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Clinical Radiology 2022 Training Program Frequently Asked Questions

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Migration from TIMS to the new e-Portfolio System

When will TIMS be decommissioned?

Trainees have up to the 30 September to have everything up to date in TIMS. From the 1 October Trainees will not be able to login to their TIMS profile.

Note: There will be a different process for trainees who will Fellow by March 2022, these trainees will not be required to complete additional training requirements in the new e-Portfolio system under the 2022 Training Program. Communication from the College will be sent directly to these trainees.

When will we have access to the new e-Portfolio system?

Current trainees will have access to view the new e-Portfolio system in late January. Assessments can be completed in the new e-Portfolio system in early February in line with the 2022 training program launch.

How do I know what assessments will be acknowledged on the e-Portfolio system?

From October 2021, each trainee will be provided with a transcript of their training progress as it stands on the transition date. This transcript will detail current training status (FTE status), date of commencement, expected date of completion, current site, and completion of examinations, experiential training requirements and assessments in the current training program.

The transcript will need to be signed off by both the trainee and their DoT and returned to the College. College staff will reflect trainee's progress and their new requirements under the 2022 training program which will be activated in the new e-Portfolio system.

How do I complete assessments between October 2021 and January 2022?

Trainees will not be able to complete assessments that are facilitated in TIMS from 1 October 2021. It is important that trainees are up to date with their assessments as much as possible by 1 October 2021 so that they can be appropriately integrated into the correct phase of training. Once the new e-Portfolio System is available, trainees will be able to complete assessments.

Hardcopies of training assessments, including Director of Training (DoT) assessments, will be made available to trainees that have activities to complete during the period October 2021 to January 2022. The Multi-Source Feedback assessment will not be available during this period, trainees will need complete this in the new e-Portfolio System. If trainees have historical paper assessments, such as Mini-CEX, these can be uploaded once the e-Portfolio System is released. Further information on completing assessments prior to 2022 Training Program launch, will be provided as soon as the details have been finalised.

Will my records be transferred from TIMS to the e-Portfolio?

TIMS training records, such as submitted assessment files, will be compiled into one PDF document and retained by the College in your member file and can be provided by the College upon request.

Learning Outcomes

What is the Curriculum Learning Outcomes document?

The Clinical Radiology Curriculum Learning Outcomes document articulates what is expected of a trainee on their first day of specialist practice. It is a comprehensive guide to education and training for the specialty, designed to form the basis of the structured learning activities, formative work-based assessments, and assemble content for examinations within the Training Program.

When will the Curriculum Learning Outcomes be available?

The Clinical Radiology Curriculum Learning Outcomes document is now available under the TAR section of the College website.

Refer to www.ranzcr.edu.au/tar

Handbook

What is the Training Program Handbook?

The Training Program Handbook provides information and guidance for trainees, Fellows and RANZCR staff in relation to all aspects of the Training Program, from commencement to Fellowship.

When will the Handbook be available?

In preparation for the February 2022 launch, the Faculty of Clinical Radiology will be releasing an electronic version of the 2022 Training Program Handbook. It is anticipated that the electronic draft version of the Training Program Handbook will be available on the College website in September, refer to the TAR webpage and upcoming trainee e-news for the latest updates.

The Handbook will be the final product of the program and will be released once the 2022 Training Program is officially launched (February 2022).

Examinations

When will the changes to the new Phase 1 examination format be implemented?

The current Part 1 Examination format will not be run after Series 2 2021. The new Phase 1 examinations will commence in Series 1 2022.

If I do not pass the Anatomy or AIT component of the Part 1 examination this year in 2021, will I need to re-sit in the new format?

Yes, transitioning clinical radiology trainees who have failed one or two components of either the current Anatomy or AIT examination must sit the relevant examination in the new format.

When will the changes to the new clinical radiology Phase 2 examination format be implemented?

The current Part 2 Examination format will not be run after Series 2 2022. The new Phase 2 examinations will commence in Sitting 1 2023.

I am a current trainee who has passed all components of the Part 1 Examination, will I sit the Phase 2 examination with the old or new rules?

All clinical radiology trainees who have completed \geq 24 months training before 7 February 2022 (i.e., transitioning into 3rd 4th or 5th year) sit with the old examination rules, irrespective of format.

All clinical radiology trainees who have completed < 24 months training before 7 February 2022 (i.e., transitioning into 1st or 2nd year) sit with the new examination rules, and cannot commence sitting until Series 1 2023, new format.

Is passing the Phase 2 Written examinations a requirement for sitting the OSCER?

All clinical radiology trainees who have completed \geq 24 months training before 7 February 2022 (i.e., transitioning into 3rd, 4th, or 5th year) sit with the old rules and will not need to pass the Written examinations first.

All clinical radiology trainees who have completed < 24 months training before 7 February 2022 (i.e., transitioning into 1st or 2nd year) sit with the new rules, and will need to pass the Written examinations before sitting the OSCER.

I have passed one or more of the Vivas prior to Series 1 2023, will I be exempt from that station at the OSCER?

Yes, transitioning candidates who have commenced sitting the Vivas prior to Series 1 2023 and have successfully passed one or more of the Vivas will be exempt from that station at the OSCER.

I was not successful at the Pathology Viva in 2022, how can I make up for this?

Clinical Radiology trainees who have commenced sitting the Vivas prior to Series 1 2023 and have been unsuccessful in the Pathology Viva will be required to sit a Pathology “supplementary” Viva which will be held at the time of the OSCER.

This supplementary Viva will be held in Series 1 2023, Series 2 2023 and Series 1 2024 only.

Research

I am a current trainee. Will I be required to complete Project 1 and Project 2, or can I complete the one research project as per the new training program?

All current clinical radiology trainees will be required to complete both the Project 1 and Project 2 as per **current** training program requirements. The new research requirements apply only to trainees who commence after February 2022.

Will all current options for meeting the Project 2 assessment requirement still apply for transitioning trainees?

Yes, transitioning trainees will have the 4 options outlined in the Project 2 assessment instructions available to them to meet the Project 2 assessment requirement. New trainees commencing in February 2022 will be required to have their Research Project signed off with the new criteria.

Do transitioning trainees need to complete 4 CATs or will they be required to complete 6 CATs as per the new 2022 Training Program?

All current transitioning trainees will be required to complete a total of 4 CATs as per **current** training program requirements. Trainees commencing the Training Program from February 2022 will be required to complete 6 CATs.

Experiences and Assessments in the Training Program

What is meant by experiences and assessments for learning?

The Training Program utilises a variety of experiences and assessment methods to guide trainees in learning clinical skills across the phases of the training program and to make inferences about trainees' future real world practice.

What are the experiences and assessments in the Training Program?

Competencies of Early Training (Clinical Radiology)

Report writing, patient safety, incident reporting

Key Conditions Assessment

Work-Based Assessments (WBAs)

The WBAs in the Clinical Radiology Training Program are better aligned with Learning Outcomes:

1. Reporting Assessment
2. Performed Ultrasound Assessment
3. Fluoroscopic Procedures Assessment
4. Procedural Radiology Assessment
5. Clinical Meeting/MDM Assessment

Structured Learning Experiences

Attachments

Experiential Training Requirements (updated)

For more information on each of these, refer to the Training Program Handbook.

What is the process for having previously completed WBAs and ETRs signed off, that are new requirements in the 2022 Training Program, and therefore cannot be documented in TIMS (e.g. CT scans, fluoroscopic procedures, and multidisciplinary meetings)?

The College is currently finalising this process and will let trainees and Directors of Training know how WBAs along with ETRS will be captured in the new e-Portfolio system once this process has been approved. We hope to provide further details to trainees in the Trainee Transcript communication, these will be sent out via email between 1 October 2021 – 15 October 2021.

However, it is anticipated that trainees will need to meet with their Director of Training to review and sign off completion of activities not recorded on TIMS that will need to be reflected in the e-Portfolio System.

What happens if trainees do not have documentation for previously completed ETRs? What options are available for trainees to demonstrate completion?

ETRs fulfilled under the old training program can be counted towards new ETR requirements. DoTs will have capacity to sign off on structured learning experiences completed prior to transition if required. In the event that there is no documentation of previous completion of ETRs, they will be pro-rated according to year of training. Trainees will need to have this reviewed and signed off by their DoTs.

Will ETRs that have not been recorded in TIMS automatically be prorated into the e-Portfolio System?

No, trainees must log all ETRs not recorded in TIMS into the e-Portfolio System and have them signed off by their DoTs.

Will attendance at a multidisciplinary meeting (MDM) count towards the completion of the WBA requirements?

An assessment can only be recorded if the trainee primarily prepares or presents at meetings. Attendance alone is not sufficient.

Will trainees still be required to complete Multisource Feedback in Phase 3 of the new 2022 Training Program?

Yes, trainees are required to complete one MSF in each phase of the new Training Program

Transition

How will I know what phase I will transition to?

In the current training program, trainee progress is unique to individual circumstances, therefore trainees might find it challenging to apply their situation to the transitioning formula. In unique situations as these, we recommend you contact the College directly, however, most trainees should be able to determine their phase through the following scenarios:

New trainees, first year in 2022

Trainees who have	Enter	Progression
Entered training in February 2022	Phase 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All components of the new training program apply Can sit Anatomy and AIT independent of each other in 2022 (new format and rules) If successfully complete all Phase 1 requirements in 2022 can commence sitting written Phase 2 Examinations from Series 1 2023 (new format and rules)

Trainees transitioning into second year in 2022

Trainees who have	Enter	Progression
Not passed all components of the Part 1 Examination	Phase 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Phase 1 Examination format and rules Automatically granted a 6-month extension of training time and a 5th opportunity at the Phase 1 Examinations in the event of failure to pass after 4 opportunities Cannot commence sitting Phase 2 Examinations until Series 1 2023 New Phase 2 Examination format and rules 12 months in Phase 3 not mandatory, i.e., can still sit Phase 2 Examinations in 5th year
Complete all components of the Part 1 Examination	Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot commence sitting Phase 2 Examinations until Series 1 2023 New Phase 2 Examination format and rules Automatically granted a 6-month extension of training time and a 5th opportunity at the Phase 1 Examinations in the event of failure to pass after 3 opportunities 12 months in Phase 3 not mandatory, i.e., can still sit Phase 2 Examinations in 5th year

Trainees transitioning into third year in 2022

Trainees who have	Enter	Progression
Passed Part 1 Examinations	Phase 2	Commence sitting Phase 2 Examinations in 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Examination format and delivery from Series 1 2023 All old rules Automatically granted a 6-month extension of training time and an additional consecutive Examination opportunity in the event of failure to pass after 4 opportunities 12 months in Phase 3 not mandatory.

Trainees transitioning into fourth year in 2022

Trainees who have	Enter	Progression
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Passed Part 1 Examinations	Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old format and delivery of Part 2 Examinations 2022 • New Examination format and delivery from Series 1 2023 • All old Examination rules apply • From Series 1 2023, at the OSCER each station will be considered as a separate Viva for these candidates and can pass piecemeal • Automatically granted a 6-month extension of training time and a fifth consecutive opportunity at the Examination in the event of failure to pass after 4 opportunities • 12 months in Phase 3 optional, i.e. can still sit Phase 2 Examinations in 5th year
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Trainees transitioning into fifth year in 2022

Trainees who have	Enter	Progression
Not passed all components of the Part 2 Examination	Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old format and delivery of Part 2 Examinations 2022 • New Examination format and delivery from Series 1 2023 • Old Examination rules apply • From Series 1 2023, at the OSCER each station will be considered as a separate Viva for these candidates and can pass piecemeal • Automatically granted a 6-month extension of training time and a consecutive opportunity at the Examination in the event of failure to pass after 4 opportunities • 12 months in Phase 3 optional after completion Phase 2 Examinations
Passed all components of the Part 2 Examination	Phase 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 months in Phase 3 optional • Either system focused rotations or subspecialty rotations (site-dependent)

I am transitioning into 5th year in 2022 and have already successfully completed my Part 2 examinations. Will I need to complete any additional requirements under the new training program?

You will transition into Phase 3 of training and will be required to undertake either System Focused Rotations (as defined in the current program) or 3 month subspecialty rotations (as defined in the new program) for the duration of your training time. This may be determined by what is offered at your site. You will be required to complete your experiential training requirements and undertake the usual assessments as outlined in the new training program.

Will Phase 3 be required for transitioning trainees?

Phase 3 will start for transitioning trainees upon successful completion of the Phase 2 Examinations (assuming all other assessment requirements have been met). However, completion of 12 months in Phase 3 is optional for transitioning trainees. Therefore, some trainees might be in Phase 3 for a shorter period, dependent on remaining accredited training time.

Nuclear Training

Will clinical radiology trainees still be allowed to commence nuclear medicine training in 5th year?

Clinical Radiology trainees can commence nuclear training in their 5th year of training if all training requirements have been successfully completed first, as per current requirements. This includes completion of the research project(s).

Webinars

What information is covered in the webinars?

A series of webinars have been developed in preparation of the February launch to inform trainees, Clinical Supervisors, Directors of Training, and Networks about the key changes to the Clinical Radiology and Radiation Oncology Training Programs.

The webinar series will provide an overview of the 2022 Training Program including learning outcomes, transition arrangements, assessments in the Training Program, and the e-Portfolio system.

How can I find out more and register?

A webinar resources page has been developed on the TAR page on the College website, on this webpage you will find regular updates of upcoming webinars, links to register and recording of past webinars.

Will recordings of past webinars be available for viewing?

Yes, recordings will become available on the [TAR webinar page](#) after the date of the final session for each webinar topic.