

4.1 Introduction to Reimbursement of Medical Devices in Australia

4.1 Introduction to Reimbursement of Medical Devices in Australia module forms part of the **4.0 Reimbursement of Medical Technology course** and introduces reimbursement principles and processes.

The Medical Technology Industry

The Australian medical technology industry includes Australian and overseas companies manufacturing and supplying medical devices, in-vitro diagnostics and medical imaging equipment. The medical technology industry makes a highly significant contribution to the quality of healthcare in Australia.

What is the Reimbursement of Medical Technology course?

The reimbursement of medical technology in Australia is complicated and occurs in many forms. Some processes are interrelated, for example with Medicare, while others are stand alone schemes.

The *Reimbursement of Medical Technology* course consists of four modules. The first module, *4.1 Introduction to Reimbursement of Medical Devices in Australia*, provides an overview of the healthcare environment and the linkages across reimbursement pathways. Medical technology industry personnel new to the industry or specialising in the area of medical device reimbursement should complete this module.

Module *4.2 Achieving a Successful Application for the Prostheses List* provides an overview of the Prostheses List process and instruction for preparing successful applications. Those seeking listing for surgically implanted prostheses are encouraged to attend.

Module *4.3 Understanding the MSAC Process* gives an introduction to the importance of a successful Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) application and resulting MBS numbers. Those seeking the reimbursement of a medical device or prosthesis that does not have an MBS Item number covering the fee of the physicians should attend.

Module *4.4 Preparing an MSAC Submission* gives an introduction of how to prepare an MSAC application and submission, including when one should be used in preference to another. Those seeking the reimbursement of a medical device or prosthesis that does not have an MBS Item number covering the fee of the physicians are encouraged to attend.

What topics are covered in this module?

This self-paced online introductory module provides an overview of the healthcare environment and the linkages across reimbursement pathways.

Learning outcomes

- Develops a broad understanding of the healthcare sector and how funding works
- Understands the basic elements of the Australian healthcare environment relevant to the reimbursement of medical devices, including the significance of inclusion on the ARTG
- Develops an awareness of the MBS and its significance and relationship to reimbursement pathways affecting medical devices
- Understands the basic operations of major medical device reimbursement schemes including the Prostheses List, PBS, RPBS, NDSS, SAS, CAAS, and reimbursement of public and private hospitals in respect of privately insured patients by registered health insurance funds
- Understands the associated challenges.

Who should participate?

Employees new to the medical technology industry or reimbursement of medical devices should participate in the training. There is no recommended pre-requisite training for this Level 1 module.

How much does it cost?

Fees commence at \$165 per person, but vary according to the number of staff within a company registering to participate. To view the fee sliding scale for MTAA members and non-members, please visit the MTAA website.

How do I register?

Please visit *Training* under *Professional Development* on the MTAA website www.mtaa.org.au to register. Participants will be emailed a *Certificate of Participation* following completion of the training.

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