

# Understanding Licensing Agencies

## Introduction to Radiography

### Part 1: ARRT

Use your Introduction to Radiography book, the introduction ppt and the ARRT website ([www.arrt.org](http://www.arrt.org)) to answer the following questions about the ARRT registry. You can copy and paste the answers into the form

1. What is ARRT's mission and/or purpose: Our  
mission is to promote high standards of patient care by recognizing qualified individuals in medical imaging, interventional procedures, and radiation therapy.  
In support of this mission, we:  
Adopt and uphold standards for educational preparation for entry into the profession  
Adopt and uphold standards of professional behavior consistent with the level of responsibility required by professional practice  
Develop and administer examinations that assess the knowledge and skills underlying the intelligent performance of the tasks typically required by professional practice in the discipline
2. In addition to offering initial recognition, ARRT provides a way to recognize individuals who to demonstrate their qualifications by adhering to the standards of professional behavior and by complying with continuing education requirements.
3. Where is ARRT headquarters located? 1255 Northland Drive St. Paul, MN 55120-1155
4. When and by whom was ARRT organized?
  - a. When: 1922
  - b. Who: Founded earlier that year by the Radiological Society of North America, with the support of the American Roentgen Ray Society and the American Society of X-Ray Technicians.
5. ARRT certification requirements consist of:
  - a. Education requirements- an associates degree is required, and you must complete an educational program
  - b. Ethical requirements- must review ARRT's Standards of Ethics
  - c. The ARRT exam- The final step on your way to becoming certified and registered with ARRT is to take an examination in your discipline.
6. To maintain a "good standing" certification, a technologists must:
  - a. As an R.T., you'll need to renew your certification and registration every year. In order to do so, you must be current with your biennial Continuing Education (CE) Requirements (see section below). In addition, to renew an R.R.A. credential, or a credential in a discipline you earned using the postprimary eligibility pathway, you must also maintain certification and registration in the related supporting discipline.

- b. When you become an R.T., you'll report your CE activities every two years as part of your annual renewal process. We call the two years during which you complete CE a "biennium." Your biennium will end on the last day of the month before your birth month every other year. Your annual renewal and your CE biennium deadlines will be two separate dates.
  - c. range of activities can count towards your CE requirements, including approved online classes, self-study readings and modules, lectures at professional society meetings, and classroom learning.
  - d. As health care technology evolves, and patients demand increased accountability from providers, many credentialing agencies—including ARRT—have created long-term requirements for maintaining credentials. All R.R.A.s, and R.T.s who've earned their credentials on or after Jan.1, 2011, must complete ARRT's Continuing Qualifications Requirements (CQR) every 10 years. CQR helps identify gaps in knowledge and skills that might cause you to fall behind today's entry-level qualifications. It then develops a plan for refreshing your understanding and abilities.
7. Applications to take the registry can be turned in prior to graduation. Once the application windows have been set, how long does that window remain open? **365 days**
8. Answer the following information concerning specifics directly related with the registry examination. What is the type and cost of the examination that you will take upon successful completion of this accredited program?
- a. Primary pathway: **Primary Eligability Pathway**
  - b. Cost: **\$200**
  - c. Method for which the examination is given: **Computer based**
  - d. Total number of questions on examination: **200 questions**
  - e. Minimum grade to pass: **75**
9. Candidates are allowed **3** attempts to pass the registry and must successfully complete it within **3 years**.
10. Once licensed, how often is the technologist expected to renew their license and how much will you pay to renew?
- a. **Annually,**
11. Look up the following licenses and fill in the following information.
- a. Lana Scherer
    - i. Date of expiration: **2/2021**
    - ii. What credentials does the technologist use after their name?
      - A. **R.T.(R)(ARRT)**
  - b. Search another Technologist that may have more than one license (i.e. Lori):
    - i. Date of expiration: **12/2021**
    - ii. What credentials does the technologist use after their name?
      - A. **R.T.(R)(MR)(ARRT)**
12. Can you tell me what the following credential stands for?
- a. R.T. (R)

- i. Registered Radiologic Technologist

## Part 2: Continuing Education Requirements

13. What is the purpose for continuing education?
  - a. The purpose of the CE Requirements is to provide a mechanism for Registered Technologists (R.T.s) to fulfill their responsibility to maintain competence in their categories of certification and registration. Participation in CE demonstrates accountability to peers, physicians, healthcare facilities, and the public. It also reinforces the Code of Ethics endorsed by The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.
14. Answer the following questions regarding specifications concerning CEU requirements.
  - a. Most RTs require how many: 24 credits
  - b. How often are CEUs renewed: Annually
  - c. As a new technologist, when are expected to start obtaining CEUs? on the first day of their next birth month after the examination administration, except if the period between examination administration and birth month is two months or less, in which case certification and registration shall be in effect through the R.T.'s birth month the following year.
  - d. All CEUs have to be RCEEM+ approved
  - e. CEUs have to relate to their area of practice and that will maintain their competence and help them keep current with industry best practices. R.R.A.s and R.T.(S)s have mandatory requirements regarding the types of CE topics they must select (see Sections 16 or 17, respectively).
  - f. All CEUs have to be categorized as: Category A or A+
  - g. Advanced CPR certification such as ACLS or PALS can earn you how many CEUs? A max of 6 credits
15. All CEU documentation must include:
  - a. name of the participant
    - pre-printed date of completion (MM/DD/YYYY)  
(handwritten dates are not accepted)
    - title of the activity
    - Category A or A+ designation
    - pre-printed number of contact hours (credits)
    - name of the CE sponsor
    - signature of either the authorized representative of the CE owner, sponsor, or presenter
    - pre-printed CE reference number provided by a RCEEM, RCEEM+, or SLA
    - identification of approving RCEEM, RCEEM+, or SLA
    - expiration date (MM/DD/YYYY) of CE activity
16. Noncompliance with CEU requirements will result in:

- a. Assigned to a “CE” probation status
- b. failure to comply with CE Probation Requirement by the end of Probation period, certification and registration will be discontinued.

### Part 3: Continuing Qualification Requirement (CQR)

Explain what CQR is and what the process it.

- 17. Explain CQR: Time- limited requirements for maintaining credentials.
- 18. Who does the CQR process apply to: to all R.R.A.s regardless of when the credential was earned and R.T.s that earn credentials January 1, 2011 or later.
- 19. How often does the CQR process completed? Every 10 years and you’ll have three years to complete it

### Part 4: TMB Website Search

Use the tabs at the following website: <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/> to maneuver through in order to find the answers for the following questions. You can copy and paste the answers into the form

- 20. What is TMB’s mission:
  - a. Our mission is to protect and enhance the public's health, safety and welfare by establishing and maintaining standards of excellence used in regulating the practice of medicine and ensuring quality health care for the citizens of Texas through licensure, discipline and education.
- 21. Look up a license and fill in the following information.
  - a. License #: AM00079
  - b. Date it was issued: 10/14/16
  - c. Date of expiration: 11/30/2021
  - d. Registration status: ACTIVE
  - e. Any disciplinarian actions: NONE
- 22. What title and abbreviation does TMB consider Radiologic Technologists?
  - a. Title:
  - b. Abbreviation:
- 23. What fees will you be required to pay in order to apply for your state licensure?
  - a.
- 24. What fees will you be required to pay in order to renew your state licensure?
  - a.
- 25. What does the JP exam cover?
  - a.
- 26. What is considered as a passing score for the JP exam?
- 27. How many times can you take the JP exam?
- 28. Where can you obtain study guides and practice exams for the JP exam?
  - a.

29. Do you have to purchase the study materials?