

Fully eligible MRI machines per 100,000 population, by Primary Health Network (PHN) - s 34

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South Eastern Melbourne	0.3
Perth South	0.4
Eastern Melbourne	0.5
Australian Capital Territory	0.5
Western Sydney	0.5
Brisbane South	0.5
Nepean Blue Mountains	0.5
Country SA	0.6
Brisbane North	0.6
Central and Eastern Sydney	0.6
Hunter New England and Central Coast	0.6
South Eastern NSW	0.7
Gold Coast	0.7
Adelaide	0.7
Country WA	0.8
Northern Sydney	0.8
South Western Sydney	0.8
North Western Melbourne	0.9
Darling Downs and West Moreton	0.9
Perth North	0.9
Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Sunshin	1.0
Gippsland	1.1
Western Victoria	1.1
Tasmania	1.2
Northern Territory	1.2
Murrumbidgee	1.2
Northern Queensland	1.3
Western NSW	1.3
Murray	1.3
North Coast	1.6
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South Eastern NSW				0.7
Gold Coast				0.7
Adelaide				0.7
Country WA				0.8
Northern Sydney				0.8
South Western Sydney				0.8
North Western Melbourne				0.9
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Healthcare Imaging Services	Moorabbin	VIC	3189	Holmesglen Hospital
MIA Group	Berwick	VIC	3806	St John of God Hospital

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South Metropolitan Health Service	Murdoch	WA	6150	Fiona Stanley Hospital
Perth Radiological Clinic	Rockingham	WA	6168	
iKG Radiology	Mandurah	WA	6210	
Healthcare Imaging Services	Epping	VIC	3076	Northern Hospital
MIA Group	Heidelberg	VIC	3084	

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Canberra Imaging Group	Bruce	ACT	2617	Calvary Bruce Private Hospital
Rouse Hill Medical Imaging	Rouse Hill	NSW	2155	
PRP Diagnostic Imaging	Bella Vista	NSW	2153	Norwest Private Hospital
Qscan Radiology	Carindale	QLD	4152	
Queensland X ray	Coopers Plains	QLD	4108	Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital
High Street Medical Imaging	Penrith	NSW	2750	

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West Moreton Hospital and Health Service - Ipswich Hospital	Ipswich	QLD	4305	Ipswich Hospital
Gympie Radiology	Gympie	QLD	4570	

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Mount Barker, SA, Sale
Hospital, VIC, Royal Darwin Hospital, NT, Toowoomba Hospital, QLD, and Kalgoorlie Health
Campus, WA.

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Monash
Children's Hospital, Clayton, VIC, Pindara Private Hospital, Benowa, QLD (upgrade of partial
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of God Midland Hospital, WA s 34

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announced these nine new locations:

- Mount Barker, South Australia
- Monash Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Victoria
- Pindara Private Hospital, Benowa, Queensland s 34
- Sale Hospital, Central Gippsland Health, Victoria
- Mount Druitt Hospital, Sydney, New South Wales
- Royal Darwin Hospital, Northern Territory
- Northern Beaches Hospital, Sydney, New South Wales
- Toowoomba Hospital^{s 3}, Queensland
- St John of God Midland Hospital, Western Australia (upgrade of partial eligibility).

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Kalgoorlie Health Campus s 34

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24 September 2018 a competitive ITA process opened to allocate a further 20 additional MRI units access to Medicare:

Providers of MRI services were able to make an application for Medicare eligibility through the ITA process. This provided opportunities for public hospitals, private hospitals and private radiology facilities to apply, provided they meet the conditions outlined in the ITA documentation. Existing MRI units with partial Medicare eligibility were able to apply to upgrade to full eligibility, and locations seeking new fully eligible units were eligible to apply, in regional and metropolitan areas.

Expanding Medicare eligibility for MRI services responded to the recent Senate Community Affairs References Committee inquiry into the 'Availability and accessibility of diagnostic imaging equipment around Australia'.

The ITA process was open for six weeks (24 September to 2 November 2018).

The ITA had two Streams with different minimum application requirements.

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Stream 1 – Upgrades of partially eligible MRI equipment to full Medicare eligibility

Stream 1 applicants must meet all of the following minimum requirements:

- the applicant has a current Deed for partial Medicare eligibility for the MRI unit to which the application relates; and
- there are no fully Medicare-eligible MRI units at the same practice location.

Stream 2 – Full Medicare eligibility for MRI equipment

Stream 2 applicants must meet all of the following minimum requirements:

- the applicant has an operational MRI unit at the practice location to which the application relates, or will have an operational MRI unit at that location by 31 December 2020 (purchase of MRI unit must be able to be demonstrated by 30 April 2019); and
- there are no fully or partially Medicare-eligible MRI units at the practice location to which the application relates.

In addition to these minimum requirements, applications for both streams were assessed against both Mandatory Criteria and Substantive Criteria.

Applications were assessed in three stages:

Assessment Stage	Assessment Criteria
Stage 1 - Initial Assessment	Completed Application Form
	Minimum application requirements for relevant Stream are met
	Mandatory Criteria are met
Applicants must meet all Assessment Criteria for Stage 1 to progress to Stage 2	
Stage 2 - Assessment for Stream 1 (upgrades for partially eligible equipment)	Substantive Criteria
Stage 3 - Assessment for Stream 2 (new full eligibility)	Substantive Criteria

For each Stream applications were:

- grouped into relevant PHNs;
- assessed against the Substantive Criteria;
- ranked; and
- considered in terms of the PHN's relative need.

Mandatory Criteria

Applications must satisfy the following Mandatory Criteria.

Mandatory Criteria	
1.	The MRI unit is capable of providing and will continue to provide all MRI services listed in Group 15 the <i>Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations</i> (excluding breast and cardiac MRI), or will be capable of providing all such services by 31 December 2020.
2.	The premises at which the MRI unit is, or will be, located is a registered diagnostic imaging premises under the <i>Health Insurance Act 1973</i> with a location specific practice number (LSPN) allocated by the Department of Human Services (DHS), or will be registered and allocated an LSPN by 31 December 2020.
3.	The MRI unit is or will be located at the premises of a comprehensive practice. comprehensive practice is a medical practice, or a radiology department of a hospital, that provides x-ray, ultrasound and computed tomography services (whether or not it provides other services).
4.	The diagnostic imaging practice at which the MRI unit is located is accredited under the Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Scheme (DIAS) for modalities including MRI and all other modalities required for a comprehensive practice, or will become accredited by 31 December 2020. Information about the DIAS is available at: http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/diagnosticimaging-accred2 .
5.	The applicant agrees to comply with all relevant legislation in relation to rendering Medicare-eligible MRI services, including provision and supervision of services by appropriately qualified providers, and has arrangements in place to enable such compliance.
6.	The applicant agrees that they are prepared to retain the Medicare eligibility for the MRI unit at the location specified in the application for a minimum period of 3 years from the execution of the Deed.

Substantive Criteria

Applications in both Streams 1 and 2 must address the Substantive Criteria set out below.

Substantive Criteria	Type of information sought
1. Practice Details (representing approximately 34% of the total assessment score)	General details about the practice where the MRI unit is or will be located including opening hours, disability accessibility, reporting times (i.e. time between imaging and reporting back to the requesting doctors) and whether the practice is prepared to bulk bill patients (and if so on what basis).
2. Patient Catchment and Access to other MRI Services and Medical Services (representing approximately 22% of the total assessment score)	Information about the estimated patient catchment area of the identified location, other practices with MRI that also service this patient population that are within 30kms of the identified location, the distance (in kilometres) to the nearest Medicare-eligible MRI service from the identified location, socioeconomic (SEIFA) status of the area, the number of requesting practitioners available and other key medical services are available.
3. Services Provided (representing approximately 16% of the total assessment score)	The range of MRI services offered at the practice and, for practices located at hospitals, whether the hospital is public or private, its number of beds, and categorisation.
4. Staffing Profile (representing approximately 16% of the total assessment score)	Availability of radiologists on site and supervision arrangements.
5. Equipment Details (representing approximately 12% of the total assessment score)	Magnet strength, whether the unit is capable of catering for patients who require lower magnet strength and the age of the equipment.

Table 14: Applications submitted for Primary Health Network (PHN) 401 - Adelaide

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Building/practice name
Sound Radiology

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State	Suburb	Postcode
SA	Parkside	5063

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