

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) 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

In addition to offering initial recognition, ARRT provides a way to recognize individuals who continue to demonstrate their qualifications by adhering to the standards of professional behavior and by complying with continuing education requirements.

a.

2. Where is ARRT headquarters located? In 1989, ARRT headquarters moved to St. Paul, Minnesota.

3.

4. When and by whom was ARRT organized?

a. When: 1992

b. Who: Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) and American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS) worked together to

5. ARRT certification requirements consist of:

EDUCATION

As part of earning an R.R.A. credential, you'll have to meet the following educational requirements:

- Earn a bachelor's degree
- Be certified and registered with ARRT in Radiography
- Have at least one year of acceptable clinical experience in radiography
- Complete an ARRT-approved radiologist assistant educational program

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ETHICS

To become a candidate for certification and registration, you must demonstrate good moral character. Learn more about our ethics requirements and how you can request an ethics review preapplication.

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EXAMINATION

After you meet the education and ethics requirements, you'll need to pass an exam before earning ARRT credentials. Learn more about our examination requirement—as well as how we create exams, what to expect on exam day, and what happens after the exam.

a.

b.

c.

6. To maintain a “good standing” certification, a technologists must:

ANNUAL RENEWAL

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.

Your annual renewal deadline will always be the last day of your birth month. You can renew quickly and easily online. And you'll find that our **renewal fees** are significantly lower than those of many other credentialing organizations.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS EVERY TWO YEARS

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.

A 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.

You'll have access to detailed information and instructions on CE after you earn your first ARRT credential. To learn more now, review the *ARRT Continuing Education Requirements* document.

CONTINUING QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS EVERY 10 YEARS

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. If you'd like to learn more, visit our **video library** to watch our **CQR video**. Upon becoming an R.T., you'll have access to detailed information about the CQR process when

- a.
- b.
- c.

7. Applications to take the registry can be turned in 3 months prior to graduation. Once the application windows have been set, how long does that window remain open? 365

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 eligabilty pathway
- b. Cost: 200
- c. Method for which the examination is given: computer
- d. Total number of questions on examination: 200
- 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. Bridge the gap from entry level to advanced practice
 - b. Prevent professional obsolescence
 - c. Ensure competency
 - d. Demonstrate accountability
 - e. Advance the profession
 - f. Provide advanced growth opportunities
 - g. Reinforce the professional Code of Ethics
 - h.
 - i.
 - j.
14. Answer the following questions regarding specifications concerning CEU requirements.
 - a. Most RTs require how many: 24
 - b. How often are CEUs renewed: annually
 - c. As a new technologist, when are expected to start obtaining CEUs? on first day of birth month FOLLOWING certification
 - d. All CEUs have to be RCEEM+ approved
 - e. CEUs have to relate to Relevant to radiological sciences/patient care
 - f.
 - g. All CEUs have to be categorized as: A or A+
 - h. Advanced CPR certification such as ACLS or PALS can earn you how many CEUs? 6 credits
15. All CEU documentation must include:
 - a. Proof of participation
 - b. Required by RT to maintain for minimum of 1 year beyond end biennium
 - c. CE sponsor provides documentation
 - d. Date(s) of attendance
 - e. Topic/Subject title
 - f. Content
 - g. Number of contact hours
 - h. Name of speaker
 - i. Name/signature of sponsor
 - j. RCEEM approved reference number
 - k.
 - l.
 - m.
 - n.

- o.
- 16. Noncompliance with CEU requirements will result in:
 - a. Probation status
 - b. Only 6 months of next biennium
 - c. If still noncompliant, ARRT revokes registration
 - d. Applicable fees
- e.

Part 3: Continuing Qualification Requirement (CQR)

Explain what CQR is and what the process is.

- 17. Explain CQR: time limited requirements for maintaining credentials
- 18. Who does the CQR process apply to: all RRAs regardless of when the credential was earned and RTs that earn credentials Jan. 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:

“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. ...”

- a.
- 21. Look up a license and fill in the following information.
 - a. License #: GMR00000051
 - b. Date it was issued: 07/29/1988
 - c. Date of expiration: 02/28/2022
 - d. Registration status: ACTIVE
 - e. Any disciplinary actions: NONE
- 22. What title and abbreviation does TMB consider Radiologic Technologists?
 - a. Title: Medical Radiologic Technologist
 - b. Abbreviation: MRT
- 23. What fees will you be required to pay in order to apply for your state licensure?
 - a. Medical Radiologic Technologist combined application & certification fee \$80
- 24. What fees will you be required to pay in order to renew your state licensure?
 - a. Biennial \$66
- 25. What does the JP exam cover?

- o Texas state statutes through the Texas Occupations Code, and Board Rules through the Texas Administrative Code, relevant to the scope of practice the application of licensure is for. This can include (but is not limited to) eligibility requirements to be licensed; registration renewal requirements and procedures; continuing education requirements; scope of practice; investigations of complaints and enforcement procedures.

a.

- 26. What is considered as a passing score for the JP exam? 75
- 27. How many times can you take the JP exam? 3
- 28. Where can you obtain study guides and practice exams for the JP exam?
 - a. TMB website
- 29. Do you have to purchase the study materials? yes