



# ACCREDITATION OF TRAINING TIME FOR TRAINEES WORKING AFTER HOURS OR ON CALL

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

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## 1.1 PURPOSE

This policy prescribes the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists® (*the College*) requirements for accreditation of training time for trainees working after hours or on call.

## 1.2 DEFINITIONS

### 1.2.1 Trainees Working After Hours

For the purposes of this policy a Trainee working after hours is defined as a trainee working onsite after hours reporting on procedures.

### 1.2.2 Trainees On Call

For the purposes of this policy a Trainee on Call is defined as a trainee who is off site but on call to come into the training site for emergencies.

### 1.2.3 Active Supervision

Active supervision does not have to be undertaken face to face, however it must involve direct contact and live discussion between the clinical supervisor and the trainee.

## 1.3 SCOPE

1.3.1 This policy applies to all Clinical Radiology trainees (*Trainees*) accepted by the College to either the 'old' or 'current Radiodiagnosis specialist training programs. All trainees entering the RANZCR Clinical Radiology training program from January 2010 (Australia) and December 2009 (New Zealand) are entering the "current" training program. Trainees who commenced prior to the dates specified above are in the 'old' training program.

1.3.2 This policy extends to all training sites accredited by the College within Australia, New Zealand and Singapore.

## 1.4 BACKGROUND

The College sets the standards of training and practice in Clinical Radiology and Radiation Oncology. The quality of training may be adversely affected when Trainees work after hours or on call; feedback on reports prepared by trainees during after hours and on call work may not be provided, and if it is provided it may not be in accordance with the definition of active supervision defined in section 1.2.3 of this policy and section 2.2 of the RANZCR Policy on Supervision, Training and Teaching of Clinical Radiology Trainees – Protected Time.

Furthermore, on call or after hours shifts may lead to extended periods of time away from daytime training centre experience and learning opportunities, which could diminish the overall amount and quality of training received.

## 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCREDITATION OF TRAINING TIME FOR TRAINEES WORKING AFTER HOURS OR ON CALL ROSTERS

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*In order for after hours and on call work to be counted towards accredited training time, feedback on the reports prepared by the trainee during after hours and on call work must be provided by the Clinical Supervisor to the trainee as part of an active supervision session. The feedback should be provided as soon as practicable following the after hours or on call work undertaken by the trainee.*

*The clinical supervisor should either be a specialist radiologist practicing at the training centre, or in the case where after hours examinations are reported from a site remote from the trainee's location, should be an appropriately qualified specialist radiologist providing a final report at that site. Feedback would ideally be provided directly through a live discussion over the findings and reporting of each case, but failing this, could be provided through provision of the final report to the trainee concerned, either electronically, by FAX or by hard copy, within a reasonable timeframe.*

**Only the time spent giving feedback as a part of an active supervision session will be counted towards accredited training time. A supervising radiologist being present and available for consultation is not of itself sufficient for the purposes of accounting hours of active direct supervision.**

**Section 2.2 of the RANZCR policy on Supervision, Training and Teaching of Clinical Radiology Trainees – Protected Time, prescribes the number of mandatory hours clinical supervisors are required to actively supervise trainees per session: Minimum of 1 hour per session, average up to 8 hours per week – (subset of total mandatory training, teaching and supervision hours defined in 2.1).**

**Section 2.1 of the RANZCR Policy on Supervision, Training and Teaching of Clinical Radiology Trainees – Protected Time, reads as follows: Number of mandatory hour's trainees required to spend in supervision, training and teaching onsite: 12-14 hours per week.**

## 3. RELATED POLICIES

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- RANZCR Policy on Supervision, Training and Teaching of Clinical Radiology Trainees – Protected Time

