

PROPOSED REGULATIONS

18 VAC 85-101-10 et seq.

TITLE OF REGULATIONS: 18 VAC 85-101-10 et seq.: Regulations Governing the Licensure of Radiologic Technologists and Radiologic Technologists-Limited

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 54.1, Chapters 2400 and 2900, Sections 54.1-2956.8:1. and 54.1-2958:2. of the Code of Virginia

EFFECTIVE DATE:

PART I.
General Provisions.

18 VAC 85-101-10. Definitions.

In addition to definitions in § 54.1-2900, the following words and terms, when used in these regulations, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"*ACRRT*" means the American Chiropractic Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

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"*Direct supervision*" means that a licensed radiologic technologist, doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic or podiatry is present and is fully responsible for the activities performed by radiologic personnel.

"*Direction*" means the delegation of radiologic functions to be performed upon a patient from a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, or podiatry to a licensed radiologic technologist or a radiologic technologist-limited for a specific purpose and confined to a specific anatomical area, that will be performed under the direction of and in continuing communication with the delegating practitioner.

"*Traineeship*" means a period of activity during which an ~~unlicensed~~ applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist, who is seeking licensure, works under the direct supervision of a practitioner approved by the board while waiting for the results of the licensure examination or an applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist-limited working under direct supervision and observation to fulfill the practice requirements in 18 VAC 85-101-60.

18 VAC 85-101-25. Fees.

A. Unless otherwise provided, fees listed in this section shall not be refundable.

B. Initial licensure fees.

1. The application fee for radiologic technologist licensure shall be \$130.

2. The application fee for the radiologic technologist-limited licensure shall be \$90.

3. All examination fees shall be determined by and made payable as designated by the board.

C. Licensure renewal and reinstatement.

1. The fee for active license renewal for a radiologic technologist shall be \$135 and for a radiologic technologist-limited shall be \$70. The fee for inactive license renewal for a radiologic technologist shall be \$70 and for a radiologic technologist-limited shall be \$35.
2. An additional fee of \$50 for a radiologic technologist and \$25 for a radiologic technologist-limited to cover administrative costs for processing a late renewal application within one renewal cycle shall be imposed by the board.
3. The fee for reinstatement of a license which has lapsed for a period of two years or more shall be \$180 for a radiologic technologist and \$120 for a radiologic technologist-limited and shall be submitted with an application for licensure reinstatement.
4. The fee for reinstatement of a license pursuant to § 54.1-2921 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.

D. Other fees.

1. The application fee for a traineeship as a radiologic technologist shall be \$25.
2. The fee for a letter of good standing or verification to another state for licensure shall be \$10; the fee for certification of grades to another jurisdiction shall be \$25.
3. The fee for a returned check shall be \$25.
4. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.

18 VAC 85-101-30. Educational requirements for radiologic technologists.

An applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist shall be a graduate of an educational program acceptable to the ARRT for the purpose of sitting for the ARRT certification examination ~~and shall submit, with the required application and fee, documented evidence of his graduation from such a program.~~

18 VAC 85-101-40. ~~Examination~~ Licensure requirements.

- A. An applicant for board licensure ~~by examination~~ shall:
1. Meet the educational requirements specified in 18 VAC 85-101-30;
 2. Submit the required application, fee, and credentials to the board; and

3. Submit evidence of passage of the ARRT certification examination with a minimum passing score acceptable to the board.
- B. ~~To qualify for licensure, the applicant shall take and pass the ARRT certification examination with a minimum passing score as determined by the board~~ If an applicant has been licensed or certified in another jurisdiction, he shall provide on the application information on the status of each license or certificate held and verification from that jurisdiction of any current, unrestricted license.
 - C. An applicant who fails the ARRT examination shall follow the policies and procedures of the ARRT for successive attempts.

18 VAC 85-101-50. Traineeship for unlicensed graduate.

- A. An applicant who is an unlicensed graduate of an ARRT ~~approved~~ acceptable program may be employed as a trainee under the direct supervision of a licensed radiologic technologist, doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic or podiatry.
- B. The graduate shall submit an application for a traineeship to the board for review and approval by the Chairman of the ~~Radiologic Technology Advisory Committee~~ Board on Radiological Technology or his designee.
- C. The traineeship shall terminate fourteen working days after receipt by the candidate of the licensure examination results. The unlicensed graduate may re-apply for a new traineeship while awaiting to take the next examination.
- D. An unlicensed graduate may serve in a traineeship for a period not to exceed two years or through three unsuccessful attempts of the licensure examination, whichever comes first. After such time, the graduate shall apply to the Radiologic Technology Advisory Committee for approval to continue in practice as a trainee.

PART III.

Licensure Requirements - Radiologic Technologist-Limited.

18 VAC 85-101-60. Examination requirements.

- A. An applicant for licensure by examination as a radiologic technologist-limited shall submit:
 1. The required application and fee as prescribed by the board;
 2. Evidence of completion of training as required in 18 VAC 85-101-70;

B. To qualify for limited licensure to practice under the direction of a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, the applicant shall:

1. Provide evidence that he has received a passing score as determined by the board on the core section of the ARRT examination for Limited Scope of Practice in Radiography; ~~and~~

2. Meet one of the following requirements:

a. Provide evidence that he has received a passing score as determined by the board on the section of the ARRT examination on specific radiographic procedures, depending on the anatomical areas in which the applicant intends to practice.

b. Until the ARRT offers an examination for limited licensure in the radiographic procedures of the abdomen and pelvis or for bone densitometry, the applicant may qualify for a limited license in one of these areas by submission of a notarized statement from a licensed radiologic technologist or doctor of medicine or osteopathy attesting to the applicant's training and competency to practice in that anatomical area as follows:

(1) To perform radiographic procedures for bone densitometry, the applicant shall have successfully performed at least 10 examinations for bone density in a traineeship under the direct supervision and observation of a licensed radiologic technologist or a doctor of medicine or osteopathy.

(2) To perform radiographic procedures on the abdomen or pelvis, the applicant shall have successfully performed during the traineeship at least 25 radiologic examinations of the abdomen and/or pelvis in a traineeship under the direct supervision and observation of a licensed radiologic technologist or a doctor of medicine or osteopathy. The notarized statement shall further attest to the applicant's competency in the areas of radiation safety, positioning, patient instruction, anatomy, pathology and technical factors.

c. When a section is added to the limited license examination by the ARRT which includes the abdomen and pelvis or bone densitometry, the applicant shall provide evidence that he has received a passing score on that portion of the examination as determined by the board; and -

3. Provide evidence of have successfully performed in a traineeship at least 10 radiologic examinations in the anatomical area for which he is seeking licensure under the direct supervision and observation of a licensed radiologic technologist or a doctor of medicine or osteopathy. A notarized statement from the supervising practitioner shall attest to the applicant's competency in the areas of radiation safety, positioning, patient instruction, anatomy, pathology and technical factors.

C. To qualify for a limited license in the anatomical areas of the spine or extremities or in bone densitometry to practice under the direction of a doctor of chiropractic, the applicant shall provide evidence that he has taken and passed the appropriate requirements of subsection B or an examination by the ACRRT.

D. To qualify for a limited license in the anatomical area of the foot and ankle to practice under the direction of a doctor of podiatry, the applicant shall provide evidence that he has taken and passed an examination acceptable to the board.

E. An applicant who fails the examination shall be allowed two more attempts to pass the examination after which he shall reapply and take additional educational hours which meet the criteria of 18 VAC 85-101-70.

18 VAC 85-101-61. Traineeship for an applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist-limited.

A. An applicant who is seeking licensure as a radiologic technologist-limited may be employed as a trainee under the direct supervision of a licensed radiologic technologist, doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic or podiatry.

B. The person shall submit an application for a traineeship to the board for review and approval by the Chairman of the Advisory Board on Radiological Technology or his designee.

C. The traineeship shall terminate fourteen working days after receipt by the candidate of the licensure examination results or, if training for limited licensure in bone densitometry or abdomen and pelvis, fourteen working days after completion of the required number of procedures. The trainee may re-apply for a new traineeship while awaiting to take the next examination or for satisfactory completion of the required number of procedures.

18 VAC 85-101-70. Educational requirements for radiologic technologists-limited.

A. An applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist-limited shall be trained by one of the following:

1. Successful completion of a program which is directed by a radiologic technologist with a bachelor's degree and current ARRT certification, has instructors who are licensed radiologic technologists, and has a minimum of the following coursework:

- a. Image Production/Equipment Operation - 25 clock hours
- b. Radiation Protection - 15 clock hours

- c. Radiographic procedures in the anatomical area of the radiologic technologist-limited's practice - 10 clock hours taught by a radiologic technologist with current ARRT certification or a licensed doctor or medicine, osteopathy podiatry or chiropractic;
2. An ACRRRT approved program; or
3. Any other program acceptable to the board.

18 VAC 85-101-80. ~~Endorsement requirements for radiologic technologist.~~ [Repealed]

- ~~A. A radiologic technologist who has an unrestricted license in the United States, its territories, the District of Columbia, or Canada, by an examination equivalent to that required in Virginia at the time of licensure, and who has met all other requirements of the board may, upon recommendation of the Radiologic Technology Advisory Committee, be licensed by endorsement. Such a person shall submit to the board along with a completed application and required fee, verification of a current, unrestricted license in another jurisdiction.~~
- ~~B. A radiologic technologist who has practiced satisfactorily in Virginia for five or more years may, upon recommendation of the Radiologic Technology Advisory Committee, be licensed by endorsement. Such a person shall submit to the board, along with a completed application and required fee, evidence of his scope of practice documented by a supervising radiologist and a supervising radiologic technologist.~~

~~A radiologic technologist may be initially licensed by endorsement under this subsection until January 1, 1999.~~

18 VAC 85-101-90. ~~Endorsement of previous practice for radiologic technologists-limited.~~ [Repealed]

~~A radiologic technologist-limited applicant who has practiced satisfactorily in Virginia for the past two consecutive years as a radiologic technologist-limited and who submits evidence from a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, or podiatry attesting to such practice, shall be licensed by endorsement. A radiologic technologist-limited may be initially licensed by endorsement under this subsection until January 1, 1999.~~

**PART V.
Practice of Radiologic Technologists.**

18 VAC 85-101-100. General Requirements.

- A. All services rendered by a radiologic technologist shall be performed only upon direction of a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, or podiatry.
- B. Licensure as a radiologic technologist is not required for persons who are employed by a licensed hospital pursuant to § 54.1-2956.8:1 of the Code of Virginia.

PART VI.
Practice of Radiologic Technologist - Limited.

18 VAC 85-101-130. General Requirements.

- A. A radiologic technologist-limited is permitted to perform radiologic functions within his capabilities and the anatomical limits of his training and examination. A radiologic technologist-limited is responsible for informing the board of the anatomical area or areas in which he is qualified by training and examination to practice.
- B. A radiologic technologist-limited shall not instill contrast media during radiologic examinations or perform mammography, fluoroscopic procedures, computerized tomography, or vascular-interventional procedures. The radiologic technologist-limited is responsible to a licensed radiologic technologist, doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, or podiatry.

18 VAC 85-101-140. Individual responsibilities to patients and licensed radiologic technologist, doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, or podiatry.

- ~~A. The initial patient visit shall be made by a licensed radiologic technologist, doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, or podiatry.~~
- B A.The radiologic technologist-limited's first procedure with the patient shall only be made after verbal and/or written communication with the licensed radiologic technologist, doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, or podiatry.
- € B. The radiologic technologist-limited's procedures shall be made under direct supervision.
- Ð C.A radiologic technologist-limited, acting within the scope of his practice, may delegate non-radiologic procedures to an unlicensed person, including but not limited to preparing the patient for radiologic procedures and post radiologic procedures. Such non-licensed personnel shall not perform those patient care functions that require professional judgment or discretion.

PART VII.
Renewal of Licensure.

18 VAC 85-101-150. Biennial renewal of license.

- A. A radiologic technologist or radiologic technologist-limited who intends to continue practice shall renew his license biennially during his birth month in each odd numbered year and pay to the board the prescribed renewal fee.
- B. A license that has not been renewed by the first day of the month following the month in which renewal is required shall be expired.
- C. An additional fee as prescribed in 18 VAC 85-101-160 shall be imposed by the board.
- D. On and after January 1, 2005, in order to renew an active license as a radiologic technologist, a licensee shall attest to having completed 24 hours of continuing education as ~~approved~~ acceptable to and documented by the ARRT within the last biennium. At least 12 of the hours must ~~approved by~~ acceptable to the ARRT as Category A.
- E. On and after January 1, 2005, in order to renew an active license as a radiologic technologist-limited, a licensee shall attest to having completed 12 hours of Category A continuing education within the last biennium that corresponds to the anatomical areas in which the limited licensee practices. Hours shall be ~~approved~~ acceptable to and documented by the ARRT or by any other entity approved by the board for limited licensees whose scope of practice is podiatry.
- F. Other provisions for continuing education shall be as follows:
 - 1. A practitioner shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements for the first biennial renewal following the date of initial licensure in Virginia.
 - 2. The practitioner shall retain in his records the completed form with all supporting documentation for a period of four years following the renewal of an active license.
 - 3. The board shall periodically conduct a random audit of its active licensees to determine compliance. The practitioners selected for the audit shall provide all supporting documentation within 30 days of receiving notification of the audit.
 - 4. Failure to comply with these requirements may subject the licensee to disciplinary action by the board.
 - 5. The board may grant an extension of the deadline for continuing competency requirements, for up to one year, for good cause shown upon a written request from the licensee prior to the renewal date.

6. The board may grant an exemption for all or part of the requirements for circumstances beyond the control of the licensee, such as temporary disability, mandatory military service, or officially declared disasters.

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