



ASAR

Australian Sonographer
Accreditation Registry

POL010 Maximum Time Limit on Course Completion Policy

Purpose

This purpose of this policy is to define the Maximum Time Limit on the Register as an Accredited Student Sonographer.

1. Preamble

The ASAR Course Completion Policy outlines the maximum length of time individuals can be listed on the Register as an Accredited Student Sonographer.

2. Objects of the ASAR

The objects for which the Registry is established are:

To promote high standards of medical sonography in Australia, including:

- To set uniform, minimum standards of sonographer training and education in Australia;
- To assess and to accredit programs of sonographer training and education;
- To accredit medical sonographers;
- To maintain the Registry;
- To maintain a minimum standard of continuing professional development for sonographers;
- To advance recognition of sonography as a profession; and
- To advise education, government and statutory bodies and professional and scientific societies on any aspect of accreditation of medical sonography.

3. Scope

This policy applies to ASAR Accredited Student Sonographers.

4. Definitions

ASAR Accredited Student Sonographers are students undertaking an ASAR accredited course in ultrasound who have met the eligibility requirements for entry onto the Register and are currently registered with ASAR.

5. Maximum time on the Register as an Accredited Student Sonographer

Generally, the maximum time individuals may be on the ASAR Register as a Student Sonographer (ASS) is five years from the date of initial entry onto the Register.

However, as some currently ASAR Accredited Courses permit completion over longer periods of time, this may be an exception to the general rule.



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6. Accredited Student Sonographers entering their fifth year on the Register

Accredited Students entering their fifth year will be required to provide evidence of enrolment and progression through their accredited course twice a year. Evidence of enrolment may include academic transcripts and confirmation of enrolment documents dated after academic census dates of 31 March (first half of year) and 31 August (second half of year).

The Board will require students to provide supporting evidence to justify a time extension if during the fifth year on the register as a Student Sonographer circumstances occur that require a time extension to complete their course. Students who are completing courses of longer than five years duration should note this fact, but they will still need to show evidence of enrolment and progression.

7. Accredited Student Sonographers on the Register for more than five years

The Board requires Students to show cause as to why they should be permitted to remain on the Register for longer than the general five year maximum time period allowed for Student Sonographers.

The Board will consider each case individually.

Possible outcomes are:

1. **Explanation satisfactory:** student allowed to remain on the Register for the next 12 months, at the end of which they will be required to provide on an annual basis continuing evidence of enrolment and progression through their accredited course.
2. **Explanation unsatisfactory:** student removed from the Register and may not be re-admitted as an Accredited Student Sonographer.