Registering as a radiologist in Australia

You need specialist registration with the Medical Board of Australia. Before that, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) assesses how your training compares with theirs.

YOUR REGISTRATION BODY

Medical Board of Australia
Through Ahpra, advised by RANZCR

Checked against the Board's and RANZCR's pages in October 2026. If anything here differs from what they say, they are right, and the Board makes every registration decision.

Every application is assessed individually, and the board makes every registration decision. The latest version, with questions that work out your likely route, is at ethicareresourcing.com/guides/australia-registration-radiologists. Ethicare never charges candidates. This is general information, not immigration advice.

Every route

RANZCR assessment

For radiologists trained in the UK, Ireland, South Africa and most other countries.

The College finds you substantially, partially or not comparable, then you practise under supervision before full specialist registration.

Expedited Specialist pathway

The Canadian certificate in diagnostic radiology, for training begun on or after 1 July 2002.

You apply to the Board directly, then work six months under supervision. It's currently the only radiology qualification on the list, which grows over time.

Fellows of RANZCR

If you already hold FRANZCR.

You hold the Australian specialist qualification and apply for specialist registration in the usual way.

ROUTE 1 OF 3

YOUR ROUTE

RANZCR assessment, then specialist registration

✓ The route for radiologists trained in the UK, Ireland, South Africa and most other countries.

RANZCR compares your training with an Australian-trained radiologist and finds you substantially comparable, partially comparable or not comparable. You then practise under supervision before full specialist registration.

RANZCR advises and the Medical Board of Australia decides.

The steps

1

Verify your qualifications at source

Through ECFMG's MyIntealth service. Start this first.

Your medical degree and specialist qualification are verified directly with the institutions that awarded them. It depends on them replying, so it's usually the slowest part.

2

Open an Australian Medical Council portfolio

It holds your verified documents and links the Board and the College.

3

Apply to RANZCR for its assessment

The College invoices you once your application is complete. Ask it for the fee.

Send its specialist recognition application with your supporting documents: your training record, and a structured CV showing your consultant posts, modalities, subspecialty work and reporting volumes.

4

Your interview

Online, with two Fellows of the College.

A structured conversation about your training, your experience and your work now. Recruited for an area of need role? RANZCR can assess you for that post at the same time, with clinical case scenarios and film reading.

5

Your outcome

Substantially comparable, partially comparable or not comparable.

Substantially comparable: up to 12 months of peer review in a RANZCR-accredited site, practising as a consultant. Partially comparable: up to 24 months of upskilling, then the College's Part or Phase 2 exams. Not comparable: the Board can tell you about other routes. Wait for your outcome before you resign or set a date.

6

Secure a role the Board approves

The Board approves both the position and the supervision.

You hold provisional or limited registration while you're supervised, for 3 to 24 months depending on what the College requires.

7

Check the English standard

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If you were educated in English in one of the countries Ahpra recognises, you may not need a test (the list was widened in 2025). South Africa is no longer on it. Read the current standard before you book a test.

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Apply to the Medical Board of Australia

AU$2,763 due at application, or AU$2,586 in New South Wales.

Your registration history and a current certificate of good standing from every regulator. Ahpra checks your criminal history itself. If you come through provisional registration first, that application is AU$773.

9

Check Medicare before you accept a role

Section 19AB limits where you can bill for ten years.

As an overseas-trained doctor you can generally only access Medicare benefits in Districts of Workforce Shortage for diagnostic radiology, for ten years from first registration. Public hospital work that doesn't bill Medicare isn't restricted. Ask the employer to confirm the location's status, or search the Health Workforce Locator. Once registered, apply to Services Australia for a provider number.

10

Your radiation licence and indemnity

For fluoroscopy or interventional work, and before you practise.

Each state and territory regulates the use of radiation separately, and you need professional indemnity insurance in place. Your employer will tell you what applies.

11

Your visa health and police checks

Most radiologists we support move on an employer-sponsored 482.

The Department of Home Affairs tells you which health examinations you need, often a medical and a chest X-ray, and issues a HAP ID so a clinic can book you. Overseas, you see one of its approved panel physicians, and everyone on the application is examined. You'll need police certificates too. Many people apply with their employer's help rather than an agent. General information, not immigration advice: our visa guide.

ROUTE 2 OF 3

YOUR ROUTE

Expedited Specialist pathway

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Line up a role

Your six months of supervision happen in a job.

You're supervised by an Australian-registered specialist, complete an orientation to the Australian health system and do the Board's cultural safety education.

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ROUTE 3 OF 3

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Specialist registration as a Fellow (FRANZCR)

✓ You already hold FRANZCR, the Australian specialist qualification.

You apply to the Board for specialist registration in the usual way.

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What it costs

Application for specialist registration	AU$1,661
Registration fee, without general registration	AU$1,102, or AU$925 in New South Wales. Both are due at application: AU$2,763, or AU$2,586 in New South Wales.
Provisional registration first, if that's your route	AU$773
RANZCR comparability assessment	Charged by the College. Ask RANZCR and budget it separately.

Schedule effective 1 August 2026, checked 17 October 2026 against the Medical Board of Australia's fees page.

Questions people ask

YOUR ROUTE

I trained in the UK. Can I use the expedited pathway?

Not at present. For diagnostic radiology the only qualification on the list is the Canadian Royal College certificate, so UK-trained radiologists go through RANZCR. The Board adds qualifications over time.

Who decides whether I'm comparable?

RANZCR assesses you and advises the Medical Board, which makes the registration decision.

What does partially comparable mean for me?

Up to 24 months of upskilling before the College's Part or Phase 2 exams. Your outcome letter sets out exactly what applies.

WORK AND MEDICARE

Can I work while I'm supervised?

Yes. Supervised practice happens in a real role, on provisional or limited registration, with supervision the Board has approved.

Does section 19AB stop me working in a city?

It limits where you can bill Medicare, not where you can be registered. Check the role's location on the diagnostic radiology map before you accept it.

Do I need a visa agent?

Not always. Home Affairs publishes the 482 rules in full and your employer helps with their side. If your situation is complicated, use a registered migration agent.

ETHICARE

Does Ethicare charge candidates?

No, never. If we're representing you, we help line up the role, its location and supervision with your route.