

Supervised practice guidelines

Adoption of supervised practice framework

Background

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (Board) regulates registered medical radiation practitioners in Australia. It works in partnership with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and other National Boards to implement the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) and administer the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

National Boards:

- set the standards that practitioners must meet through the development of registration standards, codes and guidelines
- register health practitioners and students
- manage notifications about the health, conduct or performance of practitioners.

The core role of the National Boards and Ahpra is to protect the public.

The National Law empowers National Boards to develop and approve codes and guidelines to provide guidance to the health practitioners it registers.

The supervised practice framework

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia reviewed and consulted widely on the requirements for supervised practice under the National Law. The Board approved the Supervised practice framework (framework) in June 2021. Following Health Ministers agreement to retire the previous registration standard for supervised practice, the Board approved the framework to commence on 1 April 2023.

The framework accommodates the different regulatory purposes of supervised practice and allows for a responsive and risk-based approach across the National Scheme.

The framework supports consistency in processes and decision making, and helps supervisees, supervisors and employers understand and comply with supervised practice requirements.

Purpose of the supervision guidelines

The purpose of these supervision guidelines (guidelines) is to adopt the framework approved by the Board. These guidelines become effective on 1 April 2023 and replace the previously approved guidelines.

Review

Date of issue: 1 April 2023

Date of review: These guidelines will be reviewed as required