



IMPORTANT RACP INFORMATION FOR DUAL TRAINED NUCLEAR MEDICINE & RADIOLOGY SPECIALISTS APPLYING FOR ASSESSMENT WITH RANZCR AND RACP

This information should be read in conjunction with the: *Specialist assessment of overseas trained physicians – Guidelines for applicants (Australia)*.

1 All specialist assessments and assessments for Area of Need positions in Nuclear Medicine are conducted by the RACP.

- Specialist assessment in Nuclear Medicine must be progressed/completed to proceed with a Nuclear Medicine AoN application.
- All OTPs applying for Area of Need (AoN) assessment in Nuclear Medicine undergo assessment by the RACP which is additional to any assessment by the RANZCR.

2 The RACP does not conduct an AoN assessment in Nuclear Medicine without a concurrent or previous specialist assessment in Nuclear Medicine.

- Applicants must submit an application for specialist assessment in Nuclear Medicine to the RACP unless previously completed.
- If specialist assessment has previously been completed, the interim assessment decision must have been released within the last 2 years as per the RACP *Specialist assessment of overseas trained physicians – Guidelines for applicants (Australia)*.

3 Dual assessment of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine involves RANZCR and the RACP.

- Applicants that proceed with AoN and/or specialist assessment in Radiology and Nuclear Medicine will be assessed by both RANZCR (for Radiology) and the RACP (for Nuclear Medicine).

4 Specialist assessment requirements from RANZCR and RACP may apply.

- Applicants may receive a number of specialist assessment requirements from each Specialist Medical College in order to achieve specialist recognition in Radiology and Nuclear Medicine.

5 It is important to understand the order in which RANZCR and RACP specialist recognition requirements must be completed.

- RANZCR specialist recognition requirements may need to be completed before commencing the RACP requirements
- RACP will review the outcomes for the RANZCR specialist assessment and AoN assessment before releasing the RACP's interim specialist assessment decision setting out assessment requirements in Nuclear Medicine.
- Any requirements on the order in which the Nuclear Medicine requirements must be completed will be advised by the RACP.



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- If RANZCR requires a period of upskilling/training for an applicant before they can sit the RANZCR Part 2 examinations, the RACP may require the applicant to complete all RANZCR's specialist assessment requirements before the applicant commences their specialist assessment requirements in Nuclear Medicine and any AoN position in Nuclear Medicine (if applicable).

6 OTPs should be aware of the time permitted to commence RACP assessment requirements.

- Applicants must commence their specialist recognition requirements for Nuclear Medicine (set by the RACP) within 2 years of the date they receive their RACP interim assessment decision.
- Applicants that do not commence their specialist recognition requirements within 2 years of receiving their RACP interim assessment decision may have to be reassessed by the RACP. The reassessment may include a review of recent practice in Nuclear Medicine and may require payment of further assessment fees.

7 Notification of interim assessment decisions for specialist recognition by the RACP and RANZCR

- The RACP and RANZCR will consult and review the applicant's specialist assessment and AoN assessment (if applicable) in both specialties before releasing the respective interim assessment decisions for each speciality to the applicant.