

HEALTH EMPLOYEES’ MEDICAL RADIATION SCIENTISTS (STATE) AWARD

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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PART A

1. Definitions

“**Union**” means the Health Services Union NSW.

“**Employer**” means the Secretary of the Ministry of Health exercising employer functions on behalf of the Government of New South Wales (and includes a delegate of the Secretary).

“**Health Service**” means a Local Health District constituted under section 8 of the *Health Services Act* 1997, a Statutory Health Corporation constituted under section 11 of that Act, and an Affiliated Health Organisation constituted under section 13 of that Act.

“**Hospital**” means a public hospital as defined in section 15 of the *Health Services Act, 1997*.

“**MRPB**” means the Medical Radiation Practitioner Board of Australia.

“**MEDICAL RADIATION SCIENTIST (MRS) (DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHERS)**”

“**Diagnostic Radiographer**” means a person who has acquired a Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science in Diagnostic Radiography and holds a Statement of Accreditation issued by the Australian Institute of Radiography. From 1 July 2012 Diagnostic Radiographers are required to hold registration with the MRPB.

MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Diagnostic Radiography).
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Science) – (Diagnostic Radiography).
- Successful completion of a Diagnostic Radiography course recognised by the employer and the MRPB.
- Accreditation by the AIR. From 1 July 2012, must hold registration with the MRPB.

LEVEL 1

Progression from Level 1 to Level 2 is automatic upon completion of a PDY (full-time or part-time equivalent) in an approved department. The MRS at this level must have been granted provisional accreditation by the AIR. From 1 July 2012, the MRS at this level must have been granted provisional registration by the MRPB. The Level 2 progression shall be retrospective to the PDY completion anniversary date.

The Medical Radiation Scientist (MRS) (Diagnostic Radiographers) at this level is employed in an approved department during their first year post-graduation from a recognised university undergraduate course. This year may be referred to as their Provisional Development Year or PDY.

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level shall develop a capacity to apply knowledge, skills, professional judgement and show initiative in solving routine professional issues involving patient care, radiation safety, occupational health, safety and rehabilitation, manual handling and QA. They will be expected to work in an environment where there are multi-disciplinary teams.

LEVEL 2 (Years 1 - 5)

Progression through Level 2 is automatic, and occurs annually on the MRS' (Diagnostic Radiographer) anniversary. This level also maintains those who are still on the "thereafter" rate.

To satisfy the criteria for progression to Level 2 the MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) will have completed the requirements for their PDY.

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level:

- Demonstrates independent and significant professional knowledge and judgement to acquire and exhibit competency in all appropriate clinical tasks.
- Begins to take an active part in multidisciplinary teams and gain experience in the more complex modalities of their department, including Quality Improvement/Assurance programmes, OHS&R issues and Radiation Safety.
- Is expected to provide a high level of patient care and management with an understanding of patient needs and psychology, and continue to develop their knowledge regarding work place safety issues (eg. manual handling, infection control, etc.).
- Demonstrates significant ongoing commitment to continuing professional education and actively participates in undergraduate student education and departmental in-service lectures.

LEVEL 3

Grade 1 (Years 1 - 2: Specialist MRS)

At completion of one-year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 3, Grade 1, Year 1, the MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) will automatically progress to Level 3, Grade 1, Year 2.

A MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) may apply for a personal regrading to this level after not less than two years experience post accreditation or registration (i.e. Level 2, Year 2). The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) must display a suitable level of professionalism, as determined by their peers (Level 4 or above), and develop competency in at least one sub-speciality from the list below. A panel of at least three Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) or their representative will assess the application.

The relevant Health Service may also establish such positions at Level 3, Grade 1 or 2 as it deems appropriate from time-to-time.

The profession of MRS (Diagnostic Radiography) is free to bring forward new technologies and procedures as they develop with a view to gaining agreement of their inclusion in the criteria listed below.

MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) seeking appointment to Level 3, Grade 1 shall be required to demonstrate a high level of knowledge and proficiency in complex clinical procedures including but not confined to:

- Education
- Applied Computer Science (including PACS)
- Paediatrics
- Clinical Supervisor
- QA
- Radiation Safety & Assessment
- CT
- Angiography
- Intra-operative interventional techniques
- MRI
- Ultrasound
- Mammography/Breast Imaging
- General/Trauma Radiography
- Dental Imaging
- Software development and application.

In addition, MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) at this level are expected to:

- Demonstrate a level of participation in teaching programs within and/or outside the establishment. This teaching may include undergraduate, postgraduate students, other health professionals, patients and their carers and the public in a field relevant to Diagnostic Radiography.
- Demonstrate an ability to supervise and be responsible for other MRS' (Diagnostic Radiographers).
- Demonstrate an ability to supervise and assess clinical experience of MRS (Diagnostic Radiography) undergraduate students. Provide liaison between the universities and the clinical setting.
- Be able to demonstrate active participation and involvement in development of techniques through associated reports, presentations, conferences, publications or work place inservice lectures.

- Contribute to Quality Assurance activities.
- Display judgement and demonstrate a high level of initiative and independence in problem solving.

OR

Possess a post graduate certificate in a relevant area of specialisation.

LEVEL 3

Grade 2 (Years 1 - 2: Consultant MRS)

At completion of one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 3, Grade 2, Year 1, the MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) will automatically progress to Level 3, Grade 2, Year 2.

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) after not less than the completion of 12 months service at Level 3, Grade 1, Year 2 may apply to the Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) for personal progression to Level 3, Grade 2. The applicant will be assessed by a panel of at least three Chief MRS' (Diagnostic Radiographers) or their representatives.

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level will have extensive clinical expertise related to specific areas/modalities and be able to demonstrate a high level of competency and a consistently high standard of practice, as outlined in Level 3, Grade 1 and as determined by their peers (Level 4 and above). They will be expected to demonstrate their expertise through the development and maintenance of protocols, clinical reviews, teaching and delivery of in-service and presentations of papers/publications related to their area of expertise at departmental level and at conferences at national or international level. They may be called on in an advisory capacity to assist other MRS' (Diagnostic Radiographers) with difficulties encountered within specific situations relating to their area of expertise.

Applicants should have substantiated reports by Senior MRS' (Diagnostic Radiographers) Level 4 or above and/or Staff Specialists. The reports should focus on the expertise, judgement, and provision of advice by the applicant, together with the impact on services provided by the department arising from the work of the applicant. A minimum of two reports should be included and at least one must be from an MRS. (Diagnostic Radiographer). This wider acknowledgment of their expertise may be for example, in publications in peer-reviewed journals.

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) Level 3, Grade 2 may also be designated as the Clinical Imaging Educator/Tutor.

This position would be responsible to the Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) for the identification, provision and delivery of continuing education for MRS' (Diagnostic Radiographers) with both clinical and general management components. In addition, responsible for the co-ordination and determined service delivery of the educator/tutor function for undergraduates on clinical placement and MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) undergoing PDY.

LEVEL 3

Grade 3

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level must have obtained an appropriate recognised postgraduate diploma allied to their area of expertise. This refers to post graduate diploma in areas such as (but not restricted to) ultrasound, CT, MRI, mammography, angiography, QA, management, education, research or IT. Such applicable diplomas must be relevant to the area of specialisation.

LEVEL 4

Grade 1 (Years 1 - 2: Section Manager / Assistant Chief MRS/Sole Chief MRS)

At completion of one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 4, Grade 1, Year 1, the MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) will automatically progress to Level 4, Grade 1 Year 2.

A MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level would manage the operations of a section or functional unit (specialist or general) within the Diagnostic Radiology department and discharge the associated administrative duties. These operations include day to day management, throughput and patient care, patient scheduling as well as immediate staffing. The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) would be responsible to the Assistant Chief MRS (Assistant Chief Diagnostic Radiographer) or the Chief MRS (Chief Diagnostic Radiographer) for the overall QA, organisation, activities and maintenance of standards within the particular specialised section.

OR

MRS' (Diagnostic Radiographers) at this level may be a sole Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) responsible to a Health Manager for both the clinical and financial management of the Imaging Department.

OR

An MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level may be an Assistant Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) within a department with 4-7 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated department staff eg. clerical, hospital assistants, etc.

OR

Possess a Masters Degree in an area of Medical Radiation Science specialisation which is relevant to medical imaging and which will benefit the profession. Eligibility requires a minimum of three years equivalent clinical practice after successful completion of a PDY.

LEVEL 4

Grade 2

An MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level would manage an area of the Diagnostic Radiology department with at least two specialist modalities such as 2 CT units or 2 Angiographic units

OR

two imaging sections within a tertiary referral teaching hospital e.g. Operating Suite and General Radiography.

In a department of only one specialist modality it may be appropriate to have only one position at this level but the focus of the position would be the decision of the relevant Health Service.

The areas referred to in this section would include a number of imaging sections or units, such as all CT units or all angiographic units. The manager of the area would have the responsibility for the overall organisation of the designated area and be responsible for tasks such as coordinated implementation of existing and new techniques, creation of protocols for scheduling and training, overall waiting list management and ensuring all resources are used in the most effective manner.

OR

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level may be a Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) who manages a department with 2-3 FTE MRS' (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated department staff eg. clerical, hospital assistants.

OR

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level may be an Assistant Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) within a department with 8-14 FTE MRS' (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated department staff eg. clerical, hospital assistants, etc.

OR

At this level the MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) will have the duties and responsibilities of an MRS Section Manager (Level 4 Grade 1) but possess a post graduate diploma or masters degree in an area of relevance to their position. The post graduate diploma /masters degree will have been completed after a minimum four years clinical experience. Such a position is to receive accelerated progression to Level 4, Grade 2, Year 2.

LEVEL 5

Grade 1

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is a Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) who manages a department with 4-7 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff eg. clerical, hospital assistants, etc.

OR

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is an Assistant Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) within a department with 15 - 19 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g. clerical, hospital assistants, etc.

OR

At this level the MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) is responsible for coordinating and managing a complex function for example, but not limited to: IT, PACS/RIS, CT, US etc. across a Local Health District(s).

OR

Has completed a PhD in a relevant area of specialisation.

LEVEL 5

Grade 2

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is a Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) who manages a department with 8-14 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g. clerical, hospital assistants, etc.

OR

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is an Assistant Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) within a department with 20-24 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g. clerical, hospital assistants, etc.

LEVEL 5

Grade 3

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is a Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) who manages a department with 15-19 FTE MRS (Diagnostic radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g. clerical, hospital assistants, etc.

OR

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is an Assistant Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) within a department with more than 24 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g. clerical, hospital assistants etc.

LEVEL 6

Grade 1

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is a Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) who manages a department with 20-24 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g. clerical, hospital assistants etc.

LEVEL 6

Grade 2

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is a Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) who manages a department with 25-30 FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g. clerical, hospital assistants, etc.

LEVEL 6

Grade 3

The MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) at this level is a Chief MRS (Diagnostic Radiographer) who manages a department with 31 or more FTE MRS (Diagnostic Radiographers) in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g. clerical, hospital assistants, etc

NB: FTEs refer to establishment radiographer positions only.

“MEDICAL RADIATION SCIENTIST (MRS) (NUCLEAR MEDICINE)”

A MRS (Nuclear Medicine) means a person who has acquired a Bachelor of Applied Science in Medical Radiation Science - Nuclear Medicine or equivalent qualifications recognised by the MRPB and currently holds a radiation license under the Radiation Control Act 1990. From 1 July 2012, an MRS (Nuclear Medicine) must hold registration with the MRPB. Employees employed as MRS (Nuclear Medicine) are classified into six levels as follows:

LEVEL 1 - PDY MRS (Nuclear Medicine)

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level are employed in an Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM) approved department during their first year post graduation from a University undergraduate or postgraduate course/program recognised by the MRPB. This year may be referred to as their Professional Development Year (PDY).

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level shall develop a capacity to apply knowledge, skills, professional judgement and show initiative in solving routine professional issues involving patient care, workplace safety, Radiation Safety, Occupational Health and Safety, and Manual Handling.

Progression from Level 1 to Level 2 is upon completion of their PDY (full-time or part-time equivalent) in an approved department. The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) PDY must also have been granted accreditation with the ANZSNM. From 1 July 2012, the MRS (Nuclear Medicine) PDY must have been granted provisional registration by the MRPB.

NB. The level 2 progression shall be retrospective to their successful completion of their PDY.

LEVEL 2 (Years 1 - 5)

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level have completed at least one year full time employment or equivalent in an ANZSNM approved Department and obtained their accreditation. From 1 July 2012 the MRS (Nuclear Medicine) must hold registration with the MRPB.

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level:

- Demonstrates independent and significant professional knowledge and judgement when performing clinical tasks.
- Begins to take an active part in multidisciplinary teams and gain experience in the more complex Nuclear Medicine procedures including Quality Improvement / Assurance programmes.
- Is expected to provide a high level of patient care and continue to develop their knowledge regarding work place safety issues (eg. Manual Handling, OH&S).
- Demonstrates significant ongoing commitment to continuing education and participates in undergraduate student education and departmental in-service lectures

Progression through Level 2 is automatic, and occurs annually on the MRS (Nuclear Medicine's) anniversary of accreditation or registration.

LEVEL 3

Grade 1 (Years 1-2: Specialist MRS (Nuclear Medicine))

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) may apply for a personal regrading to this level after not less than two years experience post accreditation or registration (full-time or part-time equivalent). The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) must display a suitable level of professionalism, as determined by their peers, and develop competency in at least one essential criterion and 3 desirable criteria from the list below. A panel of at least three Chief MRS (or their representative) will assess the application.

Essential Criteria

- Undertake relevant workplace academic postgraduate certificate, diploma or higher qualification or other 'relevant' professional qualifications i.e. Ultrasound, BMD, CT (hybrid course).

OR

- Develop a high level of competency within area/s of specialty with a minimum of 12months (not necessarily continuous) experience in those relevant area/s. Areas of specialty may include: Education, applied computer science (including PACS), paediatrics, clinical supervisor, QA, Radiopharmacy, Software development and application etc.

OR

- Develop a consistently high standard of practice within the profession and has proven problem solving skills. The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level should also be actively involved in the organisation and management of the workplace (eg. Staff mentoring, IT duties, Staff Appraisals, QA, QC).

Desirable Criteria

- Demonstrated high standard of practice within the profession, through the active involvement in areas such as conferences, lectures, seminars, continuing education or professional development.
- Published papers, presentations or preparation of significant reports.
- Active involvement in workplace in-services.
- Contributes to the establishment of clinical protocols and development of techniques.
- Demonstrate competency in, and a detailed knowledge of complex clinical procedures
- Demonstrates an ability to supervise and assess clinical experience of MRS undergraduate students.
- Involved in department quality management activities, including protocols and procedures
- Involved in research either performed in the department or in conjunction with the department.
- Participation in relevant professional committees. Example of these may be radiation safety, OH&S, QA or Health Service committees relevant to the professional activities of Nuclear Medicine.

The profession of Nuclear Medicine is free to bring forward new technologies and procedures as they develop with a view to gaining agreement of their inclusion in the above listed criteria.

At completion of one-year full time (or part time equivalent) at Level 3 Grade 1 Year 1, the MRS (Nuclear Medicine) will automatically progress to Level 3 Grade 1 Year 2.

LEVEL 3

Grade 2 (Year 1-2: Specialist / Educator Co-ordinator MRS (Nuclear Medicine))

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) may after not less than the completion of 2 years service (full-time or part-time equivalent) at Level 3, Grade 1, Year 2 apply to the Chief MRS for personal progression to Level 3, Grade 2, Year 1. A panel of at least three Chief MRS (or their representative) will assess the application.

MRS (Nuclear Medicine) must have clinical expertise related to specific areas/modalities and be able to demonstrate a high level of competency and a consistently high standard of practice, as outlined in Level 3, Grade 1 and as determined by their peers (Level 4 and above).

They will be expected to demonstrate their expertise through the development and maintenance of protocols, clinical reviews, teaching and delivery of in-service and presentations of papers/publications related to their area of expertise at departmental level and at conferences at national or international level. They may be called on in an advisory capacity to assist other MRS (Nuclear Medicine) with difficulties encountered within specific situations relating to their area of expertise.

Applicants should have substantiated reports/appraisals by Senior MRS (Level 4 or above) and/or Staff Specialists. The reports should focus on the expertise, judgement, and provision of advice by the applicant, together with the impact on services provided by the department arising from the work of the applicant. A minimum of two reports should be included and at least one must be from a MRS (Nuclear Medicine). This wider acknowledgment of their expertise may be in publications in peer-reviewed journals.

OR

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) Level 3, Grade 2 may also be designated as the Nuclear Medicine Department Educator / Tutor co-ordinator.

This position would be responsible to the Level 5 & 6 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) for the identification, provision and delivery of continuing education for the department, including both clinical and general management components. In addition, responsible for the co-ordination and determined service delivery of the tutor function for undergraduates on clinical placement and MRS (Nuclear Medicine) undergoing their PDY. This position would also be expected to liaise with the relevant professional bodies (e.g. Mentor program, accreditation, ANZSNM and NSWSNMS).

At completion of one-year full time (or part time equivalent) at Level 3 Grade 2 Year 1, the MRS (Nuclear Medicine) will automatically progress to Level 3 Grade 2 Year 2.

LEVEL 3

Grade 3

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level must have obtained an appropriate postgraduate diploma allied to their area of expertise. This refers to post graduate qualifications in areas such as (but not restricted to) ultrasound, CT, QA, management, education, research or IT. Such applicable qualifications must be relevant to the area of specialisation.

LEVEL 4

Grade 1 (Year 1-2: Section Manager)

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level is responsible for the scheduling and adaptation of services within a section of a Nuclear Medicine department. They must possess excellent leadership, communication and interpersonal skills. A MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level performs the clinical duties and some associated administrative duties (e.g. policy and procedure development and implementation) of that section, under the direction of the Level 5 and/or Level 6 MRS (Nuclear Medicine).

OR

Research Co-ordinator MRS

The MRS at this level is primarily responsible for the co-ordination and development of research projects within the department. This MRS is required to liaise with related groups such as clinical departments, university faculties or private companies. This MRS is to be known as the research co-ordinator. At completion of one-year full time (or part time equivalent) at Level 4, Grade 1, Year 1 the MRS (Nuclear Medicine) will automatically progress to Level 4, Grade 1, Year 2.

LEVEL 4

Grade 2 (Year 1-2: Section Manager)

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level is responsible for the scheduling and adaptation of services within a section of a Nuclear Medicine department. They must possess excellent leadership, communication and interpersonal skills. A MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level performs the clinical duties and some associated administrative duties (e.g. policy and procedure development and implementation) of that section, under the direction of the Level 5 and/or Level 6 MRS (Nuclear Medicine).

AND

The MRS at this level must have obtained an appropriate postgraduate diploma or above allied to their area of expertise. This refers to post graduate qualifications in areas such as (but not restricted to) ultrasound, CT, QA, management, education, research or IT. Such applicable qualifications must be relevant to the area of specialisation.

At completion of one-year full time (or part time equivalent) at Level 4, Grade 2, Year 1 the MRS (Nuclear Medicine) will automatically progress to Level 4, Grade 2, Year 2.

LEVEL 5

Grade 1 (Deputy Chief MRS)

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level is responsible for providing managerial support to the Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) in a Nuclear Medicine Department with less than 3 gamma cameras. This MRS is to be known as the Deputy Chief MRS.

A MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level performs a combination of both clinical and administrative duties under the direction of the Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) e.g. Policy/procedure development and implementation, provide feedback and performance appraisals of less experienced MRS (Nuclear Medicine).

The Level 5, Grade 1 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) also possesses an understanding of hospital and departmental administration, and a working knowledge of purchasing requirements.

LEVEL 5

Grade 2 (Deputy Chief MRS)

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level is responsible for providing managerial support to the Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) in a Nuclear Medicine Department with 3 or more gamma cameras. This MRS is to be known as the Deputy Chief MRS.

A MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level performs a combination of both clinical and administrative duties under the direction of the Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) e.g. Policy/procedure development and implementation, provide feedback and performance appraisals of less experienced MRS (Nuclear Medicine).

The Level 5, Grade 2 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) also possesses an understanding of hospital and departmental administration, and a working knowledge of purchasing requirements.

LEVEL 5

Grade 3 (Deputy Chief MRS)

The MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level is responsible for providing managerial support to the Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) in a Nuclear Medicine Department with 3 or more gamma cameras including a dedicated PET facility. This MRS is to be known as the Deputy Chief MRS.

A MRS (Nuclear Medicine) at this level performs a combination of both clinical and administrative duties under the direction of the Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) e.g. Policy/procedure development and implementation, provide feedback and performance appraisals of less experienced MRS (Nuclear Medicine).

The Level 5, Grade 3 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) also possesses an understanding of hospital and departmental administration, and a working knowledge of purchasing requirements.

LEVEL 6

Grade 1 (Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine))

The Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) has ultimate responsibility for service standards, patient throughput, continuing education, research, training of MRS (Nuclear Medicine) staff and students as well as liaison with appropriate universities and with relevant other bodies.

Duties of the MRS Level 6 Grade 1 include: HR management, recruitment and selection of personnel, complaint handling, departmental accreditation, QA (EquIP) maintenance, financial, expenditure and resource management. Administration and clinical management, delegation and negotiation skills and development, and implementation of policies/procedures and strategic business plans are also tasks that the Level 6 Grade 1 MRS must perform.

The Level 6 Grade 1 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) is responsible for managing a Nuclear Medicine Department with less than 3 gamma cameras, in addition to other associated departmental staff eg. clerical, hospital assistants etc. This MRS is to be known as the Chief MRS.

OR

The Level 6 Grade 1 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) is responsible for managing a Nuclear Medicine Department that is not accredited by the Australian and New Zealand Association of Physicians in Nuclear Medicine for the training of advanced registrars in Nuclear Medicine. This MRS is to be known as the Chief MRS.

LEVEL 6

Grade 2 (Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine))

The Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) has ultimate responsibility for service standards, patient throughput, continuing education, research, training of MRS (Nuclear Medicine) staff and students as well as liaison with appropriate universities and with relevant other bodies.

Duties of the MRS Level 6, Grade 2 include: HR management, recruitment and selection of personnel, complaint handling, departmental accreditation, QA (EquIP) maintenance, financial, expenditure and resource management. Administration and clinical management, delegation and negotiation skills and development, and implementation of policies/procedures and strategic business plans are also tasks that the Level 6, Grade 2 MRS must perform.

The Level 6, Grade 2 MRS (Nuclear Medicine), is responsible for managing a Nuclear Medicine Department with 3 or more gamma cameras, in addition to other associated departmental staff eg. clerical, hospital assistants etc.

AND

The Level 6, Grade 2 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) is responsible for managing a Nuclear Medicine Department that is accredited by the Australian and New Zealand Association of Physicians in Nuclear Medicine for the training of advanced registrars in Nuclear Medicine. This MRS is to be known as the Chief MRS.

LEVEL 6

Grade 3

The Chief MRS (Nuclear Medicine) has ultimate responsibility for service standards, patient throughput, continuing education, research, training of MRS (Nuclear Medicine) staff and students as well as liaison with appropriate universities and with relevant other bodies.

Duties of the MRS Level 6, Grade 3 include: HR management, recruitment and selection of personnel, complaint handling, departmental accreditation, QA (EquIP) maintenance, financial, expenditure and resource management. Administration and clinical management, delegation and negotiation skills and development, and implementation of policies/procedures and strategic business plans are also tasks that the Level 6, Grade 3 MRS must perform.

The Level 6, Grade 3 MRS (Nuclear Medicine), is responsible for managing a Nuclear Medicine Department with 3 or more gamma cameras including a dedicated PET facility, in addition to other associated departmental staff e.g. clerical, hospital assistants etc.

AND

The Level 6, Grade 3 MRS (Nuclear Medicine) is responsible for managing a Nuclear Medicine Department that is accredited by the Australian and New Zealand Association of Physicians in Nuclear Medicine for the training of advanced registrars in Nuclear Medicine. This MRS is to be known as the Chief MRS.

“MEDICAL RADIATION SCIENTIST (RADIATION THERAPIST)”

A MRS (Radiation Therapist) means a person who has acquired a Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Radiation Therapy)/Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) - Radiation Therapy; or has qualifications deemed equivalent by the employer and recognised by the MRPB. From 1 July 2012, MRS (Radiation Therapists) must hold registration with the MRPB. Employees employed as a Medical Radiation Therapist are classified into one of the following six levels:

LEVEL 1

The Medical Radiation Scientists (‘MRS’) (Radiation Therapists) at this level are employed in an approved department during their first year post-graduation from a recognised university undergraduate course. This year may be referred to as their Professional Development Year (PDY).

The MRS at this level shall develop a capacity to apply knowledge, skills, professional judgement and show initiative in solving routine professional issues involving patient care, radiation safety, occupational health, safety and rehabilitation, manual handling and QA. They will be expected to work in an environment where there are multi-disciplinary teams.

Progression from Level 1 to Level 2 is upon their successful completion of their PDY (full-time or part-time equivalent) in an approved department. The MRS (PDY) must also have been granted provisional accreditation with the AIR. From 1 July 2012, the MRS (PDY) must have been granted provisional registration by the MRPB. The Level 2 progression shall be retrospective to the PDY anniversary date.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

LEVEL 2 (Years 1 – 5)

Radiation Therapists at this level have completed the requirements for the PDY and progression from Level 1. Radiation Therapists at Level 2 and above shall have a high level of patient care and understanding towards the patient; involvement in Occupational Health Safety & Rehabilitation and Quality Assurance matters; and work in an environment where there are multi disciplinary teams.

Radiation Therapists operating at this level are required to demonstrate competency within the areas of patient treatment, planning and delivery; and active involvement/ participation in workplace in-services.

The MRS at this level:

- Demonstrates independent and significant professional knowledge and judgment to acquire and exhibit competency in all appropriate clinical tasks.
- Begins to take an active part in multidisciplinary teams and gain experience in the more complex modalities of their department, including Quality Improvement/Assurance programmes, OHS&R issues and Radiation Safety.
- Is expected to provide a high level of patient care and treatment planning and delivery with an understanding of patient needs and psychology, and continue to develop their knowledge regarding work place safety issues (e.g. manual handling).
- Demonstrates significant ongoing commitment to continuing education and professional development, and participates in undergraduate student education and departmental in-service lectures.
- Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

Progression through Level 2 is automatic, and occurs annually on the MRS' anniversary. This level also maintains those who are still on the "thereafter" rate.

LEVEL 3

Grade 1 (Years 1 - 2: Radiation Therapist Specialist)

A Radiation Therapist may apply to the Chief Radiation Therapist for a personal regrading to this level after not less than two years post accreditation experience (i.e. Completion of Level 2, Year 2). The application will be assessed by a panel of at least three Chief Radiation Therapists. The relevant Health Service may also establish such positions at Level 3, Grade 1 that it deems appropriate, from time to time.

Radiation Therapists seeking appointment at Level 3, Grade 1 shall be required to demonstrate a high level of knowledge and proficiency in at least two complex clinical procedures including but not confined to:

- Treatment planning and delivery:
- CNS
- Multi-field junctional techniques (3 fields or more)
- Mono isocentric techniques

- Conformal therapy
- Brachytherapy (both treatment and planning)
- Radiosurgery/stereotactic
- Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy
- Paediatric radiation therapy
- Complex radiation therapy techniques related to specific trials and protocols
- 3-Dimensional Treatment Planning
- Technique development
- Complex mould-room procedures

The Association and the employer are free to bring forward new technologies and procedures as they develop, with a view to gaining agreement on their inclusion in the above-listed criteria.

In addition, Radiation Therapists at this level are expected to:

- Demonstrate a record of participation in teaching programmes within and/or outside the place of work. This teaching may include undergraduate, postgraduate students, other health professionals, patients and their carers or the public in a field relevant to Radiation Therapy;
- Demonstrate an ability to supervise and be responsible for other Radiation Therapists;
- Demonstrate an ability to supervise and assess clinical experience of Radiation Therapy undergraduate students. Provide liaison between the Universities and the clinical setting; and
- Be able to demonstrate active participation/involvement in research and development through associated reports, presentations, conferences, publications; or workplace in-services.

At completion of one-year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 3, Grade 1, Year 1, the MRS will automatically progress to Level 3, Grade 1, Year 2.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

LEVEL 3

Grade 2 (Years 1-2: Radiation Therapist Consultant)

A Radiation Therapist may, after not less than the completion of 12 months service at Level 3, Grade 1 Year 2, apply to the Chief Radiation Therapist for personal progression to Level 3, Grade 2 (Year 1) - Radiation Therapist Consultant and will be assessed by a panel of at least three Chief Radiation Therapists.

The relevant Health Service may also establish such positions at Level 3, Grade 2 (Radiation Therapist Consultant) that it deems appropriate, from time to time.

Radiation Therapist Consultants have clinical expertise related to specific areas of radiation therapy e.g. Paediatric specialty, stereotactic radiosurgery, clinical review, counselling, head and neck cancers, genito-urinary cancers etc, and may be called on in an advisory capacity to assist other Radiation Therapists with difficulties encountered within specific situations relating to their area of expertise.

The Radiation Therapist Consultant will be expected to demonstrate their expertise through the development and maintenance of protocols, delivery of in-services and presentation of papers related to their area of expertise at departmental level and at conferences at national or international level.

In addition to the criterion for Level 3 Grade 1, the Radiation Therapist must be able to demonstrate expertise in 2 further speciality areas, or one further speciality area and a postgraduate qualification deemed appropriate to the profession by the panel.

The Level 3 Grade 2 Radiation Therapist should also demonstrate an increased involvement in teaching and presentations/publications.

Applicants should have substantiated reports by Senior Radiation Therapists (Level 4 or above) and/or Radiation Oncologists and/or other associated health service managers. The reports should focus on the expertise, judgement, and provision of advice by the applicant, together with the impact on services provided by the Radiation Therapy department arising from the work of the applicant. A minimum of two reports should be included and at least one must be from a Radiation Therapist. This wider acknowledgment of their expertise may be in publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

At completion of one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 3, Grade 2, Year 1, the MRS will automatically progress to Level 3, Grade 2, Year 2.

LEVEL 4

Grade 1 (Years 1 - 2: Section/Functional Unit Manager/Senior Radiation Therapist)

A Radiation Therapist at this level would manage the operations of a section or functional unit of a Radiation Therapy Department and discharge associated administrative duties.

A section or unit within this level is a single treatment machine where the managers would be responsible for the administrative detail, such as day to day running, throughput and patient care, patient scheduling, as well as immediate staffing. The Radiation Therapist at this level would also be responsible for maintaining adequate QA on patient treatment sheets, record and verify systems (including data entry) Portal films, EPI and billing data entry requirements. The Radiation Therapist would also be actively involved in ensuring all treatment deviations are investigated, reported and corrective measures implemented where appropriate. A section or unit may also relate to sections within the treatment planning area. These sections may include, but are not limited to simulator, mould room and planning room.

Radiation Therapy Level 4 Grade 1 positions may also be established as multidisciplinary team co-ordinators, where the Radiation Therapist is responsible for the management and associated duties of the multidisciplinary team functions.

Radiation Therapy Level 4 Grade 1 positions may also be established as Radiation Therapist – Education.

A position of Radiation Therapist – Education is responsible to the Chief Radiation Therapist for the identification, provision and delivery of continuing education for Radiation Therapists, with both clinical and general management components; and for the co-ordination and appropriate service delivery of the tutor function for undergraduates/trainees on clinical placement and Radiation Therapists in their Professional Development Year.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

At completion of one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 4, Grade 1, Year 1, the MRS will automatically progress to Level 4, Grade 1, Year 2.

LEVEL 4

Grade 2 (Years 1 - 2: Radiation Therapist Supervisor)

A Radiation Therapist at this level would manage an area of a Radiation Therapy Department, such as treatment planning or treatment delivery, OH&S and or radiation safety legislation and Equip co-ordinators. The Radiation Therapist at this level would be expected to maintain expertise in radiation therapy planning, simulation and treatment delivery.

The Radiation Therapist in this position would be responsible for the overall Quality Assurance, organisation, activities and maintenance of standards within the particular area in conjunction with the Chief Radiation Therapist and Deputy Chief Radiation Therapist.

The area referred to in this level would include a number of the sections or units, such as all the treatment machines and the total planning area. The manager of an area would have responsibility for the overall organisation of the designated area and be responsible for tasks such as coordinated implementation of existing and new techniques, overall waiting list management, ensuring planning and treatment resources are used in the most effective manner. The radiation therapist would also be responsible for ensuring all treatment deviations are investigated, reported and corrective measures are implemented where appropriate.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

At completion of one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) at Level 4, Grade 2, Year 1, the MRS will automatically progress to Level 4, Grade 2, Year 2.

LEVEL 5 (Years 1 - 3)

A Radiation Therapist at this level is an Assistant Chief Radiation Therapist who assists in the management of a Radiation Therapy department of a hospital.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

Progression through Level 5 is automatic, and occurs annually on the MRS' anniversary.

LEVEL 6 (Years 1 - 3)

A Radiation Therapist at this level manages a Radiation Therapy department of a hospital. The Chief Radiation Therapist has ultimate responsibility for patient service standards and patient throughput, continuing education, research, training of radiation therapy staff and students; liaison with appropriate universities and with relevant other bodies.

Radiation Therapists at this level are responsible for their own Continuing Professional Development as determined and required by the MRPB.

Progression through Level 6 is automatic, and occurs annually on the MRS' anniversary.

2. Salaries

Employees shall be paid not less than the following minimum salaries as set out in Table 1- Salaries and Allowances, of Part B, Monetary Rates.

3. Conditions of Service

The Health Employees Conditions of Employment (State) Award, as varied from time to time, shall apply to all persons covered by this award.

In addition, the Health Industry Status of Employment (State) Award, shall also apply to relevant employees.

4. Dispute Resolution

The dispute resolution procedures contained in the Health Employees Conditions of Employment (State) Award, as varied, shall apply.

5. Anti-Discrimination

- (i) It is intention of the parties bound by this award to seek to achieve the object in section 3(f) of the Industrial Relations Act, 1996 to prevent and eliminate discrimination in the workplace. This includes discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, marital status, disability, homosexuality, transgender identity, age and responsibilities as a carer.
- (ii) It follows that in fulfilling their obligations under the dispute resolution procedure prescribed by this award the parties have obligations to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the operation of the provisions of this award are not directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects. It will be consistent with the fulfilment of these obligations for the parties to make application to vary any provision of the award which, by its terms or operation, has a direct or indirect discriminatory effect.
- (iii) Under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.
- (iv) Nothing in this clause is to be taken to affect:
 - (a) any conduct or act which is specifically exempted from anti-discrimination legislation;
 - (b) offering or providing junior rates of pay to persons under 21 years of age;
 - (c) any act or practice of a body established to propagate religion which is exempted under section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*;
 - (d) a party to this award from pursuing matters of unlawful discrimination in any State or Federal jurisdiction.
- (v) This clause does not create legal rights or obligations in addition to those imposed upon the parties by the legislation referred to in this clause.

NOTES –

- (a) Employers and employees may also be subject to Commonwealth anti-discrimination legislation.
- (b) Section 56(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* provides:

“Nothing in this Act affects ... any other act or practice of a body established to propagate religion that conforms to the doctrines of that religion or is necessary to avoid injury to the religious susceptibilities of the adherents of that religion.

6. No Extra Claims

Other than as provided for in the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* and the *Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014*, there shall be no further claims/demands or proceedings instituted before the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales for extra or reduced wages, salaries, rates of pay, allowances or conditions of employment with respect to the employees covered by the Award that take effect prior to 30 June 2016 by a party to this award.

7. Area, Incidence and Duration

- (i) This Award takes effect from 1 July 2015 and shall remain in force for a period of one year.
- (ii) This Award rescinds and replaces the Health Employees Medical Radiation Scientists (State) Award published 24 April 2009 (367 IG 1130) and all variations thereof.
- (iii) This Award shall apply to persons employed in classifications contained herein employed in the NSW Health Service under s115(1) of the *Health Services Act 1997*, or their successors, assignees or transmittes, excluding the County of Yancowinna.

PART B

MONETARY RATES
Table 1 – Salaries and Allowances

Radiographers	Nuclear Medicine	Radiation Therapists	Rate from 1.7.2015 2.5 % Per week \$
LEVEL ONE			
Year 1	Year 1	Year 1	1,116.10
LEVEL TWO			
Year 1	Year 1	Year 1	1,157.80
Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	1,313.30
Year 3	Year 3	Year 3	1,493.50
Year 4	Year 4	Year 4	1,566.10
Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	1,616.70
LEVEL THREE			
Grade 1 - Year 1	Grade 1 - Year 1	Grade 1 - Year 1	1,739.00
Grade 1 - Year 2	Grade 1 - Year 2	Grade 1 - Year 2	1,797.10
Grade 2 - Year 1	Grade 2 - Year 1	Grade 2 - Year 1	1,847.20
Grade 2 - Year 2	Grade 2 - Year 2	Grade 2 - Year 2	2,049.60
Grade 3 - Year 1	Grade 3 - Year 1	--	2,106.50
LEVEL FOUR			
Grade 1 - Year 1	Grade 1 - Year 1	Grade 1 - Year 1	2,106.50
Grade 1 - Year 2	Grade 1 - Year 2	Grade 1 - Year 2	2,178.00
Grade 2 - Year 1	Grade 2 - Year 1	Grade 2 - Year 1	2,244.30
Grade 2 - Year 2	Grade 2 - Year 2	Grade 2 - Year 2	2,300.70
LEVEL FIVE			
Grade 1	Grade 1	Year 1	2,464.90
Grade 2	Grade 2	Year 2	2,526.40
Grade 3	Grade 3	Year 3	2,656.20
LEVEL SIX			
Grade 1	Grade 1	Year 1	2,720.70
Grade 2	Grade 2	Year 2	2,784.30
Grade 3	Grade 3	Year 3	2,848.50
ALLOWANCE			
Where a Chief Radiographer provides a weekly service to another hospital or hospitals and is not entitled to an adjustment to a higher salary rate for this service, he/she shall be paid the following allowance:			
Chief Radiographer-Serving other hospitals			50.00