

# Licensing of Chiropractors under the *Radiation Protection Act 1965*

*This document explains the licensing requirements for chiropractors<sup>1</sup> under the Radiation Protection Act 1965.*

## **Who is required to be licensed?**

A licence granted under the *Radiation Protection Act* is solely a licence to use (as are driver and pilot licences). Any person who is independently using a source of radiation must have an individual licence. While the *Act* allows persons to act under the supervision or instructions of a licensee, this applies to persons in training or genuinely working under supervision or instructions. It is not tenable for one professional to hold a licence, with his or her professional peers working "under that licence".

Therefore any chiropractor who is using radiation as an independent specialist for the purpose of chiropractic diagnosis is acting as a

practitioner and must hold an individual licence. The use of radiation includes justification of a procedure on a particular patient, carrying out a procedure or instructing that it be carried out. A licence is not required if the chiropractor is sending patients to another x-ray facility (such as a radiology facility) with a request for chiropractic x-rays to be performed.

## **How much does a licence cost?**

The licence is renewable annually, at a cost of \$190, including GST.

<sup>1</sup> Any person holding an annual practising certificate from the Chiropractic Board.

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