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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO REGISTERED RADIOGRAPHERS WHO QUALIFIED AFTER 31 DECEMBER 1993**

The RCT Professional Board took a resolution to offer a once-off Special Board Ultrasound Examination to diagnostic radiographers who qualified after 31 December 1993 and have been practicing ultrasound continuously since before 31 December 2019. Guidelines, Application Forms and Frequently asked Questions (FAQs) were placed on the RCT website. Amendments to the application deadlines and practice areas were noted on the website. Radiographers need to regularly access the website to view important notices and documents.

Applications for the Special Examination closed on 28 February 2021 and no new applications were accepted after this date.

The dates for Special Examination are scheduled as follows; **15 November 2021** for theory and **17 November 2021** for clinical component.

### **Important information relating to the Special Board Ultrasound Examination:**

- Applicants with outstanding issues were given until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to respond.
- All correspondence relating to the application process is now closed.
- Those who are eligible for the Special Ultrasound Examination have been notified in writing by the Education and Training Division (ETD) that they have been accepted.
- The only valid confirmation of acceptance is a letter and/or email from the ETD.
- Only those radiographers who have received such acceptance letters are now permitted to practice ultrasound in their specific practice area/s – this will be in preparation for the Special Board Ultrasound Examination.
- **ALL other radiographers who did not apply, or who have not received written acceptance from the ETD and are practicing any type of ultrasound (including breast ultrasound) must cease this practice with immediate effect, failing which, action may be taken against them by the Board.**

- Radiographers are responsible for ensuring that they practice legally within their Scope of Practice. The Diagnostic Scope of Practice is on the RCT website.
- Any radiographer who has not been accepted to write the Special Examination and who wishes to perform any ultrasound examinations at some time in the future, must apply to an accredited higher education institution to obtain the Board approved ultrasound qualification. Once they have been registered at a university to study for a formal ultrasound qualification, they will practice ultrasound as part of the university's clinical practice curriculum. A short course is not a qualification even if it is obtained at a higher education institution. Only 3- or 4-year qualifications obtained at a higher education institution are approved by the Board for licence to practice. Workshops and training offered by companies do not qualify a diagnostic radiographer to practice ultrasound.

**NOTE: This notice only applies to radiographers who qualified after 31 December 1993.**