

**Submission on behalf of the Australian
and New Zealand Society of Nuclear
Medicine
(ANZSNM)**

**Draft International Criminal History Checking
of the Australian Health Practitioner
Regulation Agency (AHPRA)**



Introduction:

The ANZSNM is the national professional organization representing professionals from all disciplines involved in the field of Nuclear Medicine. It is the current professional body for Nuclear Medicine Technologists/Scientists in Australia, with approximately 80% of working practitioners being members, and these form the ANZSNMT.

The ANZSNM believes in strong ethical and professional standards and would like to work in conjunction with AHPRA to continue to fine tune documents such as this one to ensure the safety and high standard of care for all patients.

1. Is the proposed new approach the best option?

The new option provides a thorough way of checking international criminal history.

2. Is the proposed approach clear?

The proposed approach does provide clear process that is to be followed and seems to cover all possible scenarios.

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

The risks that are mentioned cover all that we can think of. The fact that there is a potential time delay between the applicant receiving provisional registration and the criminal history check being completed is a worry. Rules need to be in place so that if registration needs to be revoked it can be done immediately and applicant can be barred from working if necessary.

4. Should the international criminal history checks be conducted where applicants have spent 3months or more, or six months or more?

We feel that this time frame needs to be 6 months.

5. Do you have any further comments?

No Further comments.