

## Guidelines for the Conversion from Level A CTCA Specialist Recognition to Level B CTCA Specialist Recognition

### **Background**

The Conjoint Committee for the Recognition of Training in CT Coronary Angiography recognises two levels of CTCA Specialist training:

- Level A - Independent supervision and reporting of CTCA examinations; and
- Level B - Independent supervision and reporting of CTCA examinations, and provision of CTCA training

As expertise in this area of cardiac imaging grows, it is expected that some Level A CTCA Specialists will seek to convert their Conjoint Committee recognition to Level B. This document sets out the arrangements for this process.

### **Conditions for Conversion of Level A Recognition to Level B Recognition**

The Conjoint Committee has determined that the following principles will apply for Level A CTCA Specialists seeking to convert their registration to Level B:

1. The Level A applicant must demonstrate that he/she is meeting the requirements for existing Level A CTCA Specialist recertification; and
2. The Level A applicant must demonstrate evidence of an additional 150 logbook cases, of which:
  - 50 cases must be live cases from a clinical setting; and
  - 30 cases must be correlated.

The number of cases required to demonstrate maintenance of recertification for Level A recognition will depend on the month in which the application to convert Level A registration to Level B recognition is received. A table setting out the recertification cases required for each month in a 36 month recertification period is provided in Appendix A.

The general principle applied is that no single logbook case can be double counted as a recertification case AND a Level B case by an applicant seeking to convert their Level A registration to Level B.

### **Example:**

Dr A was registered for Level A CTCA Specialist recognition on XXX October 2009 and seeks to convert this to Level B recognition in January 2011. Dr A needs to demonstrate:

### **275 Cases in Total**

1. *125 Recertification Cases, of which:*
  - *39 must be live cases from a clinical setting*
  - *12 must be correlated (but can be live cases from a clinical setting or library cases)*
2. *150 additional CTCA cases, of which :*
  - *50 must be live cases from a clinical setting*
  - *30 must be correlated*
  - *A maximum of 25 of these live cases can be derived from a clinical setting as part of a course*

All of these cases must be lodged with the Committee in the CTCA Recertification Logbook.

**Notes:***Recertification Logbook Cases*

- Logbook cases will only qualify as Recertification cases if the date of the examination is on or after the date of the CTCA Specialist's successful Level A registration.

*Conversion to Level B Logbook Cases*

- Where a Level A CTCA Specialist declared more than the requisite 150 cases for Level A registration, the additional cases may contribute to the logbook cases required for conversion to Level B providing the application for conversion takes place within the first 3yr recertification period.
- All other logbook cases will qualify for conversion from Level A to Level B if the examination took place after the date of the original application for Level A registration.

*Conversion Logbook*

- A revised recertification logbook has been made available that provides an additional logbook section where the additional 150 cases required specifically for Level B may be recorded. Applicants can cut and paste their existing recertification records into the recertification worksheet, record their Level B conversion cases, and the summary page will keep a running total of the cases recorded for both recertification and conversion (available from [www.anzctca.org](http://www.anzctca.org)).

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Year of Upgrade:		Month Application Received:											
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12
<b>Year 1</b>	<i>Yr1 Recert Cases</i>	8	17	25	33	42	50	58	67	75	83	92	100
	<i>Total Live:</i>	6	11	17	22	28	33	39	44	50	55	61	67
	<i>Total Correlated:</i>	1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10
	<i>+ Level B Cases</i>	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
	<i>Live cases:</i>	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
	<i>Level B correlated cases</i>	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
	<b>Total Cases Required:</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<i>Yr2 Recert Cases</i>	108	117	125	133	142	150	158	167	175	183	192	200
	<i>Total Live:</i>	72	78	83	89	94	100	105	111	116	122	127	133
	<i>Total Correlated:</i>	11	12	13	13	14	15	16	17	18	18	19	20
	<i>+ Level B Cases:</i>	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
	<i>Live cases:</i>	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
	<i>Level B correlated cases</i>	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
	<b>Total Cases Required:</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<i>Yr3 Recert Cases</i>	208	217	225	233	242	250	258	267	275	283	292	300
	<i>Total Live:</i>	139	144	150	155	161	166	172	177	183	188	194	200
	<i>Total Correlated:</i>	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	27	28	28	29	30
	<i>+ Level B Cases:</i>	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
	<i>Live Cases:</i>	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
	<i>Level B correlated cases</i>	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
	<b>Total Cases Required:</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>450</b>