



***Joint Nuclear Medicine Specialist  
Credentiailling/Certification Program  
of the RACP and the RANZCR***

**Application for the Purposes of**

**Credentiailling of Specialists in Nuclear Medicine  
(including PET if relevant):  
Overseas-Trained Physicians / Specialists**

**in Relation to 'Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging  
Services Table) Regulations 2006'**

**November 2021**

## Introduction

In September 2000, the Department of Health and Aged Care (now Department of Health [DoH]) determined that a Register of credentialed specialists in nuclear medicine should be created. To this end, the Joint Nuclear Medicine Credentialling and Accreditation Committee (JNMCAC) was established as a Joint Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR), to undertake a program of specialist credentialling. Administrative duties for the JNMCAC are undertaken on behalf of the Colleges by the Australasian Association of Nuclear Medicine Specialists (AANMS; formerly the Australian and New Zealand Association of Physicians in Nuclear Medicine [ANZAPNM]).

The purpose of the Register is to allow Medicare Australia to identify specialists who will be 'eligible providers' of nuclear medicine services under the Medicare arrangement.

With the introduction of positron emission tomography (PET) services, the DoH also determined that, among other requirements, from 2002, providers of PET services must also be credentialed.

From August 2007, credentialling has become a process by which the AANMS, on behalf of the JNMCAC, checks the professional credentials of applicants and, on the basis of these credentials, advises Medicare that the applicant has the requisite training and fulfils the relevant Regulatory requirements for provision of a nuclear medicine and PET service. The credentialling process is then completed by Medicare updating the applicant's record to reflect his/her credentialed status.

## Requirements

The requirements for credentialling for nuclear medicine/PET are:

- (i) medical registration specialist registration in nuclear medicine;
- (ii) postgraduate qualification as a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians or as a Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists, *together with* recognition as a specialist/consultant physician in nuclear medicine from the Health Insurance Commission (since 2006, Medicare Australia) (unless the specialist is approved to work only in a designated Area of Need (AoN) position as determined by the relevant State or Territory government);
- (iii) a relevant state/territory radiation licence to use unsealed radioactive sources for diagnostic and/or therapeutic nuclear medicine (unless state regulations permit the applicant to work under a licence held by an appropriate person in the practice, in which case written evidence of this should be provided);
- (iv) written confirmation that the specialist has completed training in nuclear medicine (including PET) under the auspices of the Committee for Joint College Training in Nuclear Medicine (CJCT) (formerly known as the Joint Specialist Advisory Committee [JSAC] in Nuclear Medicine) of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR); ***or***
- (v) evidence of assessment of the specialist's nuclear medicine training (including PET training if relevant) and qualifications by the relevant specialist medical college (*the RACP, which assesses the Nuclear Medicine/PET training/qualifications of all overseas-trained physicians and specialists*) if the specialist has trained overseas or has not completed training under the auspices of the CJCT in Nuclear Medicine.

## Specialists Working in Area of Need (AoN) Positions

Specialists working in Area of Need (AoN) positions may be subject additional requirements or restrictions (e.g. time limits on specialist recognition, conditions of medical registration, requirements for additional training, etc.) placed upon the specialist by, for example, Medicare Australia, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or the relevant medical College. The specialist's credentialling may therefore be limited by any such restrictions that apply to the actual credentials. The most common restriction is that of time-limited specialist recognition granted by Medicare Australia. If there is time-limited specialist recognition, then credentialling will also be limited to the duration of this specialist recognition. If the specialist wishes to retain his/her credentialled status, the JNMCAC must be advised that an application has been made for renewed specialist recognition prior to expiration of the time-limited recognition. The specialist will need to advise renewal of specialist recognition as soon as this has been granted, or advise if recognition has not been renewed.

If a specialist working in an Area of Need position is appointed subsequently to an unrestricted position in nuclear medicine in Australia, he or she shall advise the JNMCAC immediately, noting any change in his/her circumstances that may have an impact on his/her credentialled status.

### Application and Documentation

In order for a specialist in nuclear medicine to apply for credentialling/certification, the attached application form must be completed, signed and sent to the JNMCAC. An address at which the specialist provides services and the specialist's provider number for that address must be supplied to ensure correct identification by Medicare Australia.

**For any new application**, the specialist must include a copy of each of the following documents:

- Evidence of medical specialist registration in nuclear medicine.
- Evidence of Fellowship of the RACP or RANZCR, **or** evidence of approval by the RACP for registration in nuclear medicine (if the applicant has not completed training in Australia).
- Letter from Medicare Australia advising recognition as a specialist, or consultant physician, in nuclear medicine.
- Current state radiation licence (unless state regulations permit the applicant to work under a licence held by an appropriate person in the practice, in which case written evidence of this should be provided).
- Letter from the RACP and RANZCR certifying completion of advanced training in nuclear medicine, including PET, under the RACP/RANZCR Committee for Joint College Training (CJCT; formerly Joint Specialist Advisory Committee [JSAC]) in Nuclear Medicine; **or**
- for overseas-trained specialists, a letter from the relevant College (this will be the RACP, as agreed between the RACP and RANZCR in 2017) certifying that their training is either considered acceptable for specialist recognition in nuclear medicine in Australia (for unrestricted practice), or is considered acceptable for working in nuclear medicine in an Area of Need (AoN) position; evidence that the specialist's PET training is considered appropriate for concurrent PET credentialling (if relevant/required) must also be provided.

***All questions must be answered before the application can be considered.***

The completed application form together with the application fee should be sent to:

Joint Nuclear Medicine Specialist Credentialling Program  
c/o JNMCAC Secretariat  
P O Box 73  
Balmain NSW 2041

### **Application Fee**

The application fee is **\$110.00** (including GST). Payments may be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) as follows:

#### **EFT Payments:**

Please ensure you keep a copy/screenshot of your bank receipt or bank confirmation of online payment and email this to [aanms@aanms.org.au](mailto:aanms@aanms.org.au). **Payments should be made to the following BSB and account number:**

BSB Number: 062-000

Account Number: 2021 6403

Account Name: Australasian Association of Nuclear Medicine Specialists – Joint Credentialling

If you wish to pay by cheque, please contact the AANMS accountants, Actuate Accounting, at: [accounts@actuateaccounting.com.au](mailto:accounts@actuateaccounting.com.au); phone 02 9925 8600.

### **Creation and Maintenance of Register**

Specialists whose applications have been considered by the JNMCAC to be eligible for credentialling and who have paid the application fee will be advised by letter of their eligibility for credentialling/certification. A copy of this letter will be sent to Medicare Australia, which will complete the credentialling/certification process by inclusion of the applicant's name in the Medicare Australia Register of specialists credentialled for nuclear medicine and/or PET. Subsequently Medicare Australia will provide written confirmation to all specialists whose names have been added to the Register.

In addition, those specialists whose names appear on the Register must advise the JNMCAC if there are changes to the details given on their application.

### **Penalties for False Declarations**

Under Commonwealth legislation, significant penalties may be imposed on a person who makes a statement (oral or written) or who issues or presents a document that is false or misleading in a material particular, and which is capable of being used with a claim for Medicare benefits.

### **Privacy**

The information provided on this form is collected only for the purpose of assessing and processing applications for credentialling/certification for Nuclear Medicine, and for contacting applicants in relation to their applications. Completed Nuclear Medicine credentialling/certification application forms are available only to the JNMCAC for the purposes of assessing applications.

Information from applications is provided to Medicare Australia as follows: applicant name, contact address and one identifying provider number (the provider number given on the application), as set out in the JNMCAC's letter of advice.

Details provided by applicants are held on password-secured databases by the JNMCAC Secretariat. The hard copies of applications are held in secure storage at the same location, and applicants may have access to their credentialling/certification information at any time by contacting the JNMCAC Secretariat, P O Box 73, Balmain NSW 2041, email [aanms@aanms.org.au](mailto:aanms@aanms.org.au); phone (02) 9818 4824.

**Application for Credentialling as a Specialist in Nuclear Medicine  
(including PET if relevant)  
Overseas-Trained Physicians and Specialists**

Please note: all questions must be answered in order that the application can be considered.

**1. CONTACT AND PROVIDER DETAILS**

Name		
Address (for correspondence)		
		Postcode:
Contact details	Phone: (    )	
	Mobile:	
Email		
<b>Provider Number:</b>  <b>Please list a provider number for Nuclear Medicine services and the address to which it relates.</b> <i>(It is important to provide a Nuclear Medicine service provider number to ensure recognition by Medicare Australia)</i>		

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM OVERLEAF**

## 2. CREDENTIALS

**YES**  
(Please tick)

<b>Medical Registration</b>	I have current medical specialist registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).	
<b>Training in Nuclear Medicine (including PET if relevant)</b>	I am a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) or the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR); <b>or</b> I am approved by the RACP for registration for nuclear medicine <b>or</b> for work in a designated Area of Need position	
	I am recognised as a specialist in nuclear medicine by Medicare Australia.	
	The relevant College (RACP) has assessed my training and experience as suitable for specialist recognition in nuclear medicine (including PET if relevant) <b>or</b> as suitable for registration in nuclear medicine <b>or</b> for working in a Designated Area of Need position.	
<b>Licence to Use Radioactive Substances for Nuclear Medicine</b>	I hold a current licence to prescribe and administer radioactive substances to humans from the State/Territory radiation licensing body, <b>or</b> a licence is held by the appropriate person(s) in the practice in accordance with State/Territory radiation licensing requirements.	

## 3. DOCUMENTS

**I have attached a certified copy of each of the following documents:**

(Please tick)

Evidence of current medical registration with AHPRA	
Evidence of: Fellowship of either the RACP or the RANZCR <b>or</b> Approval by the RACP for specialist registration in nuclear medicine <b>or</b> Approval by the RACP for working in a designated Area of Need position	
Letter of specialist recognition from Medicare Australia	
Current State/Territory radiation licence (or evidence of multi-user licence if permitted in your State or Territory) for nuclear medicine	
RACP/RANZCR joint letter certifying completion of advanced training in nuclear medicine <b>or</b> RACP letter of assessment of nuclear medicine training and qualifications as suitable for registration in nuclear medicine (including PET if relevant) (for non-CJCT-trained specialists only) <b>or</b> RACP letter of assessment of nuclear medicine training and qualifications (including PET if relevant) as suitable for work in a designated Area of Need position	

## 4. DECLARATION

*I certify that the above information is correct.*

<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	
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## 5. FEE (please see page 3 for details of how to pay)

**The application fee of \$110 (including GST) must be sent with this application form to:**

**JNMCAC Secretariat, PO Box 73, Balmain NSW 2041.**  
*A tax invoice/receipt will be issued on receipt of payment.*