



## Certification Policy

### 1. Purpose

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The Australasian College of Physical Scientists & Engineers in Medicine (ACPSEM) is committed to maintaining the integrity of the certification as a medical physicist or radiopharmaceutical scientist.

The mission of the certification process is to ensure efficacy and safety, through the establishment of expected standards of knowledge, skills, expertise and judiciousness, and that those working in the field attain those standards.

### 2. Application

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This Policy applies to ACPSEM registrars, experienced professionals, staff, contractors, and volunteers (including Board, Committee, and Panel members).

### 3. Context

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The aim of the certification process is to ensure that the applicant:

- has knowledge of the requirements and professional standards that are pertinent to the practice of the profession;
- has the skills and attributes required to ensure that processes and procedures are executed to a level of quality and consistency identified for the delivery of a quality service;
- is aware of their environment and any limitations; and
- displays professional behaviour, and good communication skills.

Certification is awarded by the Professional Standards Board (PSB).

### 4. Definitions

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**Certification:** recognition that a registrar has satisfactorily completed a Training, Education, and Assessment Program in one of the three disciplines offered by ACPSEM.

**Registrar:** trainee or person registered in the Training, Education and Assessment Program administered by ACPSEM.

**Registration:** entry to the Register of Qualified Medical Physics Specialists and Radiopharmaceutical Scientists, the official record kept by ACPSEM to identify specialists in Medical Physics and Radiopharmaceutical Science who have demonstrated, and are demonstrating, current competency to practice.

### 5. Requirements

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Registrars who meet the requirements for completion of the Training, Education, and Assessment Program (TEAP) are eligible to be granted certification as a:

- Medical Physics Specialist in Radiation Oncology, gaining the entitlement to use the post-nominals **CMPS (RO)**;
- Medical Physics Specialist in Diagnostic Imaging, gaining the entitlement to use the post-nominals **CMPS (DI)**; or
- Radiopharmaceutical Science Specialist, gaining the entitlement to use the post-nominals **CRPSS**.



Completion of TEAP is the only pathway that enables a registrar to achieve certification from the ACPSEM in the relevant discipline.

The newly certified registrar is then eligible for automatic entry to the ACPSEM's:

- Register of Medical Physics Specialists for Radiation Oncology;
- Register of Medical Physics Specialists for Diagnostic Imaging; or
- Register of Radiopharmaceutical Scientist Specialists.

The relevant Training, Education, and Assessment Program (TEAP) discipline requirements that are the prerequisite for certification are contained in the [TEAP Progression and Completion Policy](#).

## 6. Accountability

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The ACPSEM Board has delegated accountability and responsibility for determining and evaluating Certification requirements to the PSB.

As a consequence of the 2018 "Refreshing Professional Standards" Project the ACPSEM Board also requires that the PSB includes sufficient detail:

- i) in procedures and rules to enable confirmation by ACPSEM expert staff that certification requirements have been met, and
- ii) to enable the program to be efficiently administered by support staff.

All certification outcomes should be registered and noted by the PSB and periodically reported to the ACPSEM Board.

## 7. Appeals

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If a person is not satisfied with a decision made under this Policy, they may submit an appeal in accordance with ACPSEM's [Grievance Handling and Appeal Policy](#).

## 8. References

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### 8.1. Related Documentation

- [Certification Procedure](#)
- [Program Admission Policy](#)
- [Program Admission Procedure](#)
- [TEAP Program Enrolment Policy](#)
- [TEAP Program Enrolment Procedure](#)
- [TEAP Progression and Completion Policy](#)
- Program Progression and Completion Procedure
- [Grievance Handling and Appeal Policy](#)
- [Registration Requirements Policy](#)



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