



ASMIRT CT FAQs

Do I have to sit the CT Certification Examination to work as a CT radiographer in Australia?

No, however passing the examination and being part of the ASMIRT CT Intermediate Level Certification program is an indication of your knowledge and commitment to your speciality within the Medical Imaging profession. This certification is not a qualification like a Master's degree which has no clinical requirement, but rather a program that ensures a level of knowledge that is measurable and common across Australia.

How much study do I have to do to pass the examination?

A cursory glance at the resource material and study guide suggests that this exam must be approached with a great deal of study and preparation. The examination is designed to test your clinical and academic ability. It is an indication of a knowledge base when measured against your colleagues. A study approach like any advanced program is suggested.

What percentages of candidates pass the exam?

This varies slightly, but on average more than 50% pass each exam. ASMIRT does not keep records on candidates who re-sit.

Do I have to join the 3-year Certification Program?

No, this is not a requirement as you may decide that passing the examination is adequate to demonstrate your abilities. There is however a limited time after passing the examination to join the program. If you choose to not join the certification program within the three-year time period, and, change your mind down the track, you may be required to re-sit the Intermediate Level examination again.

Why do I have to renew my Certification?

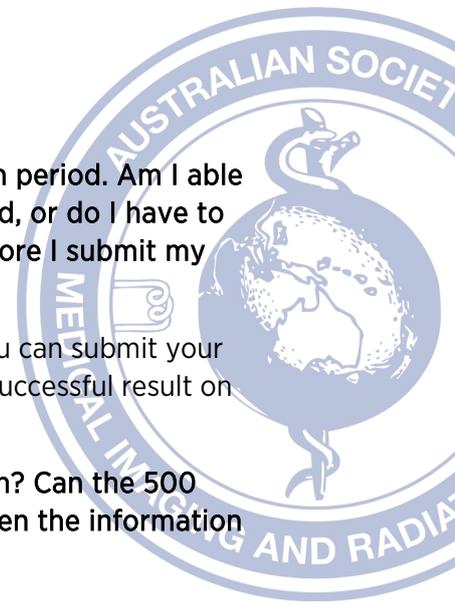
The program is designed to ensure that you complete a certain number of clinical examinations within a time period to maintain your skill and knowledge base. We encourage practitioners to maintain their certification to demonstrate their specialist professional practice standard. If you choose not to renew your certification after the three-year time period, you will need to commence the process again from the CT Intermediate Level 1 examination and CT clinical examinations.

I live 2 hours away from the scheduled Pearson Vue examination centres. Is it possible to sit this examination closer to home?

ASMIRT recognise that individual practitioners have circumstances which prevent them from travelling to their closest examination venue. In these circumstances, if you live in an area remote to the listed examination venues (greater than 150km), you may be able to sit the examination in your local region. It is incumbent upon the practitioner to find an appropriate examination supervisor.

On application, the ASMIRT will assess the suitability of the venue and also the examination supervisor before confirming acceptance of the application.





I have already performed over the 500 CT examinations over a 6-month period. Am I able to get my supervisor to sign my application form for the 6-month period, or do I have to wait for the 12 months to lapse or just reach over 500 examinations before I submit my application?

500 CT clinical examinations will satisfy the clinical component criteria. You can submit your application signed off by your supervisor as soon as you have achieved a successful result on your theoretical component.

Is there formal paperwork for part B of the CT Intermediate Certification? Can the 500 examinations be retrospective, or must a log be kept? Will I only be given the information if I successfully pass the Part A examination?

Once the examination has been successfully completed, you may apply for CT Intermediate Certification. The application will ask for information about the numbers and range of examinations performed. The 500 exams can be retrospective.

There is no need to keep a formal log. It is expected that candidates can produce some type of data to support the numbers provided if required.

In smaller departments such as ours where we do around 3200 CTs per year it will be difficult for anyone to maintain their certificate and still rotate enough people through CT to keep up competencies for our on-call service. Are these clinical examination numbers final?

The CT certification program aims to acknowledge the additional skills of more experienced CT staff. ASMIRT is aware that not all Radiographers will be able to achieve these numbers. In smaller departments, it is likely that only one of two regular CT staff will be able to achieve certification. The numbers are set at this stage, although the program will undergo continual review. The CT certification program is voluntary and not a requirement of either ASMIRT or MRPBA to perform CT.

What exactly does Certification mean?

Certification has been developed to acknowledge the additional learning done by senior CT Radiographers as part of their clinical role. It is not a post graduate qualification in CT.

We have 2 people rostered to CT, one who scans and one who reconstructs. Would they both be able to claim one patient as an examination or would one person have to carry out the whole examination to claim it?

If one person is scanning and one reconstructing, it is the person who actually scans the patient who is considered responsible for the examination, not the person performing the reconstruction.

Will this lead to higher wages and will it be necessary to have certification in order to operate CT machines etc...?

The CT certification process is not intended to lead to higher wages. If state-based awards acknowledge this type of certification as being eligible for a higher qualification, then it is up to the individual to negotiate this with their employer.

CT certification is not required to perform CT. It is still considered part of the scope of practice of a Radiographer.





I am a newly qualified radiographer. Am I permitted to sit this exam?

There are no restrictions with regards to minimum level of CT experience required before undertaking the CT examination. There are however requirements for the clinical component, so if you are not working in the CT area, this may be a little difficult to achieve the required numbers of clinical examination. The CT certification program has been designed for more experienced CT practitioners.

I have a Master of Science in CT awarded by an overseas University. Does ASMIRT offer any certification for this qualification, or would I have to undertake both parts of the CT Certification process?

There is a difference between an academic qualification and a professional certification. In order to gain the ASMIRT Certificate, you will need to undertake Part A and B.

I am the Chief CT Radiographer running a CT practice and would like to undertake the CT certification. As I am the "Supervisor", whom I can get to sign part C as 'supervisor' for the clinical component? My CEO is a Radiographer but has no CT experience and there is only one other CT Radiographer, whom I supervise. Can I have our Radiologist sign part C?

It can be signed off by a supervising Radiologist, Chief Radiographer or an appropriate Manager. Evidence, such as RIS data should be available to substantiate the claim. This will also be the same for sole practice radiographers.

What do I do if I think that the examination result was wrong?

All examinations and subsequent results are reviewed and checked thoroughly prior to release on the website. If you have queries regarding your examination, please contact the ASMIRT secretariat office.

Can I sit the Examination abroad?

Yes, examinations may be undertaken overseas providing that there is a Pearson Vue centre in your location. If there are no Pearson Vue venues in your location, there may be the opportunity to sit a paper version of this examination. Please contact the secretariat to discuss. If the opportunity becomes available, you will be responsible for organising your own examination venue and supervisor and paying for any additional costs for mailing materials to the examination supervisor and return mail to Australia.

How do I improve my chances of passing the exam?

History has shown us that forming a study group, finding a mentor and practising as many questions as you can, will improve your outcome.

How many times can I sit the examination?

The maximum number of times you can sit this examination consecutively is 3. We recommend that you wait 12 months and seek assistance with your study prior to attempting your next examination.

