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To: All registered radiographers

Dear Registrants,

Guidelines for Consideration of Quotable Qualifications

I am writing to inform you of the amendments to the guidelines for consideration of quotable qualifications for registered radiographers.

At present, the basic requirements which must be fulfilled before a qualification is considered for inclusion in the List of Quotable Qualifications (the List) are –

“A qualification should:

- (a) satisfy fully the spirit of the provisions of the Code of Practice as prepared by the Board regarding communication in professional practice;
- (b)
 - (i) directly related to radiography;
 - (ii) of a standard accepted by the BRC;
 - (iii) of at least 6 months of full-time structured and supervised training or study (part-time or distance learning courses may be accepted if in the opinion of the Board the duration and quality of the training are equivalent to a 6 month full-time course); and
- (c) be acquired after formal assessment by a recognized radiography body. Alternatively, it should be independently vetted (e.g. by external examiners) by a recognized radiography body.”

For the purposes of the above guidelines, a “recognized radiography body” is defined to mean a tertiary institution which provides radiography education recognized by the Board to be of equivalent standard to the radiography program of local universities or a post-graduate radiography institution recognized by the Board.

The Board noted that an increasing number of radiographers are holding professional qualifications such as “Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS)” and “Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer (RDCS)” awarded by American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS). While these qualifications are well recognized by the profession and reflect the professional standard and competency of radiographers in various specialties in radiography, they will not be accepted as quotable qualifications under the existing criteria because –

- (a) These qualifications are usually obtained by passing an examination conducted by the awarding institutions. No full-time structured and supervised training or study is involved; and
- (b) Awarding institutions such as ARDMS are professional organizations which fall outside the definition of recognized radiography body.

To recognize the efforts of radiographers in further training which enhances their professional expertise, the Board has revised the guidelines as follows –

Para 2 - Factors to be considered for Quotable Qualifications

“A qualification should:

- (a) satisfy fully the spirit of the provisions of the Code of Practice as prepared by the Board regarding communication in professional practice;
- (b)
 - (i) directly related to radiography;
 - (ii) of a standard accepted by the BRC;
 - (iii) of at least 6 months of full-time structured and supervised training study (part-time or distance learning courses may be accepted if in opinion of the Board the duration and quality of the training equivalent to a 6 month full-time course); ***or and obtained by passing an examination organized by a radiography body recognized by the Board; and***
- (c) be acquired after formal assessment by a recognized radiography body. Alternatively, it should be independently vetted (e.g. by external examiners) by a recognized radiography body.”

Para 3 – Definition of “a recognized radiography body”

“For the purposes of these guidelines, a recognized radiography body means:-

- (a) A tertiary education institution which provides radiography education recognized by the Board to be of equivalent standard to the radiography program of local universities; or
- (b) A post-graduate radiography institution recognized by the Board; **or**
- (c) ***A professional organization in radiography recognized by the Board.***”

Para 6 – Inclusion of Fellowship / Membership in the List

“Fellowship or Membership of a radiography body recognized by the Board will be considered individually.”

— A copy of the revised guidelines, incorporating the above amendments, is attached for your reference. The revised guideline is also published on the Board’s website at http://www.smp-council.org.hk/rg/english/index_lqq.htm.

Opportunity is taken to remind all registrants that they are only allowed to quote qualifications approved by the Board. Those who quote unapproved qualifications may subject themselves to disciplinary actions by the Board.

Yours faithfully,

(Blanche LIN)
Secretary, Radiographers Board