



SUPPLEMENT TO THE ANNUAL REPORT

THE REGISTRATION OF DIAGNOSTIC
RADIOGRAPHERS & RADIATION
THERAPISTS

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INTRODUCTION

On 15 April 2016, the Allied Health Professions Council (AHPC) commenced the registration of Diagnostic Radiographers and Radiation Therapists. The transitional year to complete registration for both groups was completed on 14 April 2017 and a total of 1,740 Diagnostic Radiographers and Radiation Therapists were registered.

The mass registration exercise was smooth for all involved as the AHPC implemented improved processes from the first phase of registration for the registration for the Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists and Speech-Language Therapists. We would like to thank the National Environment Agency and Ministry of Manpower for their assistance to facilitate the process for new applicants. We appreciate our DR and RT Committees and colleagues, Council members, colleagues from the Ministry of Health and our AHPC staff who have worked tirelessly to make their registration successful.

SUMMARY OF THE REGISTRATION OF DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHERS (DRs) & RADIATION THERAPISTS (RTs) AS AT 14 APRIL 2017

When the registration of Diagnostic Radiographers and Radiation Therapists commenced on 15 April 2016, Diagnostic Radiographers and Radiation Therapists who were already practising in Singapore as of the commencement date on 15 April 2016 could continue practice while their registration applications were processed. However, those who had no prior practice experience in Singapore and those who were not practising in Singapore at the time of the commencement date had to apply for registration with the AHPC before they could practise.

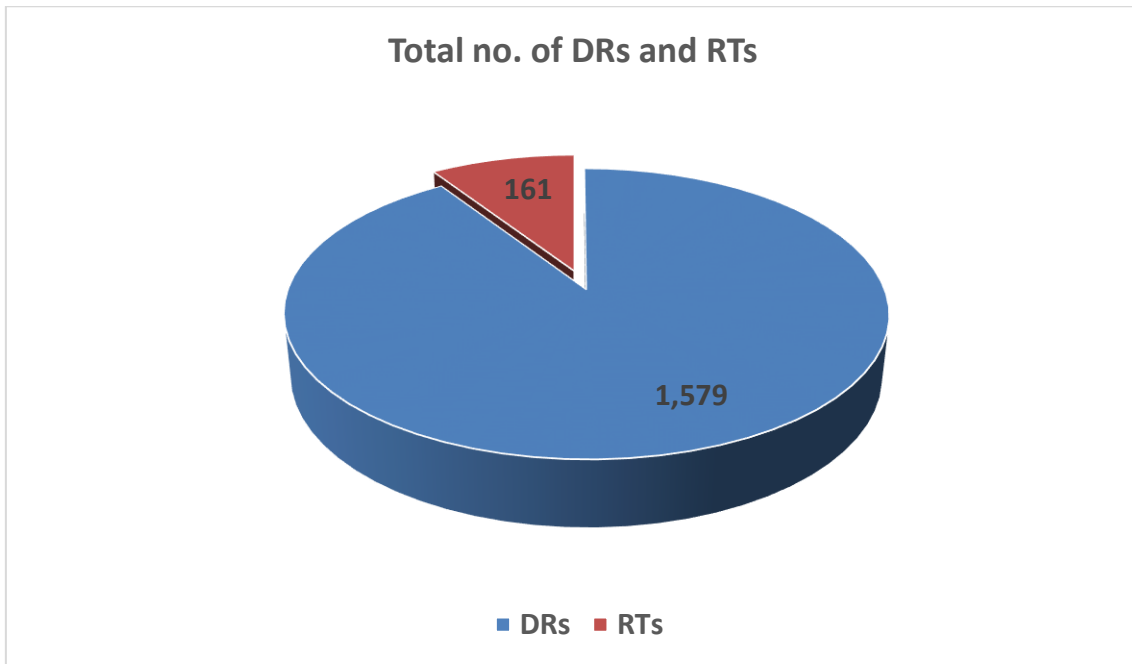
At the end of the transitional year, there were a few applicants who did not meet the registration requirements because mandatory verifications which included the Certificate of Good Standing from regulatory bodies in countries they had previously practised or Letters of Verification for their professional qualifications from their educational institutions were not submitted yet. While awaiting these documents, a temporary registration period of up to six months was granted.

By the end of the transitional period, the AHPC had registered 1,740 Diagnostic Radiographers and Radiation Therapists consisting of 1,579 Diagnostic Radiographers and 161 Radiation Therapists. The statistics for the various groupings are shown in the following tables and charts.

REGISTERED ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS – DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHERS & RADIATION THERAPISTS

Diagnostic Radiographers form the majority of the two newly registered groups.

Chart 1. Total number of DRs and RTs



REGISTRATION NUMBERS BY TYPE OF REGISTRATION

Majority of the applicants (91%) obtained Full registration during the mass registration period and 7.5% of the applicants were granted Conditional registration. Besides fresh applicants with no prior practice experience in Singapore at the time of application, those who were granted Conditional registration included existing Diagnostic Radiographers and Radiation Therapists who were required to meet the English Language Proficiency requirements.

There were 12 Diagnostic Radiographers who were granted Restricted registration to practise within a restricted scope of practice.

There were also eight Diagnostic Radiographers granted Temporary registration for service as at the end of the transitional period.

Table 1. Number and Types of Registrants

	DRs	RTs	Total
Full Registration	1,443	147	1,590
Restricted Registration	12	-	12
Conditional Registration	116	14	130
Temporary registration	8	-	8
TOTAL	1,579	161	1,740

SECTOR DISTRIBUTION

The public healthcare sector employed the majority of both groups. The private sector was the second biggest sector, followed by educational institutions and statutory boards.

Table 2. Sector Distribution by Profession

Sectors of Employment	Sector Distribution		
	DRs	RTs	Total
Public Healthcare Sector (Restructured Hospitals and Institutions, Polyclinics)	1,131	132	1,263
Private Hospitals/Clinics/Centres/Schools	417	28	445
Other Public Sector (Educational Institutions, Statutory Boards)	23	1	24
Unemployed/Overseas	8	-	8
TOTAL	1,579	161	1,740

EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF REGISTERED DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHERS & RADIATION THERAPISTS

About 96% of registered Diagnostic Radiographers and Radiation Therapists were on full time and about 4% were on part-time employment.

Table 3. Employment Status of Registered DRs and RTs

Employment Status	DRs	RTs	Total
Full Time	1,506	160	1,666
Part Time	63	1	64
Unemployed/Overseas	9	-	9
Working in other fields	1	-	1
Total	1,579	161	1,740

COUNTRY/AREA OF BASIC QUALIFICATION OF REGISTERED DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHERS & RADIATION THERAPISTS

I. DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHERS

Most registered Diagnostic Radiographers qualified in Singapore. Other major countries/areas where registered Diagnostic Radiographers were qualified included Philippines, Taiwan and Malaysia.

Table 4a. Registered DRs by Country/Area of Basic Qualification

Country/Area of Basic Qualification	Number of DRs
Singapore	819
Philippines	409
Taiwan	129
Malaysia	79
Myanmar	55
Australia	46
India	19
United Kingdom	10
Others	13
Total	1,579

II. RADIATION THERAPISTS

Most of registered Radiation Therapists qualified in Singapore. Other major countries/areas where registered Radiation Therapists were qualified included Australia and Philippines.

Table 4b. Registered RTs by Country/Area of Basic Qualification

Country/Area of Basic Qualification	Number of RTs
Singapore	132
Australia	11
Philippines	10
Malaysia	4
Taiwan	2
India	1
Others	1
Total	161

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Both professions were predominantly female. Most were within the 30-39 years age group, followed by those in the 20-29 years age group. **Table 5** shows the demographic profile of registered Diagnostic Radiographers and Radiation Therapists, by gender, age, and nationality.

Table 5. Demographic Profile of DRs and RTs

Demographic Profile	Number for Each Profession		
	DRs	RTs	Total
Gender			
Male	567	51	618
Female	1,012	110	1,122
Age			
20-29	562	52	614
30-39	571	75	646
40-49	296	21	317
50-59	105	8	113
60 and above	45	5	50
Nationality			
Singapore Citizen & PR	1,050	146	1,196
Non-Citizen	529	15	544
Total Number	1,579	161	1,740

Charts 2a to 2c shows the demographic profile

Chart 2a. Registered DRs and RTs by gender

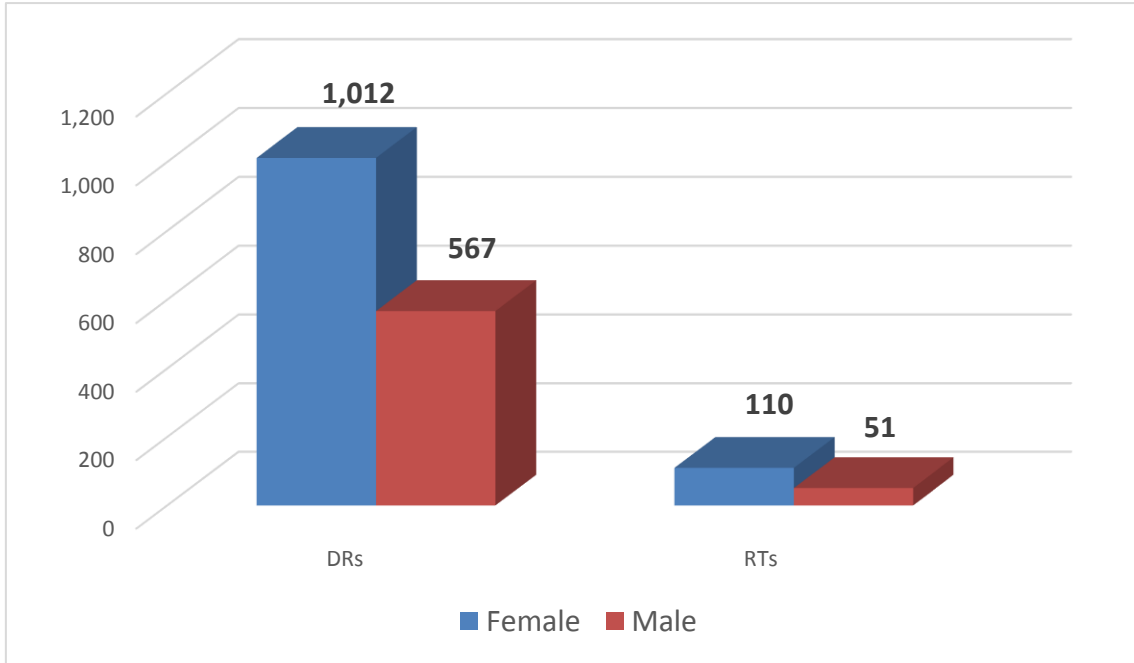


Chart 2b. Registered DRs and RTs by age group

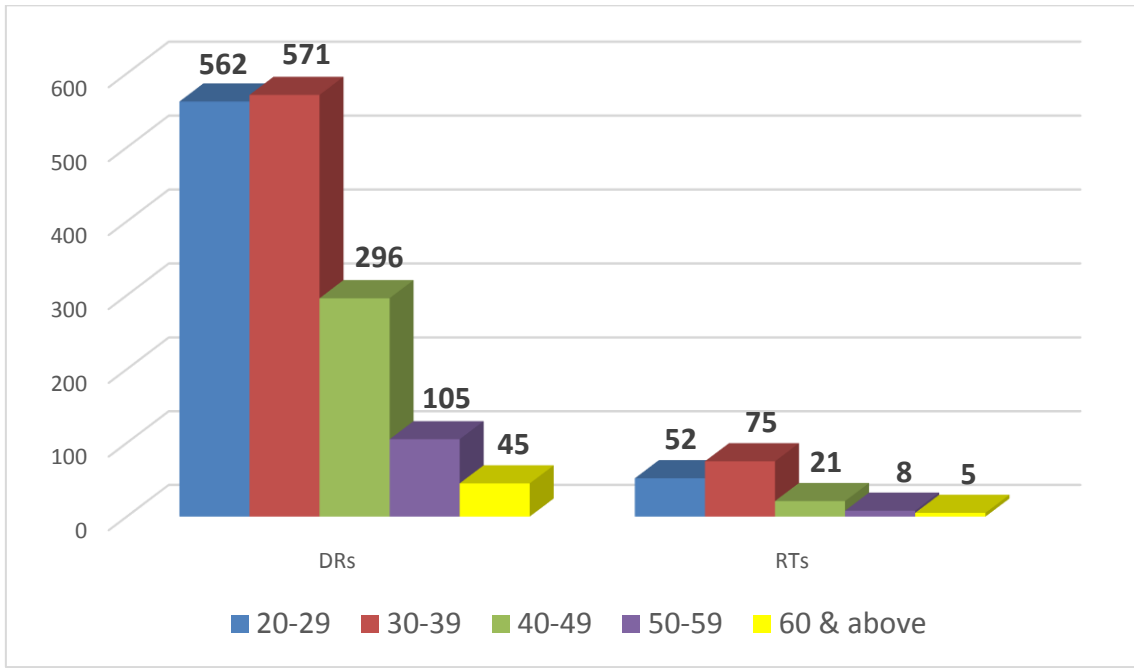
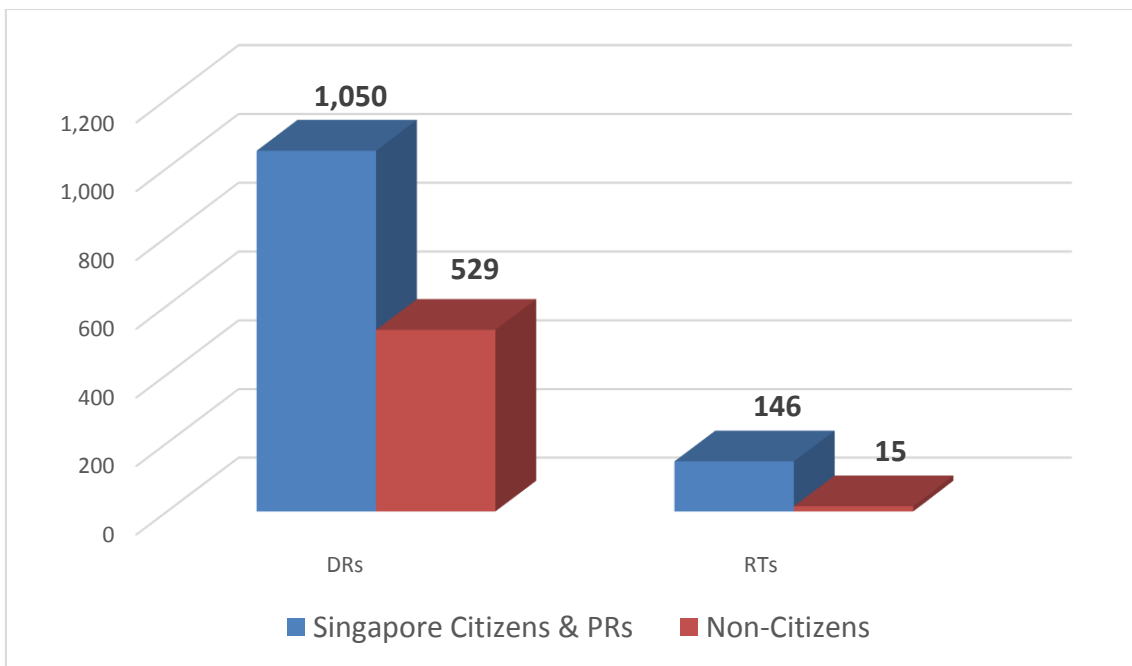


Chart 2c. Registered DRs and RTs by nationality





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