female

Date of birth _____

Country of birth _____

First language _____

Country of permanent residence _____

Address for correspondence:

Contact Details

Phone: Work _____

Phone: Mobile _____

Email _____



Section B - Your Professional Education

Give details of ALL post-secondary or higher education courses or professional courses leading to admission to membership of professional bodies which you have completed. If you have more than two (2) such qualifications attach a separate sheet giving the additional details.

Qualification 1:

Name of the qualification (in English)

Name of the qualification (in your own language)

Name of the institution

Full address of the institution:

What was the normal entry requirement for the course?

Normal length of full-time course Years _____ Semesters _____

Years _____ Semesters _____

Length of time which you took to complete course Years _____ Months _____

Years _____ Months _____

Normal length of semester Weeks _____ Or Months _____

Weeks _____ Or Months _____

Date course commenced Date course completed _____

Was a period of compulsory clinical practice a requirement of this course (please circle)? Yes No



Section B - Your Professional Education (Cont'd)

Qualification 2:

Name of the qualification (in English)

Name of the qualification (in your own language)

Name of the institution

Full address of the institution:

What was the normal entry requirement for the course?

Normal length of full-time course Years _____ Semesters _____

Length of time which you took to complete course Years _____ Months _____

Normal length of semester Weeks _____ Or Months _____

Date course commenced Date course completed _____

Was a period of compulsory clinical practice a requirement of this course (please circle)? Yes No



Section C: Registration/Licensure (provide an explanation if not applicable)

What is the name and country of authority of your first registration to practice as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist?

Name _____

Country _____

What was the date of first registration? _____

What is the name and country of authority of your most recent registration to practice as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist?

Name _____

Country _____

What was the date of current registration? _____

Have you ever been refused a licence or registration or had a licence or registration withdrawn? (please circle): Yes No

Give the names of any professional bodies of which you are a member



Section D: Post Qualification Employment History for the Last Three Years

Current Role

Place of employment _____

Position held _____

Dates of employment _____

Length of employment _____

Working hour per week _____

If above employment position above was for less than three years, provide details of other previous roles within that time frame:

Place of employment _____

Position held _____

Dates of employment _____

Length of employment _____

Working hour per week _____

Place of employment _____

Position held _____

Dates of employment _____

Length of employment _____

Working hour per week _____



Section E: Specific Experience

1: Hot lab

(1a) Please list your experience in preparation and administration of Radiopharmaceuticals

(1b) Please state your experience in in-vitro labelling

(1c) How much experience have you had handling and administration of PET isotopes?



Section E: Specific Experience (Cont'd)

2: Quality Control

(2a) Please list the quality control you have been involved with in the Hot Laboratory.

(2b) Please list the camera Quality Control you have experienced regularly in PET and SPECT/CT Cameras.

3: Scanning

(3a) Please list your experience in PET or SPECT/CT cameras and state the types of scanners you have worked on, and the time spent on each one.



Section E: Specific Experience (Cont'd)

(3b) Please list the PET or SPECT/CT scans you have performed

4: Treatment/Therapy

Please state the treatments you have been involved in (e.g., Iodine 131 ablation)



Section F: Checklist

Documents which you must include with this application

Certified copies of:

- qualification papers (such as degree, diploma, certificate etc)
- original and current registration or licence to practice
- internship (if applicable)
- evidence of change of name (if applicable)
- Official translation in English of any documents originally issued in a language other than English
- Evidence of resident status in Australia (if applicable) either: relevant pages from your passport or travel documents, or your Australian citizenship certificate, Australian passport or birth certificate

You must also include the following documents with this application:

- Evidence of your professional work experience from graduation to present (a CV)
- Two references from employers OR two references from colleagues if self-employed

Section G: Declaration

You must read and sign this declaration

I declare that:

- the information I have supplied on this form and any attachments is complete, correct and up-to-date
- I undertake to inform the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine Inc (ANZSNM) of any changes to my circumstances (e.g., address) while my application is being considered
- I authorise the ANZNSM to make any enquiries necessary to assist in the assessment of my qualifications and to use any information supplied in this application for that purpose
- I authorise the ANZSNM to liaise with the MRPBA to assist in the assessment of my application if required; and
- I have read and understood the information supplied to me in the explanatory notes accompanying this application.

Signature _____

Date _____



Section H: How to Lodge Your Application

Before lodging this form, check that you have:

- Read the explanatory notes
- Attached the required documents
- Enclosed the correct fee as per the fee structure, payable to the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine; and
- Signed the declaration

After completing this form, please detach the explanatory notes and send the form, together with the required documents and assessment fee to the ANZSNM at:

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