



## CTCA Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Conjoint Committee?

The Conjoint Committee for the Recognition of Training in CT Coronary Angiography (CTCA) is composed of three representatives from each of the following organisations:

- The Australasian Association of Nuclear Medicine Specialists - formerly the Australian and New Zealand Association of Physicians in Nuclear Medicine (ANZAPNM)
- The Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSANZ)
- The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR)

Its aim is to promote a collaborative and consistent model of CTCA training and service delivery in Australia and New Zealand.

The Committee operates under legally binding regulations which ensure that decisions are made on a consensus basis across the three professional bodies.

The Committee's role is to:

- Formulate and review guidelines for training in CT Coronary Angiography
- Formulate and review guidelines for training courses in CT Coronary Angiography
- Provide certification of satisfactory completion of training in CT Coronary Angiography (or the withdrawal of such certification)
- Maintain and publish a web-based register of recognised CTCA specialists; and
- Establish quality assurance benchmarks in relation to the performance of CT Coronary Angiography

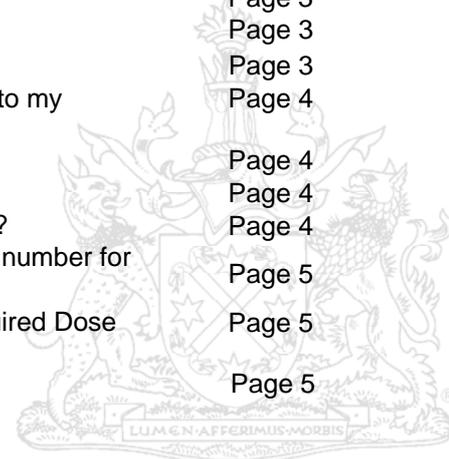
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## General CTCA Registration Questions

### 1. Who can apply for Recognition of Training in CT Coronary Angiography (CTCA)?

Each specialist seeking recognition as a CTCA Specialist must be able to demonstrate evidence of one of the following pre-requisites:

#### 3.1 Cardiologists:

1. Evidence of Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP); AND
2. Evidence of Ordinary Membership / Fellowship of CSANZ, OR proof of completion of Cardiology Training from RACP / CSANZ. 6

#### 3.2 Nuclear Medicine Physicians:

1. A copy of their Medicare / HIC letter of recognition as a consultant physician in nuclear medicine or "confirmation of status" letter; OR
2. A copy of their letter of credentialing (or re-credentialing) for nuclear medicine by the Joint Nuclear Medicine Credentialing & Accreditation Committee (JNMCAC) of the RACP and the RANZCR.

#### 3.3 Radiologists:

Evidence of RANZCR certification by way of:

1. Fellowship; OR
2. Educational Affiliate Membership (or eligibility for Education Affiliate Membership)
3. Successful Area of Need or Overseas Trained Specialist assessment.

Please refer to the [Training Requirements for CTCA Specialists \(http://www.anzctca.org.au\)](http://www.anzctca.org.au) for more information.

### 2. Can an Overseas Trained Physician apply?

Yes, an Overseas Trained Physician can apply for Recognition of Training in CT Coronary Angiography. The applicant would be required to provide the evidence as listed above in Question 1.

### 3. What Type of Documentation and Evidence is required for the Application Submission?

In order to submit a complete application for Recognition of Training in CT Coronary Angiography, the following documents are required for completion;

- [Application for Recognition of Training in CT Coronary Angiography General \(http://www.anzctca.org.au\)](http://www.anzctca.org.au)
- [CTCA Certification Logbook Template General \(http://www.anzctca.org.au/\)](http://www.anzctca.org.au)

Evidence is required for the following;

- The specialist pre-requisites listed in Question 1.
- Confirmation of Medical registration (AHPRA or the New Zealand Medical Council).
- Cardiac CT Course (Completion certificate and course logbook). If a course logbook has not been provided or recorded, please complete the CTCA Certification logbook template above with all cases examined during the duration of the course, or
- Cardiac CT Fellowship (a letter from the supervising SCCT 3 qualified or Level B CTCA specialist attesting to the completion of the fellowship, period of the fellowship and the structure of training involved during that time).
- An International Fellowship is required to have submitted a [Proforma CTCA Facility Training Declaration \(http://www.anzctca.org.au/ctca-specialists/ctca-specialist-resources\)](http://www.anzctca.org.au/ctca-specialists/ctca-specialist-resources).
- The required 25 live non-course cases must be recorded in the CTCA Certification Logbook.

Please visit [www.anzctca.org](http://www.anzctca.org) for reference.

#### **4. How do I know if the Cardiac CT Course I'm completing meets the CTCA requirements?**

The Conjoint Committee have established two policy documents (listed below and on [www.anzctca.org](http://www.anzctca.org)) which outline the acceptable requirement for the structure of a Cardiac CT (CTCA) Course. The course/s must have an accredited Level B CTCA specialist or SCCT 3 specialist supervising the trainees with the cases involved.

- [Conjoint Committee Course Provider Guidelines \(http://www.anzctca.org.au/ctca-courses\)](http://www.anzctca.org.au/ctca-courses)
- [Statement on Hard Drive and Online Cases and Courses \(http://www.anzctca.org.au/ctca-specialists/ctca-specialist-resources?id=62\)](http://www.anzctca.org.au/ctca-specialists/ctca-specialist-resources?id=62)

*Please be aware that the CTCA Conjoint Committee does not endorse any Cardiac CT (CTCA) Courses.*

#### **5. Do I need to inform Medicare (if approved in Australia)?**

No, you don't. The CTCA Conjoint Committee Secretariat will inform the appropriate person in Medicare of your CTCA registration approval.

*Please note that it could take a few days or a week for Medicare to post a letter of confirmation for acknowledgement of the new services.*

### **CTCA Recertification Registration Questions**

#### **6. Why do I need to apply for Recertification?**

As part of the [Training Requirements for CTCA Specialists \(http://www.anzctca.org.au\)](http://www.anzctca.org.au), the Conjoint Committee have identified the need to maintain on-going competency standards for CTCA specialists providing these services within Australia and New Zealand.

#### **7. When am I required to recertify?**

The cycle for CTCA recertification is once every triennium (three years), from when you became registered.

When your CTCA registration letter has been received, the information provided will indicate your timeframe and your recertification anniversary due date.

If unsure of your registration date, please contact the CTCA Conjoint Committee Secretariat [ctca@ranzcr.edu.au](mailto:ctca@ranzcr.edu.au)

#### **8. What documents are required in applying for Recertification?**

In order to submit a complete application for Recertification in CT Coronary Angiography, the following documents found on the ANZCTCA website (<http://www.anzctca.org.au/ctca-specialists/ctca-specialist-resources?id=60>) are required for completion (depending on the pathway);

- Recertification Application Form
- Recertification Logbook Template - Pathway 1, or
- Recertification Logbook Template - Pathway 2
- CTCA Library Case Report Template - for Pathway 1 only

Evidence is required for the following;

- Confirmation of Medical registration (AHPRA or the New Zealand Medical Council).
- Cardiac CT Course/s (Completion certificate)
- Cardiac CT CPD activities (for clarification, refer to Question 11).

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*Please note that all library cases that are performed (reviewed and worked up on a workstation from raw data by the applicant) from 1 July 2014 onwards will need to be documented in the Library Case Report template which must be submitted with your application.*

**9. Can my CTCA cases performed during the assessment period (prior to my registration approval) be counted towards my recertification total?**

No, only cases performed while registered as a CTCA specialist can be considered by the Conjoint Committee as valid cases. Any older cases completed prior to the registration date are classified as exceeding the acceptable three year period.

**10. Which recertification pathway should I apply for?**

Apply for the pathway which best suits your caseload within the registration Level (A or B);

- Pathway 1: Applies to applicants who can meet both the Live and Library case requirements
- Pathway 2: Applies to applicants who can meet the Live case requirements with CPD hours.

**11. What Cardiac CT activities are accepted for CPD hours?**

The implementation of additional Recertification pathways for CTCA registration has introduced the opportunity for CTCA Specialists to demonstrate currency of experience and knowledge in CTCA through a mix of "live" CTCA cases and continuing professional development activity that is specific to CTCA practice.

The types of CPD activities that will contribute to Pathway 2 Recertification are:

1. Dedicated Cardiac CT scientific meetings (such as, but not limited to those offered by the Society of Cardiovascular CT)
2. Dedicated Cardiac CT sessions within broader cardiology, radiology or nuclear medicine scientific meetings
3. Cardiac CT refresher courses

Level A Pathway 2 Recertification requires 20hrs of Cardiac CT specific CPD activity (in addition to live cases).

Level B Pathway 2 Recertification requires 40hrs of Cardiac CT specific CPD activity (in addition to live cases).

Please see the [Training Requirements for CTCA Specialists \(http://www.anzctca.org.au\)](http://www.anzctca.org.au) document for full details.

The evidence required to support declaration of these activities is:

1. For scientific meetings: Certificate of attendance, or a registration receipt made out to the CTCA recertification applicant accompanied by the scientific meeting program and identification of the sessions attended.
2. Courses: Certificate of completion (including hours and course activity)

**12. Does my recertification timeline change if I apply before my due date?**

No, all recertification timelines remain the same unless a suspension period was applied during the three years. If you choose to recertify earlier, all cases completed during the time before your due date cannot be counted towards the next recertification cycle. Only cases within the recertification timeline of three years are valid for the Conjoint Committee to assess.

**13. Should I record all my cases into the logbook if I exceed the required number for Recertification?**

The Conjoint Committee would prefer that all cases are recorded in the logbook as this provides an overview of case data and levels of exposure to CTCA services however, the required number within the logbook scope is acceptable.

**14. What is the outcome if I cannot provide the minimum 50% of the required Dose Length Product (DLP) numbers?**

If you're unable to provide the required 50% of the live DLP records for your recertification cases upon application, the Conjoint Committee will request an interim DLP logbook over the first 12 months of the next cycle to monitor and ensure future CTCA cases have the DLP numbers recorded.

**15. CTCA Resources**

Below is a list of some useful CTCA guideline/policy statements for reference;

- [Training Requirements for CTCA Specialists \(http://www.anzctca.org.au\)](http://www.anzctca.org.au)
- [Recertification Pathways Implementation Policy - April 2014 \(http://www.anzctca.org.au/ctca-specialists/ctca-specialist-resources?id=60\)](http://www.anzctca.org.au/ctca-specialists/ctca-specialist-resources?id=60)
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- [Suspension of CTCA Registration Policy \(http://www.anzctca.org.au/ctca-specialists/ctca-specialist-resources?id=62\)](http://www.anzctca.org.au/ctca-specialists/ctca-specialist-resources?id=62)

For more information, please refer to [www.anzctca.org](http://www.anzctca.org).