



Recognition of Prior Learning Policy

Clinical Radiology and Radiation Oncology Training Programs

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This policy of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) provides for applicants the opportunity to obtain recognition for training which predates the commencement of approved RANZCR Clinical Radiology and Radiation Oncology accredited training.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants for recognition of prior learning must have met the standard eligibility criteria for entry to the RANZCR Clinical Radiology Training Program or the Radiation Oncology Training Program and must have successfully obtained an accredited training position.

An application for recognition of prior learning must be made to the RANZCR between the time the applicant has obtained an accredited training position in either the Clinical Radiology Training Program or the Radiation Oncology Training Program and up until six months after the applicant has commenced training.

2.1 Non-Accredited Training

Applicants who have had de facto training in non-accredited/un-accredited Clinical Radiology or Radiation Oncology training positions cannot request this period to be retrospectively accredited.

2.2 Trainees Reapplying to the Training Program

2.2.1 Clinical Radiology

Trainees who have previously been enrolled in the Clinical Radiology Training Program must follow the individual requirements of the relevant training program and will be assessed on an individual basis by the Clinical Radiology Education and Training Committee (and/or their delegated body/Committee) in accordance with the Part 1 Examination (Clinical Radiology) Policy for recognition of prior learning of their accredited training time and/or assessments completed during that time.

2.2.2 Radiation Oncology

Trainees who have previously been enrolled in the Radiation Oncology Training Program, in accordance with the Withdrawal from Training (Radiation Oncology) Policy, and who have been withdrawn under:

- a. Category 1 are permitted to re-enter the Radiation Oncology Training Program and will be assessed on an individual basis by the Radiation Oncology Education and Training Committee (and/or their delegated body/Committee) for recognition of prior learning of their accredited training time and/or assessments completed during that time.
- b. Categories 2 to 4 are not permitted to re-enter the Radiation Oncology Training Program.

2.3 International Medical Graduates

International Medical Graduates who have completed a specialist qualification overseas and have been assessed by the RANZCR and found not comparable to an Australian or New Zealand trained specialist, are permitted to apply for recognition of prior learning of their overseas training time and/or assessments once they have successfully obtained an RANZCR accredited training position.

2.4 Prior Specialist Medical College or Comparable Institution Training

Applicants who have undertaken training as part of a supervised and structured training program offered by a recognised specialist medical college or comparable institution prior to entry into the Clinical Radiology Training Program or Radiation Oncology Training Program, are permitted to apply for recognition of prior learning of their accredited training time and/or assessments completed during that time.

3. CATEGORIES OF RECOGNITION

The RANZCR Clinical Radiology Education and Training Committee and the Radiation Oncology Education and Training Committee (and/or their delegated bodies/committees) may approve recognition of prior learning that enables one or more of the following to be exempted from the Clinical Radiology Training Program or Radiation Oncology Training Program:

- (a) A period of training time
- (b) One or more of the formative or summative assessments (**excluding** Phase 1/Part 1 and Phase 2/Part 2 Examinations).
- (c) Research submission if considered to be equal or higher in merit/experience when compared to the RANZCR requirement. Please note that in relation to Clinical Radiology research the following applies:
 - (i) Previous PhD research in the medical field (completed no more than 3 years prior to commencement of training) which fulfils the learning objectives of the current curricula will be considered;
 - (ii) Previous Masters by Research in the medical field (completed no more than 3 years prior to commencement of training) which fulfils the learning objectives of the relevant curricula will be considered;
 - (iii) Clinical Radiology research that has been commenced less than two years prior to commencement of training, completed during the training program and meets all research project guidelines and criteria will be considered.
- (d) For Clinical Radiology trainees, one or more of the Experiential Training Requirements as outlined in the Radiodiagnosis Training Program Curriculum

- (e) For Radiation Oncology trainees, training requirements as outlined in the Radiation Oncology Training Program Curriculum
- (f) A combination of any of the above.

4. APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS

All applications for recognition of prior learning will be assessed by the RANZCR Clinical Radiology Education and Training Committee or the Radiation Oncology Education and Training Committee (and/or delegated bodies/committees) on a case by case basis.

Applications for recognition of prior learning must be made in writing to the Chief Censor in Clinical Radiology or Radiation Oncology and must include a covering letter setting out the areas to be considered and the relevant supporting documentation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide all required documentation. No assistance will be provided by the College to obtain supporting documentation.

Examples of supporting documentation include:

- (a) completed copies of any logbooks relating to previous medical training;
- (b) copies of all completed summative assessments conducted as part of previous medical training;
- (c) copies of completed research projects or publications in a related discipline (where applicable);
- (d) evidence of successful completion of written and/or oral examinations;
- (e) a statement or certificate attesting to satisfactory performance in the relevant training program from the appropriate college or certifying body;
- (f) detailed curriculum vitae;
- (g) certified copy of primary medical degree and other relevant certificates/diplomas.

Once received, the application for recognition of prior learning will be submitted to the Clinical Radiology Education and Training Committee or the Radiation Oncology Education and Training Committee for consideration at their next meeting. Applicants will be advised of the date of this meeting by the College when their application is acknowledged.

5. APPLICATION FEE

The College reserves the right to apply an administrative fee and trainees applying for Recognition of Prior Learning will be notified at the time of application of the fee amount. Please refer to the RANZCR Fees Policy available on the website.

6. LIMITATIONS

- (a) Any period of training time that is approved under the Recognition of Prior Learning Policy will not affect the trainee's official start date of accredited training, but rather the approved period of training time will be deducted from the overall 5 year training time period.
- (b) Exam eligibility will be considered by the College in relation to individual circumstances.
- (c) Any formative or summative assessments from which the trainee is exempt under the Recognition of Prior Learning Policy, will be reflected in the trainee's training record.
- (d) Any training requirements from which the trainee is exempt under the Recognition of Prior Learning Policy, will be reflected in the trainee's training record.

7. OUTCOMES

Trainees will be advised in writing of the outcome of their recognition of prior learning application within 28 calendar days following consideration by the Clinical Radiology Education and Training Committee or the Radiation Oncology Education and Training Committee (where reasonably practicable).

8. RECONSIDERATION, REVIEW AND APPEAL OF DECISIONS

An applicant may reconsider the decision of the Clinical Radiology Education and Training Committee or the Radiation Oncology Education and Training Committee under the terms of the College's Reconsideration, Review and Appeal of Decisions Policy. The Reconsideration, Review and Appeal of Decisions Policy document can be accessed via the College website.

9. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Reconsideration, Review and Appeal of Decisions Policy
- RANZCR Code of Ethics
- RANZCR Fees Policy
- Part 1 Examination (Clinical Radiology) Policy
- Part 2 Examination (Clinical Radiology) Policy
- Eligibility and Outcomes of the Phase 1 Examination in Radiation Oncology Policy
- Eligibility, Readiness to Sit and Outcomes of the Phase 2 Examination in Radiation Oncology Policy
- Withdrawal from Training (Clinical Radiology) Policy
- Withdrawal from Training Policy (Radiation Oncology)
- Clinician Scientist Pathway (Radiation Oncology)