

Consultation for change to notice of scope of practice for Te Poari Ringa Hangarau Iraruke | Medical Radiation Technologists Board

as at 28 March 2025

We are consulting on changes to the current Notice of scope of practice (SOP) for Te Poari Ringa Hangarau Iraruke | the Medical Radiation Technologists Board (MRTB). The changes are relatively minor. We're holding a short consultation to get your views on how to recognise graduates who hold new qualifications that the Board has accredited. For example, this involves updating the current MRTB SOP Gazette Notice to include a change that will allow us to properly recognise the new PET programme that is being delivered by the University of Auckland.

We have reviewed the programme, and the Board agrees that it should be accredited. However, the issue we have is, how to treat graduates of the programme. Currently, we don't have a good way to register them or reflect their education on their Annual Practising Certificate (APC).

Either way, we are **consulting with you** on this proposed change to the MRTB SOP and **invite you to do the survey - give us your feedback**. See details below on the timeline and how to access the survey.

PET CT programme

PET/CT Programme – The *University of Auckland*. The University of Auckland sought MRTB accreditation for their newly established PET-CT programme. A review was carried out and an accreditation report was provided to the Board in December 2024. The Board agreed that accreditation of the programme was appropriate. However, we explained to the Board that we needed time to consider the best option for how to appropriately recognise graduates from the programme.

Legal advice

We sought legal advice on how best to recognise people who had undertaken this education.

The advice given was that the Board should not use conditions but could instead amend its scopes of practice. An amendment can change the way the profession is described and/or the way in which the Board identifies tasks that may be performed by medical imaging practitioners.

The advice is that we should **amend the existing scope of practice (SOP)** to describe the profession with reference to **endorsements**. This will ensure we can recognise practitioners with additional qualifications. This would be on the basis that the additional approved qualifications allow for an extended area of practice.

Option 1

Amend the SOP to say, for example, a Medical Imaging Technologist (MIT) who successfully completed the programme would be eligible for an endorsement on their APC along the lines of:

- APC = MIT.
- APC reads – is endorsed to undertake PET/CT imaging.

Option 2

The other option is to amend the SOP to something similar to what is already written in the MIT SOP. It currently explains that an MIT practitioner can do general x-ray, but that ‘with appropriate training’ they can also operate CT machines and undertake mammography imaging.

The alternative is to simply amend the notice along the lines of:

- medical imaging practitioners with an accredited postgraduate qualification in PET imaging, as approved by the Board from time to time, may operate PET imaging systems.

Consultation survey – give us your feedback

We invite you to provide feedback to the proposed change (an update to the current MRTB SOP Gazette Notice) by completing the online survey: [Practising certificate endorsements](#). If you have any queries about this process, please email mrtconsultations@medsci.co.nz and write ‘MRTB SOP endorsements’ in the subject line.

The consultation runs from Friday 28 March to 5pm, Friday 2 May 2025.

Feedback will be reviewed, and a decision will be made. A news item will then be published on the website to confirm the outcome and link to relevant information. If, as a result, the SOP is changed we will publish a link to an updated Gazette Notice accordingly.