



Guidelines for the Conversion from Level A CTCA Specialist Recognition to Level B CTCA Specialist Recognition

Background

The Conjoint Committee for the Recognition of Training in CT Coronary Angiography recognises two levels of CTCA Specialist training:

- Level A - Independent supervision and reporting of CTCA examinations; and
- Level B - Independent supervision and reporting of CTCA examinations, and provision of CTCA training

As expertise in this area of cardiac imaging grows, it is expected that some Level A CTCA Specialists will seek to convert their Conjoint Committee recognition to Level B. This document sets out the arrangements for this process.

Conditions for Conversion of Level A Recognition to Level B Recognition

The Conjoint Committee has determined that the following principles will apply for Level A CTCA Specialists seeking to convert their registration to Level B:

1. The Level A applicant must demonstrate that he/she is meeting the requirements for existing Level A CTCA Specialist recertification; and
2. The Level A applicant must demonstrate evidence of an additional 150 logbook cases, of which:
 - 50 cases must be live cases from a clinical setting; and
 - 30 cases must be correlated.

The number of cases required to demonstrate maintenance of recertification for Level A recognition will depend on the month in which the application to convert Level A registration to Level B recognition is received. A table setting out the recertification cases required for each month in a 36 month recertification period is provided in Appendix A.

The general principle applied is that no single logbook case can be double counted as a recertification case AND a Level B case by an applicant seeking to convert their Level A registration to Level B.

Example:

Dr A was registered for Level A CTCA Specialist recognition on XXX October 2009 and seeks to convert this to Level B recognition in January 2011. Dr A needs to demonstrate:

275 Cases in Total

1. 125 Recertification Cases, of which:
 - 39 must be live cases from a clinical setting
 - 12 must be correlated (but can be live cases from a clinical setting or library cases)
2. 150 additional CTCA cases, of which :
 - 50 must be live cases from a clinical setting
 - 30 must be correlated
 - A maximum of 25 of these live cases can be derived from a clinical setting as part of a course

All of these cases must be lodged with the Committee in the CTCA Recertification Logbook.

Notes:

Recertification Logbook Cases

- Logbook cases will only qualify as Recertification cases if the date of the examination is on or after the date of the CTCA Specialist's successful Level A registration.

Conversion to Level B Logbook Cases

- Where a Level A CTCA Specialist declared more than the requisite 150 cases for Level A registration, the additional cases may contribute to the logbook cases required for conversion to Level B providing the application for conversion takes place within the first 3yr recertification period.
- All other logbook cases will qualify for conversion from Level A to Level B if the examination took place after the date of the original application for Level A registration.
- Level B logbook cases must be verified in the Level B candidate's logbook or on the relevant case report by the supervising Level B CTCA Specialist. For live cases, the Level B supervisor's name must appear on the actual case report.

Conversion Logbook

- A revised recertification logbook has been made available that provides an additional logbook section where the additional 150 cases required specifically for Level B may be recorded. Applicants can cut and paste their existing recertification records into the recertification worksheet, record their Level B conversion cases, and the summary page will keep a running total of the cases recorded for both recertification and conversion (available from www.anzctca.org).

Year of Upgrade:		Month Application Received:											
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12
Year 1	Yr1 Recert Cases	8	17	25	33	42	50	58	67	75	83	92	100
	Total Live:	6	11	17	22	28	33	39	44	50	55	61	67
	Total Correlated:	1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10
	+ Level B Cases	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
	Live cases:	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
	Level B correlated cases	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
	Total Cases Required:	158	167	175	183	192	200	208	217	225	233	242	250
Year 2	Yr2 Recert Cases	108	117	125	133	142	150	158	167	175	183	192	200
	Total Live:	72	78	83	89	94	100	105	111	116	122	127	133
	Total Correlated:	11	12	13	13	14	15	16	17	18	18	19	20
	+ Level B Cases:	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
	Live cases:	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
	Level B correlated cases	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
	Total Cases Required:	258	267	275	283	292	300	308	317	325	333	342	350
Year 3	Yr3 Recert Cases	208	217	225	233	242	250	258	267	275	283	292	300
	Total Live:	139	144	150	155	161	166	172	177	183	188	194	200
	Total Correlated:	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	27	28	28	29	30
	+ Level B Cases:	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
	Live Cases:	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
	Level B correlated cases	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
	Total Cases Required:	358	367	375	383	392	400	408	417	425	433	442	450