

National Medical Radiation Practice (MRP) Exam

Changes to Online Proctored and Venue Based exams and Information on the MRP Online Proctored Exam

MRP exam

The Medical Radiation Practice Board (the Board) are offering the sitting of the computer- based MRP exam via delivery in national testing centres (where open) and via online proctoring (OLP) until further notice. Online proctoring of the exam enables exam candidates to complete their examination in the safety of their home or workplace (where available) during this period of unprecedented lockdowns. The change to offer online proctoring in addition to testing centres is a temporary change in response to COVID-19 and will be reviewed at the end of 2021.

Changes to the MRP Exam - applicable to all candidates

Candidates will have one opportunity to answer a question. There will be no opportunity to review questions or answers at the end of the exam.

About the format of the Online Proctored MRP exam and venue availability

In 2021, the sitting of the Medical Radiation Practice Exam (MRP) will be offered by dual delivery. This means that you will have the option to complete the exam through online proctoring (OLP), or in a designated test centre, if venues are available and this option has been made available in your state/territory as COVID-19 restrictions ease.

The Medical Radiation Practice Board (the Board) in line with Australian Department of Health advice, wish to minimise non-essential travel, and to restrict face-to-face interactions to protect us all, and to slow the spread of COVID-19. Online proctoring of the exam enables exam candidates to complete their examination in the safety of their home or workplace (where available) during this period of unprecedented lockdowns.

The change to online proctoring is a temporary change in response to COVID-19 and will be reviewed at the end of 2021. Online proctoring is a secure way that exams can be offered remotely via the internet in your home or workplace. The Board's administrator for the medical radiation practice exams is called Kryterion.

Instead of having access to the exam and being monitored by invigilators in a test-centre, OLP delivers the exam directly to you, and offers live, real-time remote video and audio monitoring of the exam as you complete it. Kryterion uses certified proctors to monitor candidates as they sit the exam using video camera and multiple authentication methods (such as facial recognition, keystroke authentication, biometric authentication). Non-standard test behaviour may also be documented, and automatic alerts may be used. These alerts warn candidates of non-standard behaviour and can suspend or terminate the exam session if repeated infringements occur.

To qualify for OLP of the exam, candidates will need access to a computer with a camera (e.g. internal camera or webcam), the internet, and a quiet space that is completely clear of paper, clutter and interruptions. Candidates will need to download secure software onto their computer to allow Kryterion to deliver the exam directly to them.

The following FAQs are intended to inform candidates about the online exam experience, environment and what to expect during the exam.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What equipment do I need to sit the MRP online exam?

To complete the OLP exam in 2021, you will need access to a computer with a camera (e.g. internal camera or webcam), the internet, and a quiet space that is completely clear of paper, clutter and interruptions.

To check whether your computer system meets the requirements for OLP examinations, please refer to Kryterion's information on [online testing requirements](#).

If you have further queries, use the 'Chat with an Expert' feature located in the bottom right corner of the web-page above.

I have not booked an exam; do I need to do anything?

Yes, if you wish to sit the exam in 2021 you will need to login to the exam portal during the "exam registration period" and book an exam. If a venue is available in your state or territory you will have the option of booking an online exam or in a venue. You will receive a confirmation email with your exam details.

If I change my mind can I cancel my exam booking?

Yes, if you choose not to proceed with the online MPR exam, you can go to the [exam portal](#) and cancel your booking and a full refund will automatically be processed and refunded by EFT to the originating account. You must cancel no less than 72 hours prior to your exam date and time to obtain a refund.

Conduct during the online examination

What if I leave the area?

You are not allowed to leave your testing area. Please do not leave the testing area during your exam or your exam will be suspended.

What if I lean out of view of the camera?

You will be advised that you are out of view of the camera and told to reposition yourself as you are moving outside of the camera view. Use the live video to ensure you stay within the camera view at all times.

What if the camera is out of position?

You will be advised that your exam has been interrupted because your camera is out of position. Proper placement is required for the Proctor to see your keyboard, mouse, hands and face, as well as a minimum view of 12" on either side of the keyboard. You will be advised to use your live display to readjust your camera.

What if the camera is out of focus?

You will be advised to use your live display to refocus the camera and your exam will be suspended until your image is clear.

What if there is an audio problem?

You will be advised that your exam has been interrupted because there is a problem with your audio and advice will be provided accordingly.

What if there is a video/camera signal problem?

You will be advised that your exam has been interrupted because there is a problem with your video signal. A Technician or the Proctor will provide appropriate advice to correct the issue.

What if lighting is not adequate?

You will be advised that your exam has been interrupted because of poor lighting in your testing area (either too light or too dark). You must use your live video display to make the necessary adjustments and your exam will be suspended until your lighting is adequate.

Can I talk about non-exam related topics during the exam?

No, talking is not allowed during the exam. You will be advised to discontinue talking or your exam will be suspended.

Can I read aloud during the exam?

You are not permitted to read the exam out loud. You will be advised to please refrain from reading the test items out loud. If you continue to read out loud your exam will be suspended.

Can I talk to the Proctor about the exam?

You are not permitted to talk about the content of the exam with anybody.

Can I have anything with me during the exam?

You are not permitted to have any learning aids in the exam. You are not to have any paper or pens/pencils. If you wear eye glasses, you will be asked to remove your glasses and show them to the camera before commencing the exam.

Can there be multiple people in the room during my exam?

There must be no other people in the room where your exam is taking place.

What should my environment be during the exam?

Your testing area must be clear of any paper, electronic devices, post it notes etc. We must see only you, your keyboard, mouse, hands and face, as well as a minimum view of 30 centimetres on either side of the keyboard. Before your exam starts you will be asked to pan the room with your camera/ laptop so the area can be checked. Your exam may be terminated if you are found to have any unauthorised materials in the room.

Can I copy, save, photograph or remove any test item / text?

No, you are not allowed to photograph, record, copy or write down any of the test items / questions.

Can I review my answers at the end of the exam?

Please note, there has been a change to the format of the exams; candidate will no longer be able to review their questions and answers at the end of the exam. Once an answer has been submitted it cannot be changed.

I have further questions about my exam?

For questions about OLP, please consult Kryterion's Online Proctoring [Test Taker Guide](#).

Otherwise, please email mrpexam@ahpra.gov.au

When a question is asked that would benefit all candidates, we will add the question and answer to this FAQ.