



# ASA POSITION STATEMENT | STUDENT SONOGRAPHERS PAYING FOR CLINICAL TRAINING PLACEMENTS

The Australasian Sonographers Association (ASA) has recently been made aware that some radiology practices are charging sonography students a fee to undertake clinical training.

This clinical training is a required component of all sonography courses that are accredited by the Australian Sonographer Accreditation Registry (ASAR).

**ASA is of the view that the practice of requiring payment from sonography students in order to fulfil their training requirements is unethical, and not in keeping with the best interests of the profession.**

Students who are considering paying for a clinical training position should carefully consider the total proposed cost over the duration of their course. Additionally, access to equipment and patients does not, in ASA's view, necessarily equate to appropriate clinical training.

ASA supports, and remains committed to, the delivery of appropriate, properly supervised, clinical training opportunities for the future generation of sonographers, and wishes to acknowledge the strength of the current free training programs made available to sonography students in both the public and private sectors.