

# 1. INTRODUCTION

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## 1.1 Purpose and scope

- (a) This document sets out training requirements to underpin a consistent model of CTCA training and service delivery in Australia and New Zealand.
- (b) These training requirements apply to Cardiologists, Nuclear Medicine Specialists and Radiologists, and support both entry level training, and measures to assure ongoing currency of practice.

## 1.2 Definitions

In this policy:

**AANMS** means the Australasian Association of Nuclear Medicine Specialists

**Applicant** means a Specialist seeking assessment by the Committee for registration on the CTCA Register

**Committee** means the Conjoint Committee for the Recognition of Training in CT Coronary Angiography

**Correlated Cases** means cases where correlation is achieved through audit by coronary angiography/stress echo/nuclear MPS and/or through clinical follow-up with referring medical practitioner/multidisciplinary team.

**CSANZ** means the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand

**CT** means Computed Tomography

**CTCA** means CT Coronary Angiography

**CTCA Course** means a structured course delivering certified training in the performance and interpretation of CTCA examinations (such as SCCT accredited courses). See [Guidelines for Courses Delivering Training in CT Coronary Angiography](#)

**CTCA Specialist** means a Specialist who holds current registration on the CTCA Specialist Register (see [www.anzctca.org](http://www.anzctca.org))

**CTCA Register** means the register of CTCA Specialists who hold current registration based on assessment against Registration criteria (Section 4 in this document) or Recertification criteria (Section 5 in this document).

**Fellowship setting** means a structured, formally recognised cardiac or cardiothoracic imaging fellowship program which includes didactic education in CTCA. See [Guidelines for Courses Delivering Training in CT Coronary Angiography](#)

**Library Cases** means blind cases with correlation, worked up on a workstation from raw image data where the CTCA Specialist submits a brief written record of their review of the Library Case with their application for reaccreditation. This record must set out the date the library case is read, the date of the original examination, the Unique ID (Patient initials or ID number) and the relevant findings. A copy of the official examination report should be available for submission in the event of an audit.