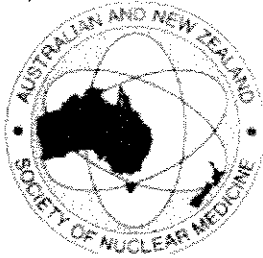


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# AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE INC.

*(Incorporated in NSW)*

## ACCREDITATION BOARD

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#### **Introduction**

The Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM) is the national professional organisation representing professionals from all disciplines involved in the field of Nuclear Medicine.

The Accreditation Board of the ANZSNM is a sub-committee entrusted with the setting of standards for the Education and Training of Nuclear Medicine Technologists in Australia and New Zealand. It is the gazetted body authorised by AEI-NOOSR to assess the overseas qualifications in Nuclear Medicine Technology for applicants wishing to practice as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist.

#### **Accreditation Board**

The Accreditation Board of the ANZSNM has the following functions:

1. Professional Accreditation of Nuclear Medicine Technologists on completion of an Approved course of study plus 12 months practical experience in the Professional Development Year.
2. Overseeing the Professional Development Year and giving Guidelines to training departments, mentors and graduands.
3. Approval of University Programs for the study of Nuclear Medicine Technology
4. Approval of Nuclear Medicine Practices for the training of Nuclear Medicine Technologists.
5. Overseas Qualification Assessment for persons who have practiced Nuclear Medicine Technology in their own country and wish to practice in Australia.

The Accreditation Board comprises four Accredited Nuclear Medicine Technologists, one credentialed Nuclear Medicine Specialist, a Scientific representative (usually a Physicist or Radiopharmacist) and a member of the Federal Committee of the ANZSNM.

#### **Assessment Process**

Applicants apply to the Accreditation Board of the ANZSNM for Assessment of Eligibility to undertake the Overseas Qualification Assessment (OQA) Exam in Nuclear Medicine Technology. If the applicant is deemed eligible by the Board they then sit the OQA examination in Nuclear Medicine Technology.

Successful OQA candidates must also complete a 12 month Professional Development Year program in the course of their first year of employment to become eligible for Accreditation by the ANZSNM.

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Applicants for Assessment of Eligibility to undertake the Overseas Qualification Assessment (OQA) Exam in Nuclear Medicine Technology must satisfy the Board that:

1. The applicant has a formal qualification in Nuclear Medicine Technology which is recognised as such in the country in which it was awarded.
2. The applicant is eligible to work as a Nuclear Medicine technologist in that country.
3. They have sufficient English language skills to work as a Nuclear Medicine technologist in an English language environment.

(The full application form for Assessment of Eligibility to undertake the Overseas Qualification Assessment (OQA) Exam in Nuclear Medicine Technology, and explanatory notes are attached as **Appendix 1.**)

### **Appeals**

If the assessment does not recognise the applicants qualifications as a Nuclear Medicine technologist and the applicant disagrees with the assessment they may apply to the Accreditation Board for a Review of the decision.

### **Migration Assistance**

The ANZSNM does not provide information or assistance on how to migrate. Applicants must arrange their own employment in Australia or New Zealand.

### **Recognition of overseas qualifications by employers**

Employment in Nuclear Medicine in most States and Territories is governed by Licensing and/or Registration. Most Registration Boards and Licensing Authorities recognise Accreditation, or eligibility for Accreditation, by the ANZSNM as the minimum acceptable standard for a person to practice Nuclear Medicine Technology in Australia.

### **Approved Courses**

There are currently no overseas Undergraduate or Post Graduate courses in Nuclear Medicine Technology approved by the ANZSNM.

Concerns regarding authenticity of applications and qualifications can be referred to Department of Immigration and Multicultural Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) integrity unit.

### **Further Information**

Potential Applicants may access information and application forms via the ANZSNM website [www.anzsnm.org.au](http://www.anzsnm.org.au) or by contacting the ANZSNM Secretariat.