



Medical Radiation Technologists
Board of Queensland

registrants update



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From the Chair



Welcome to the December 2010 newsletter from the Medical Radiation Technologists Board of Queensland.

It is with some trepidation that I step into the

position of Chairperson after the many years that Wayne Nuss was in the role. At the same time, our long standing Deputy Chairperson, Pam Rowntree also decided to step down from her position and has been replaced by Dominic Kennedy. I express my gratitude to Wayne and Pam for their service and dedication in these positions since the inception of the Board.

The Board was also reconstituted in April 2010 and I would like to thank retiring members Jennie Baxter, Catherine McHenry, Myrtle Green, Abramo Papp and Clare Endicott, whose collective dedication and expertise the Board appreciated greatly. I'd also like to welcome Nicole Eastgate, Tracey Lloyd, Lisa O'Neil, Virginia Thorley and Melinda Wilson to the Board.

The Supervised Practice Program Committee was also renewed. With Melinda's move to the Board, Linda-Jane Michel became the Nuclear Medicine Technology representative on the Committee. Dominic took over from me as Chairman and the remainder of the membership stayed the same.

My appreciation is extended to all current members of the Board and committees who held office during the year.

I would also like to thank the administrative and operational support provided by the staff of the Office of Health Practitioner Registration Boards in assisting the Board to fulfill its statutory functions and obligations.

There are some major changes on the way with National Registration (from July 2012) and the introduction of the National Professional Development Program from the Australian Institute of Radiography, so we'll keep you updated as much as we can.

Best wishes to you and your families for a happy and safe holiday season.

John Andersen
Chairperson

About the Board

The members of the Medical Radiation Technologists Board of Queensland are as follows:

John Andersen (Chairperson)
Dominic Kennedy (Deputy Chairperson)
Pamela Rowntree
Wayne Nuss
Amy Illidge
Nicole Eastgate
Tracey Lloyd
Lisa O'Neill
Virginia Thorley
Melinda Wilson



*The Medical Radiation Technologists Board of Queensland as at April 2010
back row (l to r) Melinda Wilson, Dominic Kennedy (Deputy Chair), Amy Illidge, Wayne Nuss, and Nicole Eastgate.
front row (l to r) Pam Rowntree, Tracey Lloyd, John Andersen (Chair), Lisa O'Neill and Virginia Thorley*

Profile on a Board member: Nicole Eastgate



Nicole Eastgate is a registered medical radiation technologist (medical imaging technology) who joined the Medical Radiation Technologist's Board of Queensland this year. Nicole holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Technology) from the Queensland University of Technology.

After graduating in 2000, Nicole worked in the Department of Medical Imaging at the Princess Alexandra Hospital and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital before heading overseas for four years. She worked in numerous locations throughout England and Wales before settling for two years at the Royal Cornwall Hospital in Truro, where she worked in CT and general.

Since her return to Brisbane in 2007, Nicole has worked at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. She works in MRI and PACS and is currently working towards a Masters in Information Technology at Queensland University of Technology.

Nicole is a member of the Continuing Professional Education Group in the Department of Medical Imaging at the RBWH, where her role includes organising a fortnightly 'Clinical Cafe' and mentoring new graduates. Her commitment to continuing education has seen her attend and present at local, national and international conferences. Recent conference presentations include PACS topics such as transferring medical images in Queensland.

As a committee member of the Queensland Branch of the Australian Institute of Radiography you may see Nicole taking photos at state AIR meetings to place alongside her reports in the AIR's Spectrum magazine.

Nicole is a member of both the Medical Radiation Technologists Board of Queensland's Registration Committee and Research Committee.

OHPRB in Transition

by Michael Demy-Geroe, Executive Officer OHPRB

On 1 July, 2010 nine of the health professions whose State boards had previously received administrative and operational support from the OHPRB, became regulated professions under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS), either individually or as part of a wider professional group. The objectives and guiding principles of the National Scheme for the health professions are broadly identical to those applicable under the State based regulatory scheme and flow from an Intergovernmental Agreement on the health workforce signed by the Council of Australian Governments at its meeting on 26 March 2008. A key objective of the NRAS is however to facilitate workforce mobility across Australia by reducing the administrative burden for health practitioners

wishing to move between participating jurisdictions or to practise in more than one such jurisdiction.

Boards for four professions currently registered in Queensland, which were categorised as partially regulated professions, did not transition to the NRAS from the commencement date of the scheme, and these Boards will continue to be supported by the Office. Those professions are:

- Medical Radiation Technology
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Pathology
- Dental Technology

Two of the professions that are continuing under State regulation, Medical Radiation Technology and Occupational Therapy, will nevertheless transition to the National Scheme from 1 July, 2012, as planned under the Stage 2 extension of the scheme agreed by the Ministerial Council in 2009.

The Government has announced a policy which will see OHPRB continue to provide full support to the four Boards until 30 June 2012, when the two transitioning professions accede to the extended National Scheme. It is intended that the *Health Practitioner Registration Boards (Administration) Act 1999* will be repealed from 1 July 2012 and OHPRB will be abolished as a statutory agency. The remaining two Boards, Speech Pathologists and Dental Technicians, will continue to administer the Queensland legislation for regulation of their respective professions after 30 June 2012, but are expected to receive operational and administrative support from the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency under a fee for service arrangement, which at this stage has been endorsed in principle.

The process of transferring responsibility for those health professions transitioning to the NRAS in the initial round commenced in earnest on Friday 1 July 2010 after months of preparation for the handover. OHPRB, as a continuing agency, has undergone an organisational restructure to ensure it is well placed take on its new role in providing cost effective and efficient services to the four boards. As a result, the Office is now considerably downsized, with only about one quarter of the staff establishment it had previously. Since the former OHPRB premises at Mary Street were in excess of our requirements, it was also necessary to relocate to more suitable accommodation. The Office now operates from its new premises at Level 19, 179 Turbot Street, Brisbane, which it sub-leases from the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. It was felt that co-location with AHPRA would generate cost savings to both organizations and this has certainly been borne out for OHPRB.

As required under the applicable Public Service Directive, a closed merit selection process within the Office, agreed by the relevant industrial union, was conducted to implement the new staffing structure. While OHPRB as an organisation was very fortunate in being able to retain the services of a core of experienced staff in the restructured Office, some positions, including a few key ones, were filled after recruiting externally. The officers thus appointed were selected carefully having regard to the greater responsibility which would fall onto individual staff members in a smaller office with reduced resources. OHPRB maintains its commitment to a productive partnership with the Boards



and we are keenly aware that the quality of our relationship is key to the Boards' achievement of their statutory roles and to our own success. All staff members, either continuing or newly recruited have proven to be committed and capable, and they are undoubtedly our greatest asset.

The movement of staff and regulatory responsibilities combined with the relocation of records, IT, and communication infrastructure was a complex logistical exercise, which was an unavoidable consequence of the establishment of the NRAS. Moving IT and communication equipment commenced at COB on Wednesday 30 June 2010. As a result, online services and telephone communications were unavailable from Wednesday evening until Friday afternoon while servers were relocated and tested and Telstra lines were reconnected.

We were mindful that the downtime in accessibility may have frustrated and disadvantaged some registrants, particularly as it immediately followed the conclusion of the registration renewal period. All restorations of registration applications submitted by COB on Monday 5 July 2010 were therefore backdated to take effect from 1 July 2010.

At the conclusion of the first quarter following our re-structure, we as an agency took stock of how far and how well we had travelled since the implementation of the National Scheme. I am happy to say that we are settled in our new office and continue to meet the performance and operational objectives by which we measure outcomes. We have successfully dealt with the many challenges we have confronted. We are grateful for the patience and forbearance shown by the Boards, registrants and other clients who have on occasion been impacted by this difficult administrative and logistical exercise.

Update on the national registration agency

by Jim O'Dempsey, State Manager, AHPRA

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is making steady progress since commencement of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme from 1 July 2010.

Under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme), ten National Boards are responsible for protection of the public by ensuring only practitioners who are suitably trained and qualified to practise in a competent and ethical manner are registered. AHPRA supports the National Boards to perform their functions to protect the public.

The introduction of the National Scheme represents substantial change. It involves the transfer from 85 separate health practitioner boards to 10 National Boards; a shift from more than 65 different pieces of legislation to one nationally consistent law (the National Law); and the integration of eight separate state and territory regulatory systems into one National Scheme.

Since the National Scheme began on 1 July 2010:

- good progress has been made on mapping and cleansing 1.5 million imported data items about health practitioners from 38 systems into the national register: duplication of records of registrants with registration in more than one

jurisdiction is one focus as is some registration types also requiring a loading of additional information from other sources such as Medicare or specialist college data about medical specialists

- AHPRA received 50,000 phone calls to its call centre and responded to more than 14,000 email and web queries in August 2010
- More than 70 percent of enquiries were resolved during the initial phone contact in August 2010
- More than 2400 new applications for registration were finalised across 10 professions in July and August 2010 and
- More than 27,000 practitioners have successfully renewed their registration, 75% of these online, since the National Scheme commenced

Western Australia is the last state to pass the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009 (the National Law) and is expected to join the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme in mid-October.

After Western Australia joins the scheme, health practitioners with general registration will pay a single registration fee and will be able to practise anywhere in Australia.

Medical Radiation Practitioner National Steering Committee for Registration and Accreditation

The National Steering Committee for Registration and Accreditation of Medical Radiation Practitioners has met five times this year with one more scheduled meeting in December. One of the meetings, held in Brisbane, was a two day workshop. The steering committee consists of representation from each of the six existing regulated jurisdictions and Australian Institute of Radiography (AIR) nominees for the unregulated states of NSW and SA plus representatives of the AIR and Australian and New Zealand Society Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM). A considerable amount of work has been undertaken by members particularly in the area of the formation of an Accreditation Council. This council would be composed of nominees from existing Boards, professional associations (AIR and ANZSNM) and universities conducting medical radiation courses. It would have responsibility for accrediting courses and assessing the qualifications of overseas trained practitioners.

The steering committee is also working on proposals for national registration standards, some of which are mandatory and common across all registered health professionals; for example criminal history, English language competence, professional indemnity insurance, continuing professional development programs, and recency of practice requirements. Other registration standards are profession specific; for example code of conduct and supervised practice. Parallel to this work the professional associations have been working on a revised version of competency based standards that would allow any national board in conjunction with an accreditation council to apply such standards to new graduates and overseas trained professionals.



The composition of the national board, as stated in the legislation, is geographically based and with three professions to regulate is somewhat restrictive. Representations to the Ministerial Health Council will be made to modify this. It is anticipated that the new national board will be in place on the 1st July 2011. It will release draft standards for public consultation in the subsequent six months and will administer the new legislation from the 1st July 2012. Registrants in existing regulated states will automatically transition to the national register.

Supervised Practice Program

The Supervised Practice Program Committee

The Supervised Practice Program Committee (SPP Committee) was re-constituted in April 2010.

The members are:

Dominic Kennedy	Chair
Debbie Starkey	Medical Imaging
Tim Way	Medical Imaging
Nick Biesot	Radiation Therapy
Carole Brady	Radiation Therapy
Linda-Jane Michel	Nuclear Medicine Technology
James Abbott	Medical Imaging

The Chair of the Board, John Andersen, is an ex officio member of the committee. The Board's Professional Adviser facilitates the committee. The committee meets on a monthly basis to consider all aspects of the program and makes recommendations to the Board in this regard.

Australian Institute of Radiography – National Professional Development Program

The Board currently hosts a joint committee, the AIR/MRT Liaison Committee comprising members of the SPP Committee and the AIR Queensland Professional and Education Committee (PAEC). This committee was set up after an agreement was brokered between the AIR and the Board in 2005. At that time a mapping process of the AIR's Postgraduate Development Year (PDY) and the Board's legislative requirements was carried out. This mapping revealed that the requirements for the programs of each entity could be accommodated in a collaborative process and assessment form. Common 24 week/interim, 48 week/final reports were developed and used for both the SPP and PDY. The AIR also recognised the Board's practice approval process and decisions. The 2009 audit of all the practices conducting the SPP/PDY in Queensland was carried out by members of the AIR/MRT Committee and SPP Committee.

In 2009/10 the Australian Institute of Radiography (AIR) conducted a review of its Professional Development Year program. The AIR released drafts of its proposed new program for stakeholder consultation and the Board responded comprehensively to each draft. The final program was released by the AIR in October 2010 for implementation from November 2010. The Board conducted a mapping exercise for the NPDP and SPP. The Board noted on consideration of the results of this mapping exercise that there is now considerable divergence in the two programs,

and that the AIR's NPDP will be conducted as a national model.

In view of these findings the Board considers that the continuation of the combined committee cannot be sustained beyond the review of the 2010 final reports which will be conducted in December. From this meeting the PAEC members will make the recommendation to the AIR regarding Validated Statements of Accreditation and the SPP committee members to the Board for removal of probationary conditions.

From 2011 the Supervised Practice Program and NPDP will be conducted independently in Queensland. The SPP Committee has contacted all current supervisors with this information.

Any queries in regards to the SPP should be made to the Professional Adviser, Francesca Holloway:
hollowayf@healthregboards.qld.gov.au.
All enquiries in regards to the NPDP to the AIR:
<http://www.air.asn.au/clintrain.php>

Supervisors workshop

On the 3rd August, the Board ran a half day workshop for Supervised Practice Program (SPP) supervisors from throughout Queensland. The Workshop was facilitated by Nicole Eastgate. Dominic Kennedy introduced the morning with overview of the workshop and his role as the Chairman of the SPP committee of the Board.

As the way the Board calculated the duration of the SPP, was changed due to legal advice, Francesca Holloway, Professional Adviser to the Board presented the effects of these changes and a number of example cases. This answered a number of questions that had been asked of the SPP was changed due to legal advice, Committee regarding calculation of the probationary registrants' completion date.

Tom Steffens presented an excel spreadsheet that had been formulated at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. This spreadsheet is an SPP end date calculator has been published on the updated Board website. The start date for a graduate is entered in along with dates of annual leave, sick leaves and any public holidays worked on a weekday. The date the probationary registrant will finish 1824 hours will be formulated and displayed. Tom demonstrated the ease of use of this calculator and ran through a couple of examples to demonstrate how the final result was acquired.

Nicole Turley and Lorraine Reynolds, from Toowoomba Base Hospital presented the first stage of a probationary learning tool that will incorporate medical images on a web page for assessment. It will follow the steps of a patient examination, with a request form followed by images and then an opportunity to critique the images. It is a great initiative that would be a great asset to probationary graduates, when it can be developed completely.

Queensland Health's Allied Health Clinical Education and Training Unit (AHCETU) successfully ran a one day training and education workshop earlier in the year. Marnie Rawle, a project officer with this unit, presented the highlights of the workshop to encourage supervisors in Queensland Health



to attend. It was also hoped the information presented may give ideas to those in the private sector.

A general discussion was held and the Board took on a number of the suggestions that came out of discussion including the communication sources available for new graduates. The suggestion of a more user friendly web site was suggested and taken on board also.

From the feedback given, it was a successful day and the Board is going to run another workshop in early 2011. This workshop will focus on new supervisors but will be open to all supervisors from both the private sector and Queensland Health.

Nicole Eastgate, Project Officer

Changes to the Board's website – Supervised practice information

Following feedback from a workshop and survey of the SPP supervisors, the Board reviewed the website and decided it needed updating. As you can see on the old Supervised Practice Program page, the long lists of PDF links were difficult to sort through.



The updated website now has different pages for new graduates, supervisors and new sites seeking accreditation.



For new graduates, the pages are separated into the different professions to facilitate locating the correct form.

The 48 week final forms can now be filled in online by supervisors. The forms will still have to be printed, signed and sent by mail for record purposes.

There is a calendar with the important end of year dates, set out in either calendar or gant chart style depending on your preference. The spreadsheet for calculating the date that graduates will finish their SPP is linked to the supervisor and graduate pages.

Templates have been developed to demonstrate how to plan the 48 week SPP program for each of the professions along with a sample program from a tertiary referral hospital. These can be used as a guide for supervisors to develop their 48 week SPP program.

A photo gallery and list of award recipients have also been added as a link from the web page. Photos from the QUT breakfast and the SPP paper presentation day will be added to it shortly.

Thank you to all the supervisors for completing the survey and providing feedback in the workshop.

Nicole Eastgate

Presentation day

by Francesca Holloway, Professional Advisor

The annual graduates' presentation day is arranged and sponsored by Queensland Health's Allied Health and Clinical Education Training Unit (AHCETU). The Board awards the traveling scholarship for the best presentation on the day.

In their SPP year the graduates are required to make at least one presentation in their practice in order to fulfill the professional development and research aspects of the regulations. Each year graduates from public and private practices are invited to submit abstracts for consideration for the presentation day. 6 MIT, 6 RT and 2 NMT graduates presented their papers on December 4 at the Princess Alexandra Hospital to over 70 of their peers and clinical educators. Graduates attending were from Cairns to the Gold Coast. The program also included presentations by Rebecca Owen, Principle Research Fellow (Radiation Therapy) Mater Centre on 'The Joys of Research' and Patrick Eastgate, Radiographer-Advanced (Clinical Education Coordinator), Royal Brisbane and Womens' Hospital on The RAD



(Radiographer Abnormality Detection) Project. Both of these speakers were passionate on their topics and emphasised the value of participation and life long learning to the young professionals present. Seva Hatzinikolaou from AHCETU conducted a lively post lunch quiz and the day as well as the Board award for best presentation, an audience popular presentation prize. The Presentation Day coming as it does at the end of the SPP/PDY program is the culmination of a year long program and consolidated effort by the graduates and their supervisors. The quality of the papers is always very high, this year being no exception. The winner of the audience popular prize was Jennifer Dolkens and the winner of the MRTB Traveling Scholarship totaling \$2500 was Kurt Burrows. The prize was presented to Kurt by John Andersen Chair of the Board.



Rebecca Owen



Patrick Eastgate



Jennifer Dolkens



John Andersen, Chair of the Board with Kurt Burrows

Board Grants and Awards

In line with the objects of the *Medical Radiation Technologists Registration Act 2001* the Board supports and encourages research by providing the opportunity for individual medical radiation technologists or research teams to obtain grants for research activities consistent with the Board's objectives and the needs of the medical radiation technology profession. The awards are:

Graduates

Awarded for graduate/s gaining the highest overall grade point average in the Bachelor of Applied Science Queensland University of Technology

- Medical Radiation Technologists Board Prize for Radiation Therapy
- Medical Radiation Technologists Board Prize for Medical Imaging

Published Article Award

The MRTBQ Published Article Award is granted to a Radiographer, Radiation Therapist or Nuclear Medicine Technologist, currently registered in Queensland for an article published in the Radiographer, ANZ Nuclear Medicine or other national or international medical radiation, or nuclear medicine journal recognized by the Board. The next round of submissions closes 28 January 2011.

Published Article Awards 2010:

- Clare Radley NMT for article '*Sentinel nodes from Scintigraphy to surgery*'
- Judith Holt MIT for article '*Radiographers' ability to perceive and classify abnormalities on mammographic images- results of pilot project*'.
- Beth Devereux RT for article '*A comparison of kV and MV imaging in head and neck image guided radiotherapy*'.
- Ms Huong Nguyen for the article '*The impact of IGRT for prostate radiotherapy on dosimetry and the traditional workflow practice of focus to skin distance measurements*';
- Published Article Award to the value of \$2,000 awarded to Ms Elizabeth Brown for the article '*Conformal external beam radiotherapy in the treatment of anal canal carcinoma*'; and

Research Grants

- Medical Radiation Technologists Board Research Grant
- Medical Radiation Technologists Board Research Implementation Grant
- Medical Radiation Technologists Board Scholarship Awards 2010

- Scholarship awarded to Ms Elizabeth Brown for the project '*Investigation of the correlation between body mass index and prostate displacement in radiation therapy treatment*'.
- Research Grant awarded to Mr Matthew Gordon and Ms Devaney Carron for the project '*To evaluate if timely notification of radiographer described abnormalities improves patient outcomes and clinician satisfaction within Queensland Health Emergency setting*'.

The next round of submissions closes 25 February 2010.

Details of Board Awards and Prizes can be found on the Board's web page www.mrtboard.qld.gov.au

Graduates' and awards' breakfast

The Board's Annual Information and Awards' breakfast was held on Thursday 11 November 2010. There were 110 QUT third year students in attendance. Also attending were Board and Supervised Practice Program members plus members of professional associations, educators and representatives of employer groups both from the public and private sectors. Presentations were made by the Chair of the Board, Chair of the Supervised Practice Program Committee and the Professional Adviser to inform the graduates of the legislative requirements for the Supervised Practice program and welcome them to the profession. A presentation was also made by a member of the Australian Institute of Radiography's Queensland Branch.



Following the information section of the breakfast the Chair, John Andersen presented awards to the recipients of Board Grants for 2010.



Emma Cooper receiving the research award on behalf of Carron Devaney and Matt Gordon from John Andersen Chair of the Board



Elizabeth Brown receiving her published article award from John Andersen



The graduates at the breakfast

On-line registration

In Queensland, practitioners can renew registration on-line at www.healthregboards.qld.gov.au during the May – June renewal period and can maintain contact details year-round.

Renewing on-line means registration status is updated immediately, there is no wait to identify payment problems, practitioners no longer have to complete forms and they can ensure their contact details held by the Board are current.

Notices reminding Queensland medical radiation technologists to renew registration are issued each year directly to the address supplied for the Board's Register and e-mail notifications are also sent where contact details have been provided to the Board.

Given the easy access of on-line renewal in Queensland, the advance notices provided by the Board and the benefits offered to the daily activities of both medical radiation technologists and agency staff, the Board encourages Queensland medical radiation technologists to ensure contact details held by the Board are up to date now and to plan for prompt renewal of registration as soon as possible from 1 May 2011.

Registration Data

As at 21 June 2010 there were 2,692 registered medical radiation technologists, comprising 2,169 medical imaging technologists, 132 nuclear medicine technologists and 391 radiation therapists.

Registrant numbers within each registration category as at 21 June 2010 are shown below:

	2069	125	369	2563
General registrations	81	5	21	107
General registrations with probationary conditions	15	2	1	18
Provisional general registrations with probationary conditions	-	-	-	-
Provisional general registrations	4	-	-	4
Other	2169	132	391	2692
Total registrations	2,093	129	379	2,601

The 2,692 registrants at 21 June 2010 represent a net increase of 91 (approximately 3.5%) over the 30 June 2009 figure. The net change in registrant numbers over the year is the product of significant numbers of additions to and deletions from the Register.

During 2009-10, 243 new registrations (for 195 medical imaging technologists, 11 nuclear medicine technologists and 37 radiation therapists) were processed by the Board.

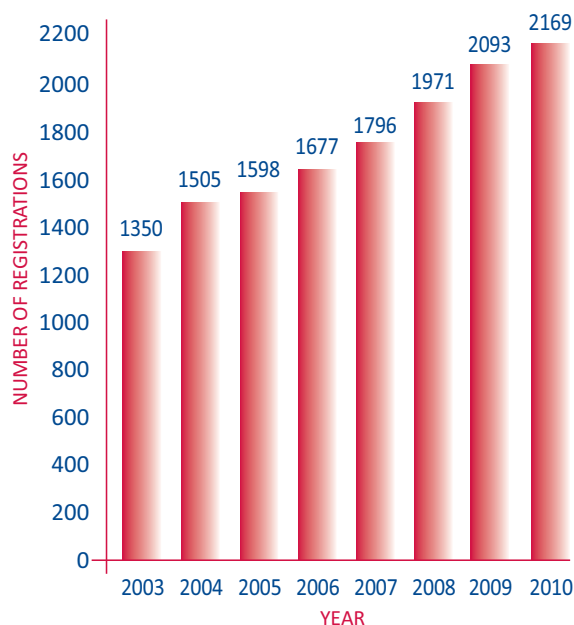
Of the 243 new registrants, 46 registrants (40 medical imaging technologists, two nuclear medicine technologists and four radiation therapists) were processed under mutual recognition legislation.

Of the 46 mutual recognition registrants, 30 registrants (26 medical imaging technologists, two nuclear medicine technologists and two radiation therapists) lodged a registration notice pursuant to the provisions of the Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Act 1992 on the basis of holding current registration in the profession in another Australian State or Territory, while 16 (14 medical imaging technologists, and two radiation therapists) lodged a registration notice pursuant to the provisions of the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Act 2003 on the basis of holding current registration in the profession in New Zealand.

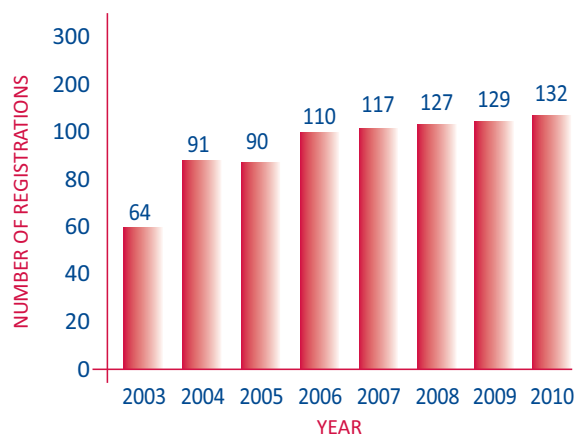


The following bar charts illustrate the change in the number of registrants (at 30 June for all years except this reporting year) each year since the commencement of registration in 2002-03.

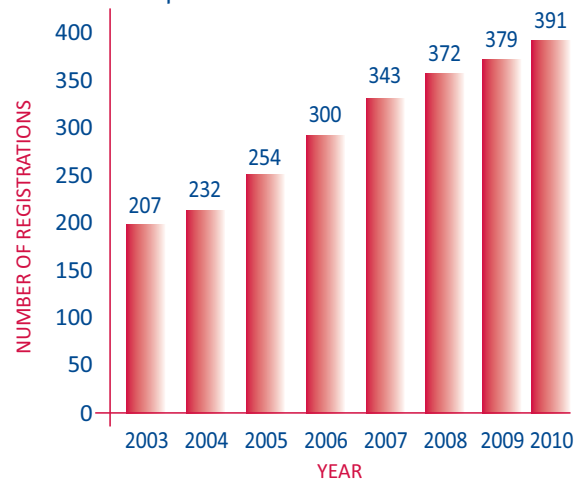
Medical radiation technologists



Nuclear medicine technologists



Radiation therapists



An analysis of the registration database as at 21 June 2010 provides the following information.

Age groupings

	% of MIT	% of NMT	% of RT
Under 25 years	9.5	11.5	14.0
25 - 34 years	32.0	44.5	44.0
35 - 44 years	24.0	26.0	22.0
45 - 54 years	20.5	13.5	14.5
55 years and over	14.0	4.5	5.5
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0

The analysis of the registration database as at 21 June 2010 provides the following information:

- 35% of medical imaging technologists were male and 65% were female;
- 39.5% of nuclear medicine technologists were male and 60.5% were female; and
- 25.5% of radiation therapists were male and 74.5% were female.

Geographical distribution

	MIT	NMT	RT
Within Brisbane	37.5%	43.0%	51.0%
Elsewhere in south east Queensland	36.5%	32.5%	31.5%
<i>Total within south east Queensland (postcodes 4000 to 4399 and 4500 to 4581)</i>	<i>74.0%</i>	<i>75.5%</i>	<i>82.5%</i>
Elsewhere in Queensland	17.0%	14.5%	11.5%
Outside Queensland	9.0%	10.0%	6.0%
Total	100%	100%	100%

The geographical statistics are based on an analysis of postcode addresses of the registrants as shown on the Register. In some cases, the Register address differs from the practice address of a registrant. Registrants with addresses outside Queensland have chosen to retain Queensland registration, even though, in most cases, they do not currently practise their profession in Queensland.

Professional standards data

Four complaints were received by the Board during 2009-10 and dealt with under the Registration Act.

All of these complaints related to allegations of medical radiation technologists practising and/or being held out as medical radiation technologists without having current registration with the Board.

- In one case the Board resolved to issue a warning to the registrant for contravention of the Registration Act.
- In one case the Board issued a reminder to the registrant about the relevant provisions of the Registration Act.
- In two cases the Board considered there was insufficient evidence of a breach and took no further action.



The Board received two new complaints under the Professional Standards Act in 2009-10.

- One complaint related to a conviction for a criminal offence against a registrant. The Board resolved to investigate the matter. The investigation was completed during 2009-10. The Board found that a ground for disciplinary action existed and resolved to commence disciplinary proceedings against the registrant before the Queensland Civil and Administration Tribunal.
- The other complaint related to an allegation that a registrant may have had a health condition which may have affected her ability to practise. The Board resolved to deal with this matter under the impairment section of the Professional Standards Act.

The following table outlines the number of investigation conducted during 2009-10.

Investigations conducted	Number
Investigations open at 1 July 2010	2
Investigations commenced in 2009-10	1
Investigations completed in 2009-10	1
Ongoing investigations	2
Total costs	\$486.46

One investigation was completed during the year. The investigation related to a conviction for a criminal offence against a registrant. The Board resolved to commence disciplinary proceedings before the Queensland Civil and Administration Tribunal.

Another investigation relating to criminal charges being taken against a registrant for alleged inappropriate conduct against patients remain in abeyance pending finalisation of an appeal, in respect of those criminal proceedings.

The following table outlines the number of disciplinary proceedings conducted during 2009-10.

Type of proceeding	Board	PCRCP	HPT	Total
Disciplinary proceedings on going at commencement of reporting year	0	0	1	1
Disciplinary proceedings commenced during the reporting year	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary proceedings closed in the reporting year	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary proceedings on going	0	0	1	1

Registrant information

The Registrant information is published at the Board's website at www.mrtboard.qld.gov.au under *Policies and publications*.

Contacting the Board

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