

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE
BOARD OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY**

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Part 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 The Board's Purpose

The Board of Radiologic Technology (“the Board”) has been created by Vermont law, Title 26 Chapter 51 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated which confers certain powers and duties on the Board. The Board is created to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by setting standards for issuing licenses, licensing qualified applicants, and regulating the practice of license holders. The Board maintains a website at www.sec.state.vt.us/professional-regulation/professions/radiologic-technology. Practitioners should periodically consult the website for matters of interest to the profession.

1.2 Business Address

The Board’s business location and mailing address can be found on the Board’s website. Copies of these rules and more information about the Board and its requirements and procedures may be obtained by contacting the Office of Professional Regulation (the “Office”) at 802-828-1505. This information also may be obtained from the Board’s website.

1.3 Board Members and Officers

The Board’s composition is set forth in 26 V.S.A. § 2811. Board Members shall meet at least annually and elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. This election shall be in September or at the next meeting thereafter.

1.4 Laws Governing the Board

The Board is created by Chapter 51, Title 26, Vermont Statutes Annotated, which establishes the Board’s responsibilities for setting standards, issuing licenses, and regulating the profession. In addition to the “Professional Regulation” statutes, the Board is subject to other state laws including the “Administrative Procedure Act” (3 V.S.A. §§ 801-849), the “Open Meeting Law” (1 V.S.A. §§ 310-314), the “Access to Public Records Law” (1 V.S.A. §§ 315-320), and the “Law of Professional Regulation” (3 V.S.A. §§ 121-132).

1.5 Board Rules

The Board is authorized to make these rules under Chapter 51 of Title 26. In making or revising rules, the Board must follow the Administrative Procedure Act. These rules are approved by the Vermont Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules and have the force of law. 3 V.S.A. § 845(a).

Part 2 COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS OF CERTAIN LICENSED PRACTITIONERS

2.1 Requirements Under 26 V.S.A. § 2804

No persons, as defined in Section 2804, shall apply ionizing radiation to human beings without first being certified as competent by the Board. The Board shall maintain an online compendium of courses, course sequences, or qualifying exams approved to demonstrate a practitioner's competency for purposes of certification or biennial recertification. Approved courses, course sequences, or exams shall address: radiation biology, radiation physics, exposure reduction, radiation safety, safe equipment operation, image processing, image evaluation, quality control, and patient consideration. Details are available from the Board's website at www.sec.state.vt.us/professional-regulation/professions/radiologic-technology.

2.2 Renewal of Competency Certification

(a) The competency certification must be renewed under 26 V.S.A. § 2804 every two years by satisfactory completion of the competency course and payment of the renewal fee.

(b) The practitioner is responsible for notifying the Office promptly of any change in name or address. If the practitioner has moved without giving the Office their new address, they may not receive a renewal application. It is the practitioner's responsibility to renew on time.

(c) If a practitioner does not renew their competency certification by the expiration date, it will expire automatically. To have the competency certification reinstated after it has expired, the practitioner must re-apply.

2.3 Fluoroscopy Users

Those practitioners defined under 26 V.S.A. § 2804 who receive a competency certification from the Board and who utilize fluoroscopy must keep a log of procedures and exposure times and document fluoroscopy exposure times for each procedure in the patient's medical records.

2.4 Delegation Prohibited

No person authorized by the Board to apply ionizing radiation to human beings may delegate to any person not so authorized any professional responsibilities in relation thereto, including any role in actuating the application of ionizing radiation.

Part 3 CONTINUING EDUCATION

3.1 Guidelines For Continuing Education Credit Courses

(a) The 24 credit hours earned during each two-year period must be obtained from educational activities which follow the guidelines for acceptable course content as described by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and the Nuclear Medicine Technologist Certification Board (NMTCB).

(b) During any biennial renewal period, the Board may randomly audit licensees to ensure compliance with continuing education rules. A licensee who is audited will be notified in writing by the Board and will be required to produce written documentation showing successful completion of 24 hours of continuing education during the two-year period at issue.

3.2 Failure to Meet Continuing Education Requirement

A licensee who fails to comply with the continuing education requirement may be subject to investigation and possible charges of unprofessional conduct.

Part 4. REINSTATEMENT

4.1 Qualifications for Reinstating an Expired License

The Board recognizes and follows the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and the Nuclear Medicine Technologist Certification Board (NMTCB) reinstatement requirements and procedures.