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AFOMP POLICY STATEMENT Nº 1	
The roles, responsibilities and status of the clinical medical physicist in AFOMP	
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Factors stimulating the certification process	
<ul> <li>Explosion of advanced technology in both diagnosis and therapy</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Unnecessary patient exposures/ overexposures to radiation in diagnosis &amp; therapy</li> </ul>	
Adoption of the IAEA Basic Safety Standard.	
Patient protection is ensured when the physical and technical aspects of radiation medicine are	
under the supervision of a qualified clinical medical physicist.	
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## ASIA-OCEANIA FEDERATION OF ORGANIZATIONS FOR MEDICAL PHYSICS

Collaborating/supporting international organizations e.g. IAEA initiatives on strengthening medical physics in radiation medicine. These include defining the role and responsibilities of medical physicists; education, training, and professional certification of clinical medical physicists; staffing levels of medical physicists; and raising awareness of the profession.

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Country	Post-grad Programs (MS, PhD)	Required on-the-job training	Certification or Accreditation	The post-
Australia	<b>V</b>	<b>*</b>	V	graduate
Bangladesh	<b>V</b>	<b>*</b>	×	education
China	V	?	×	and clinical
Hong Kong	V	₩	×	training
India	<b>V</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>✓</b>	of medical
Indonesia	<b>✓</b>	₩	×	physicists
Japan	¥	<b>V</b>	<b>*</b>	
Malaysia	¥	<b>v</b>	×	
Mongolia	×	×	×	
Nepal	×	×	×	
New Zealand	<b>V</b>	<b>*</b>	¥	
Philippines	<b>V</b>	<b>*</b>	×	
Singapore	×	<b>V</b>	×	
South Korea	<b>*</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>*</b>	
Taiwan	·	<b>V</b>	V	
Thailand	<b>✓</b>	₩	×	KH Ng

Certification Status in Asia-Pacific	
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#### Australia/ New Zealand

1977 ACPSEM formed



1987 Start of certification of MPs in Radiotherapy QA followed by Radiology (2007), Nuclear Medicine (2013) and Radiopharmaceutical Scientists (2018)

2019 Currently 441 certified MPs and 8 RPS

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# Eligibility to certifying examination of medical physicists

Since 2018, MPs now complete TEAP (a structured 3-5 yr in-service training program) to be eligible for certification.

#### **Certification Requirements:**

- Masters (or PhD) in Medical Physics
- Undergraduate degree majoring in physics
- Completion of TEAP (3-5 yr ACPSEM in-service clinical training program)
- Pass in both written and practical examinations
- Research and publication in a peer reviewed journal
- Presentation at a national/international conference

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### Hong Kong



Hong Kong Association of Medical Physics 香港醫學物理學會

Hong Kong Association of Medical Physics (HKAMP)

- Organization founded in 1985
- Professional certification scheme started in 2006
- No. of medical physicists certified as in June 2019: 58
- IMPCB accreditation: April 2018
- Certification specialties:
  - ➤ Radiotherapy Physics
  - > Imaging Physics

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### Hong Kong Hong Kong Institution of Physicists in Medicine (HKIPM) Organization founded in 2011 • Medical Physicists Certification Board established in 2013 • IMPCB accreditation on 11 November 2015 Certification specialties: ➤ Radiation Oncology Physics Medical Imaging Physics • Number MP certified as in June 2018: 28 Photos taken during IMPCB accreditation visit in Nov 2018 Japan Society of Medical Physics Japan 1987 started by JRS. Number of medical physicists first certified was 70. The number was around 100 for 15 years. 2000 JSMP formed. 2003 certification emphasied. The government supports certified medical physicists is necessary for reimbursement for high-precision therapy (such as IMRT). 2019 ~1180 certified MPs Revision of eligibility to certifying examination of medical physicists (2003 & 2017) Before 2003: Master (or Ph D) of Physical Sciences + Clinical experience (more than 2 y) After 2003: 1. As above 2. Master (or PhD) of Radiological Technology + Clinical experience (more than 2 years) 3. Bachelor of Radiological Technology + Paper presentations to medical physics related meetings + Clinical experience (more than 5 y) 2017 onwards 1, 2 On going since 2009 JBMP Phased out



#### South Korea

#### 1990 started by KSMP.

- Number of medical physicists first certified was 3.
- The number was around 87 for 25 years.

The government partially supports to reimburse medical physicist working for some high-precision radiotherapy (eg. IMRT, SRS, and SBRT).

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### Eligibility to certifying examination of medical physicists

Those who hold a master's degree or higher and have a clinical career of 3 years or more from among the following:

- Those who have completed a graduate degree program approved by the KSMP
- 2. Those who have completed a clinical academy/resident program approved by the KSMP
- 3. Those who have obtained the international qualifications approved by the KSMP
- 4. Those who have completed Basic Medical Physics course supervised by KSMP

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#### **Taiwan**

1996 - Chinese Society of Medical Physicist, Taipei (CSMPT) established

1999 - Number of first certified medical physicists was 22.

2019 - almost 400 members in CSMPT, more than 230 certified therapeutic medical physicists and about 10 diagnostic medical physicists servicing in hospitals and universities.

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#### **Taiwan**

#### **Eligibility and Renewal**

The prerequisite for medical physicist board certification examination requires 3 to 4 years of clinical training after attaining master's degree, and 2 years of clinical training after PhD degree.

All certification renewal requires 500 course points of continuing education every 5 years. e.g. annual meeting 30 points/day, monthly meeting 15 points/2hrs, general education 2 points/hr.

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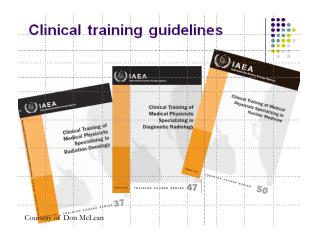
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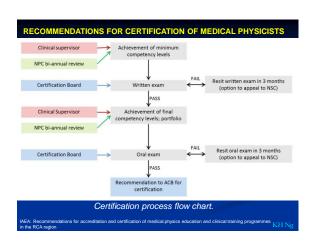


# Two key outcomes from RAS6038

2003-2012











Medical Physics Certification
in Asia-Pacific

Steady Growth