



RANZCR Submission to AHPRA Medical Radiation Practitioner Board Consultation on international criminal history checking

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) is the leading professional organisation for the promotion of the sciences and practice of the medical specialities of Radiology (Diagnostic and Interventional) and Radiation Oncology in Australia and New Zealand.

RANZCR is responsible for assessing international radiology and radiation oncology medical graduate specialists (IMGs) and specialists-in-training via three separate pathways:

- Specialist Assessment (Fellowship of the College)
- Assessment for suitability for employment in an area of need (AoN) position
- Short term specialist specified training

RANZCR Responses to Questions for Consideration

The National Boards invited comments and feedback from interested parties on the international criminal history checking.

1. Is the proposed new approach the best option?

RANZCR agrees the proposed new approach is the best option.

2. Is the proposed approach clear?

The approach is clear, however, RANZCR believes that no registration or ability to practice should occur until the relevant bodies including the College have received both domestic and the international criminal history reports.

3. Are there any risks or issues about the proposed process that need more consideration?

It is of concern that a self-declaration by an international applicant of no criminal activity allows the applicant to receive APHRA registration and the ability to practice without appropriate independent criminal checks.

4. Should international criminal history checks be conducted for countries where applicants have spent three months or more, or six months or more?

The checks should be carried out for countries where applicants have spent six months (as opposed to three months).

5. Do you have any other comments?

RANZCR believes that the introduction of both domestic and international criminal checks would act as a deterrent for those applicants with an overseas criminal history to apply for APHRA registration.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the AHPRA Medical Radiation Practitioner Board Consultation on international criminal history checking. Please contact the College at ranzcr@ranzcr.edu.au or on 02 [REDACTED] in relation to this submission.

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