

## **Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Scheme – Standards**

**Note:** References to the relevant State or Territory legislation that provides for the professional standards or documentation referred to below are provided in Part 5 of this Schedule.

### **Part 1 Registration and Licensing Standards**

#### **Standard 1.1**

The \*proprietor of a \*diagnostic imaging practice ensures that its staff or contractors and any other practitioners providing services to the practice have and maintain the appropriate and current registration and/or licence to undertake the \*diagnostic imaging procedures for which accreditation is sought in the State or Territory.

#### **Documentary Evidence**

Where relevant, the \*proprietor of the \*diagnostic imaging practice must provide:

- (a) Certified copies of State or Territory Medical Board Registration, or a registration number, for all medical practitioners employed by or providing services to the \*diagnostic imaging practice.
- (b) Certified copies of each medical practitioner's State or Territory radiation operator's licence, or a licence number.
- (c) Certified copies of each radiographer's State or Territory registration documentation, or a registration number, if required in the State or Territory.
- (d) Certified copies of the \*diagnostic imaging practice's radiographers' or other non-medical imaging practitioners' State or Territory radiation operator's licence, or a licence number, if required in the State or Territory.
- (e) Certified copies of each sonographer's statement of registration on the Register of Accredited Sonographers or a registration number.
- (f) Certified copies of each nurse's registration documentation or a registration number.
- (g) Certified copies of a radiology medical physicist's State or Territory radiation operator's license, or licence number, if required in the State or Territory.

## **Part 2 Safety Standards**

### **Standard 2.1**

The \*proprietor of a \*diagnostic imaging practice ensures that the practice complies with the requirements of the current State or Territory radiation safety legislation.

#### **Documentary Evidence**

The \*proprietor of the \*diagnostic imaging practice must provide:

- (a) Certified copies of current Environmental Protection Authority or similar equipment licences and registrations or registration numbers.
- (b) Copies of radiation safety plans where required by State or Territory radiation safety legislation.

## **Part 3 Equipment Standards**

### **Standard 3.1**

The \*proprietor of a \*diagnostic imaging practice ensures that the practice maintains a current equipment inventory.

#### **Documentary Evidence**

The \*proprietor of the \*diagnostic imaging practice must provide an equipment inventory which demonstrates that the practice uses equipment that complies with specifications outlined in the Medicare Benefits Schedule and includes information relating to:

- name of item, manufacturer, serial number (or other identifier); and
- registration on the Diagnostic Imaging Register (including citation of the relevant Location Specific Practice Number (LSPN)).

## **Part 4 Provision of Services Standards**

### **Standard 4.1**

\*Diagnostic imaging procedures are only undertaken at the \*diagnostic imaging practice where there is an identified clinical need and:

- (a) upon receipt of a request from a medical practitioner or a practitioner specified in the \*Act for the purpose of requesting services of that kind and for which a Medicare benefit is payable; or
- (b) where the practitioner interpreting the image is permitted to self determine the service for which a Medicare benefit is payable under the \*Act.

### **Documentary Evidence**

The \*proprietor of the \*diagnostic imaging practice must provide a representative sample of requests for \*diagnostic imaging procedures or patient records indicating the clinical need for the service.

### **Standard 4.2**

The \*diagnostic imaging practice only substitutes \*diagnostic imaging procedures:

- where appropriate for the diagnosis of a patient's medical condition; and
- where generally accepted on the basis of diagnostic imaging medical opinion; and
- where permitted by the \*Act and subordinate legislation for the payment of a Medicare benefit for that service.

### **Documentary Evidence**

The \*proprietor of the \*diagnostic imaging practice must either provide:

- (a) written records of consultations or attempted consultations with referring practitioners outlining the justification for substituted \*diagnostic imaging procedures; or
- (b) if no \*diagnostic imaging procedures were substituted in the preceding 12 months at the \*diagnostic imaging practice, a written policy indicating when a \*diagnostic imaging procedure would be substituted and how the \*diagnostic imaging practice would ensure compliance with the \*Act.

**Part 5           References to the relevant State or Territory legislation as it relates to the Standards and supporting documentation**

<b>Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Scheme Standards</b>	<b>Documentary Evidence</b>	<b>Relevant State / Territory/ Commonwealth Legislation</b>
<p><b>Standard 1.1</b> The *proprietor of a *diagnostic imaging practice ensures that its staff or contractors have the appropriate registration and/or licence to undertake the *diagnostic imaging procedures for which accreditation is sought in the State or Territory.</p>	(a)	ACT - <i>Health Professionals Act 2004</i> NSW - <i>Medical Practice Act 1992</i> NT - <i>Health Practitioners Act 2004</i> QLD - <i>Medical Practitioners Registration Act 2001</i> SA - <i>Medical Practice Act 2004</i> TAS - <i>Medical Practitioners Registration Act 1996</i> VIC - <i>Health Professions Registration Act 2005</i> WA - <i>Medical Act 1984</i>
	(b)	ACT - <i>Radiation Protection Act 2006 and Radiation Protection Regulation 2007</i> NSW - <i>Radiation Control Act 1990 and Radiation Control Regulations 2003</i> NT - <i>Radiation (Safety Control) Act 1978</i> (note this Act is to be repealed at a future date as a result of the <i>Radiation Protection Act 2004</i> – see the transitional provisions) QLD - <i>Radiation Safety Control Act 1999 and Radiation Safety Regulation 1999</i> SA - <i>Radiation Protection and Control Act 1982, Radiation and Control (ionising Radiation) Regulations 2000</i> TAS - <i>Radiation Protection Act 2005, Radiation Protection Regulations 2006</i> VIC - <i>Radiation Act 2005 and Radiation Regulations 2007</i> WA - <i>Radiation Safety Act 1975</i>
	(c)	ACT N/A (no Registration Board) NSW N/A (no Registration Board) NT - <i>Radiographers Act (NT) 1976</i> (note this Act is to be repealed at a future date as a result of the <i>Radiation Protection Act 2004</i> – see the transitional provisions) QLD - <i>Medical Radiation Technologists Registration Act 2001 and the Medical Radiation Technologists Registration Regulation 2002 and the Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999</i> SA N/A (no Registration Board) TAS - <i>Medical Radiation Science Professionals Registration Act 2000</i> VIC - <i>Health Professions Registration Act 2005 and Health (Medical Radiation Technologists Regulations 1997)</i> WA - <i>Medical Radiation Technologists Act 2006</i>
	(d)	Cth - <i>Health Insurance Act 1973 and Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations 2005</i>

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	(e)	<p>ACT - <i>Radiation Protection Act 2006 and Radiation Protection Regulations 2007</i></p> <p>NSW - <i>Radiation Control Act 1990 and Radiation Control Regulations 2003</i></p> <p>NT - Exempt under the <i>Radiation (Safety Control) Act 1978</i> where use and operation of irradiating apparatus is in accordance with the <i>Radiographers Act</i> (note both Acts are in the transition period and are to be repealed at a future date by the <i>Radiation Protection Act 2004</i> which is already in force and which does not contain this exemption).</p> <p>QLD - <i>Radiation Safety Control Act 1999 and Radiation Safety Regulation 1999</i></p> <p>SA - <i>Radiation Protection and Control Act 1982 and Radiation and Control (Ionising Radiation) Regulations 2000</i></p> <p>TAS - <i>Radiation Protection Act 2005, Radiation Protection Regulations 2006</i></p> <p>VIC - <i>Radiation Act 2005 and Radiation Regulations 2007</i></p> <p>WA - <i>Radiation Safety Act 1975</i></p>
	(f)	<p>ACT - <i>Health Professionals ACT 2004 and the Health Professionals Regulation 2004</i></p> <p>NSW - <i>Nurses and Midwives Act 1991</i></p> <p>NT - <i>Health Practitioners Act 2004</i></p> <p>QLD - <i>Nursing Act 1992</i></p> <p>SA - <i>Nurses Act 1999</i></p> <p>TAS - <i>Nursing Act 1995</i></p> <p>VIC - <i>Health Professions Registration Act 2005</i></p> <p>WA - <i>Nurses and Midwives Act 2006</i></p>
	(g)	<p>ACT - <i>Radiation Protection Act 2006 and Radiation Protection Regulation 2007</i></p> <p>NSW - <i>Radiation Control Act 1990 and Radiation Control Regulations 2003</i></p> <p>NT - <i>Radiation (Safety Control) Act 1978</i> (note this Act is to be repealed at a future date as a result of the <i>Radiation Protection Act 2004</i> – see the transitional provisions)</p> <p>QLD - <i>Radiation Safety Control Act 1999 and Radiation Safety Regulation 1999</i></p> <p>SA - <i>Radiation Protection and Control Act 1982, Radiation and Control (ionising Radiation) Regulations 2000</i></p> <p>TAS - <i>Radiation Protection Act 2005, Radiation Protection Regulations 2006</i></p> <p>VIC - <i>Radiation Act 2005 and Radiation Regulations 2007</i></p> <p>WA - <i>Radiation Safety Act 1975 and Radiation (General) Regulations 1983</i></p>

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<p><b>Standard 2.1</b> The *proprietor of a *diagnostic imaging practice ensures that the practice complies with the requirements of the current radiation safety legislation in the State or Territory.</p>	(a) – (b)	<p>ACT - <i>s.119 Radiation Protection Act 2006 and Radiation Protection Regulations 2007</i>  NSW - <i>s. 36 Radiation Control Act 1990 and Radiation Control Regulations 2003</i>  NT - <i>s.81 Radiation Protection Act 2004</i>  QLD - <i>s.198 Radiation Safety Control Act 1999 and Radiation Safety Regulation 1999</i>  SA - <i>s. 49 Radiation Protection and Control Act 1982 and Radiation and Control (Ionising Radiation) Regulations 2000</i>  TAS - <i>s. 76 Radiation Protection Act 2005, Radiation Protection Regulations 2006</i>  VIC - <i>s.131 Radiation Act 2005 and Radiation Regulations 2007</i>  WA - <i>s.50 Radiation Safety Act 1975 and Radiation (General) Regulations 1983</i></p>
<p><b>Standard 3.1</b> The *proprietor of a *diagnostic imaging practice ensures that the practice maintains a current equipment inventory.</p>	(a)	<p>Cth - <i>Medicare Benefits Schedule a separate document created pursuant to the Health Insurance Act 1973</i></p>
<p><b>Standard 4.1</b> *Diagnostic imaging procedures are only undertaken at the *diagnostic imaging practice where there is an identified clinical need and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• upon receipt of a request from a medical practitioner or a practitioner specified in the *Act for the purpose of requesting services of that kind and for which a medicare benefit is payable: or</li> <li>• where the practitioner interpreting the image is permitted to self determine the service under the *Act.</li> </ul>	(a)	<p>Cth - <i>Health Insurance Act 1973</i></p>

<p><b>Standard 4.2</b>  *Diagnostic imaging services for which *diagnostic imaging procedures are undertaken at the *diagnostic imaging premises are substituted only where appropriate for the diagnosis for a patient's medical condition, where generally accepted on the basis of diagnostic imaging medical opinion and where permitted by the *Act and subordinate legislation for the payment of a medicare benefit for the service.</p>	<p>(a)</p>	<p>Cth - <i>Medicare Benefits Schedule to the Health Insurance Act 1973</i></p>
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