

## ASMIRT MRI FAQs

### **Do I have to sit the MRI Certification Examination to work as an MRI radiographer in Australia?**

No, however passing the examination and being part of the ASMIRT Level 1 MRI Certification Program is an indication of your knowledge and commitment to your speciality within the Medical Imaging profession. There are some departments and practices which require Level 1 Certification prior to employment. 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?**

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 similar to any advanced program is suggested.

### **What percentages of candidates pass the examination?**

This varies slightly, but on average more than 60% of candidates pass each examination. ASMIRT does not keep records on candidates who re-sit examinations.

### **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 not to join the Certification Program within the 3-year time period and change your mind down the track, you may be required to re-sit the Level 1 examination again.

### **Why do I have to renew my Certification?**

The program is designed to ensure that you complete a certain number of clinical MRI 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 3-year time period, you will need to commence the process again from the Level 1 examination and clinical MRI examinations.

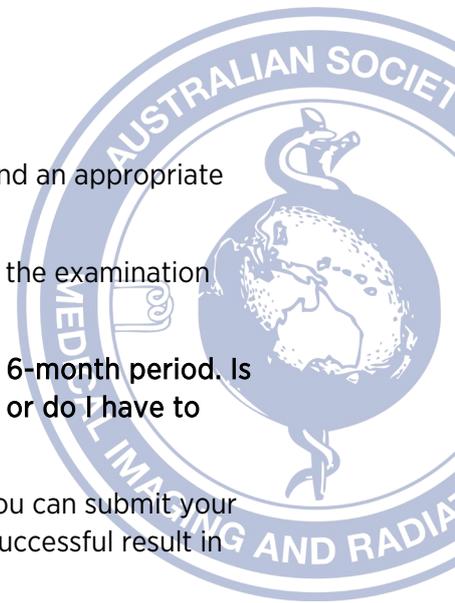
### **Why are the points needed to gain Level 2 MRI Certification different from normal CPD credits?**

The Level 2 Certification program is only awarded to those imaging specialists who have dedicated a considerable amount of time and effort and hold a certificate level which could be described as "real experts" in their chosen field.

### **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 300 clinical MRI examinations over a 6-month period. Is my supervisor able to sign my application form for the 6-month period, or do I have to wait for the 12 months to lapse before I submit my application?**

300 clinical MRI 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 in your theoretical component.

**I am the Chief CT Radiographer running an MRI practice and would like to undertake the MRI Certification. As I am the "Signatory", whom can I get to sign Part C as 'supervisor' for the clinical component? My CEO is a Radiographer but has no MRI experience and there is only one other MRI 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.

**What do I do if I think that the examination result is 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 can 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 if your third attempt is not successful and seek assistance with your study prior to attempting your next examination.

