

Radiation Protection (Student) Exemption 2018 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2018–39

made under the

Radiation Protection Act 2006, section 114 (Minister may exempt people, radiation sources etc)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Radiation Protection (Student) Exemption 2018 (No 1)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after notification.

3 Exemption

The following persons are exempt subject to the conditions prescribed in Clause 4 of this instrument:

- (a) A student who is an undergraduate or postgraduate student undertaking course work or research in a university, or other educational institution, involving the use of a regulated radiation source.
- (b) A student who is undertaking a clinical placement in: the final two semesters of a four year medical radiation degree, and such undergraduate course may be condensed to take three and a half years; or the final two semesters of a three year postgraduate medical radiation degree, and such postgraduate course may be condensed to take two and a half years.

4 Conditions

- i. A person exempted under Clause 3(a) must be under immediate supervision at all times while using a regulated radiation source in any clinical situation, and under general supervision at all other times.
- ii. A person exempted under Clause 3(b) must be under immediate supervision at all times while using a regulated radiation source in any clinical situation, unless a documented assessment of competency exists in relation to the source, in which case the student must be under general supervision.

5 Definitions applying to this instrument

Immediate supervision means supervision by a licensed person who is present at all times during, and is observing and directing, the use of regulated radiation sources by the person being supervised.

General supervision means supervision by a licensed person who oversees the person being supervised and ensures that the person follows safe radiation work practices in relation to the use of regulated radiation sources. The supervisor must be physically present at the workplace.

Documented assessment of competency means a written assessment outlining that the student is capable of working under general supervision. The document must outline competency in individual modalities, must be site specific, and must be approved by the licensed person who has overall responsibility for supervising the student at that site. The document must be available for inspection at all times. The document is not valid unless it has been issued in accordance with the relevant radiation management plan.

Medical radiation degree means a qualification that is intended to lead to general registration as a medical radiation practitioner with the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia.

5 Revocation

This instrument revokes DI2014-294.

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