



**New Zealand Medical Radiation Technologists Board
Consultation: *Practising certificate endorsements***

**Australasian Sonographers Association (ASA) response –
provided via the requested online survey template**

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Online Survey Questions



Practising Certificate Endorsements

Purpose of this survey

Te Poari Ringa Hangarau Iraruke | the Medical Radiation Technologist's Board is proposing a change to the Notice – scope of practice for Medical Radiation Technologists Board.

The purpose of this survey is to get your views on how to recognise graduates who hold new qualifications that the Board has accredited.

The Board invites your feedback on the proposed changes. Please complete this short survey to provide your views by 5pm, Friday 2 May 2025.

1. Do you agree that practitioners should have a simple way of having their additional education recognised on their practising certificate?(Required.)

- **Yes**

2. Do you support having an endorsement on your practice, ie that would allow you (for example as a MIT) to undertake PET/CT imaging.

NOTE: an endorsement is a way of describing, on a practitioner's practising certificate, the different activities they are permitted to perform. (Required).

- **Yes**
- **ASA Comment:**

Yes, the ASA supports the use of endorsements on a practitioner's practising certificate—for example, to authorise advanced procedures such as PET/CT imaging for MITs.

Endorsements provide a useful mechanism to formally recognise advanced or specialised skills that extend beyond a practitioner's core scope of practice. However, we believe their application should be carefully limited to well-defined areas supported by accredited postgraduate education or equivalent formal training that has been approved by the Board.

Endorsements should not become a requirement for routine practice within a practitioner's existing scope—particularly in generalist areas—where additional credentialing may unnecessarily restrict workforce flexibility. This is especially

important in professions such as sonography, where significant workforce shortages already exist.

We encourage the Board to ensure that the introduction of endorsements strikes an appropriate balance between recognising professional expertise and supporting the practical realities of workforce capacity and service delivery.

3. Do you agree with the Board using endorsements to recognise additional qualifications?
(Required.)

- **Yes**

ASA Comment:

Yes, the ASA supports the Board using endorsements to recognise additional qualifications and therefore advanced scope. We believe endorsements offer a clear and consistent way to formally acknowledge a practitioner's advanced, accredited training beyond the core scope of practice. They also offer a structured pathway for practitioners seeking to develop advanced capabilities while maintaining a clear baseline scope of practice for all registrants.

This approach will support professional recognition, strengthen employer confidence in practitioner capability, and help clarify the roles and responsibilities of practitioners across different practice settings.

In the future, another example of an area that may be relevant for endorsement, is sonographer reporting, where this is linked with an approved course or defined credentialing process.

4. Do you consider the public will be protected by using endorsements?(Required.)

- **Yes**

ASA Comment:

The ASA believes that using endorsements and recording them on the public register will benefit and protect the public by providing employers, other practitioners, and the public with clear, accessible information about a practitioner's qualifications and competence. This transparency helps ensure patients receive safe, high-quality care from appropriately trained professionals.