

**NURSING COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND
POLICY STATEMENT**

**APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR A CONDITION TO PRACTISE
DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING**

Nurses who practise in rural practices without access to a Medical Radiation Technologist may apply to the Nursing Council for a condition to practise diagnostic imaging in order to undertake a limited range of x-rays.

1. A condition to practise diagnostic imaging in a particular institution on particular equipment under the supervision of a Medical Radiation Technologist or Radiologist is granted if the following criteria are met.
 - Registered with the Nursing Council as a registered nurse and has a current annual practising certificate.
 - A current exemption (or an exemption that was current in the past 12 months) from the MRT Board OR evidence that the applicant has completed a relevant training course and a competence assessment covering diagnostic imaging within the last three years.
 - Evidence of participation in ongoing education, supervision and audit with a named supervisor who is a qualified and experience Medical Radiation Technologist or Radiologist. The supervisor is to be approved by the MRT Board or the Medical Council.
 - Completion of a statutory declaration and payment of the application fee.
2. Applications are processed by the Registrations Advisor who may approve applications which fit clearly within the listed criteria. When there is uncertainty about whether an application meets required criteria the application will be forwarded to the Registration Committee for their consideration.
3. A schedule of nurses approved for a condition to practise diagnostic imaging will be submitted to each meeting of the Registration Committee for sign off.
4. Approval is granted for a period of 3 years. Nurses will be required to submit evidence of their ongoing competence every 3 years and will be advised by the Nursing Council when this is due. This will be timed to coincide with renewal of annual practising certificates.