

STATE UPDATE from ARRT

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This biannual newsletter is designed to let state regulators know about some newsworthy matters at ARRT, and let you know how to find out more.

Degree Requirement Begins in 2015

Beginning January 1, 2015, candidates applying for the primary pathway to certification must have earned an associate or higher degree from an accredited institution. The degree does not need to be in the radiologic sciences and it can be awarded before entering or after graduating from the educational program. The degree must be granted prior to sitting for the exam. To learn more about the requirement, go to: <https://www.arrt.org/Certification/Academic-Degree-Requirement> .

Fluoroscopy Exam Available

The ARRT, ACR, ASRT and American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) are in agreement on a standard that anyone operating a fluoroscope should be properly educated and that should include 40 hours of didactic and 40 hours of clinical training in addition to passing a valid fluoroscopy exam.

The ARRT Fluoroscopy Exam has been available since March 2011. To learn more about the exam, go to: <https://www.arrt.org/pdfs/State-Licensing/Fluoroscopy-Content-Specification.pdf> .

ARRT is currently in negotiations with several states to administer the Fluoroscopy exam to state candidates. If you're interested in learning more about the Fluoroscopy examination, please contact Carrie Cernohous at (651) 687-0048, extension 3155.

Structured Education Requirement Coming in 2016

Candidates pursuing post-primary pathway certification must hold a primary registration with the ARRT (or in some cases, NMTCB or ARDMS) in an appropriate discipline and document completion of specific clinical experience requirements.

Beginning January 1, 2016, ARRT candidates for post-primary certification will also be required to complete 16 hours of structured education related to the content specifications for that exam. The education must meet the same standards as CE activities in that it must be either RCEEM-approved or university-awarded. Structured educational activities that are approved only by states will not satisfy the requirements. Check www.arrt.org/Education/ for details as they are available.

State RA laws

Earlier this year Utah passed a radiologist assistant (RA) law, making it the 29th state to do so. Several other states have RA bills ready for the coming legislative sessions. RAs are advanced practice radiographers who have completed additional education and certification and, under radiologist supervision, perform patient assessment, patient management, and selected radiographic procedures.

These are just a few recent areas of discussion at ARRT; you can always find more at www.arrt.org.