

## KEY ACTIONS

for accrediting agencies and imaging practices

# Location Specific Practice Numbers Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Scheme

## What is a Location Specific Practice Number?

A Location Specific Practice Number (LSPN) is used by Services Australia to uniquely identify practice sites that provide diagnostic imaging and/or radiation oncology services. Registered sites and bases for mobile equipment are allocated an LSPN.

Practices intending to provide Medicare eligible diagnostic imaging services must apply to and be registered with Services Australia, and then achieve accreditation, to be eligible for Medicare benefits.

Services Australia allocates and administers LSPNs. An LSPN must be submitted as part of each Medicare claim for a diagnostic imaging service.

## LSPNs and the Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Scheme

In order to provide Medicare eligible diagnostic imaging services, practices must be accredited under the Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme) and have registered with Services Australia and have been allocated a LSPN.

Practices need to apply to Services Australia for an LSPN before they apply to an accrediting agency for assessment under the Scheme. Accreditation under the Scheme cannot be granted until a practice has obtained an LSPN from Services Australia.

## Maintaining registration

Every 12 months Services Australia writes to practices and asks them to update their registration details. If a site fails to comply with this request, their registration may be suspended for up to 3 months. Registration is cancelled after a continuous period of 3 months suspension, and the practice is no longer eligible for Medicare benefits.

## Find out more

For more information about LSPNs visit [Services Australia](#).

To learn more about the Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Scheme, visit the Commission's [website](#).

## Questions

Email the [Safety and Quality Advice Centre](#) or call 1800 304 056.