

DIAGNOSTIC COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENT
OAR 337-010-0011 – New Rule Effective January 1, 2017

1. Requirement to Perform *Diagnostic CT*:
 - a. License modalities eligible to operate diagnostic CT:
 - i. Radiographers;
 - ii. radiation therapists;
 - iii. nuclear medicine technologists.
 - b. Licensee operating *diagnostic CT* (including cone beam CT) *must*:
 - i. be credentialed in CT by either ARRT or NMTCB; or
 - ii. have an active temporary CT license from OBMI.
2. Hybrid imaging:
 - a. RT(R) or RT(T) may only operate CT for attenuation, not for diagnostic imaging.
 - b. Licensees with RT(N) or CNMT(NMTCB) may operate SPECT and PET with non-diagnostic CT and the attenuation correction portion of the hybrid imager.
3. Radiation treatment planning:
 - a. A licensee must be credentialed in radiation therapy or CT in order to operate CT equipment for radiation therapy treatment planning purposes.
4. Temporary CT license: (OAR 337-010-0045[4])
 - a. Available to persons with current active OBMI licenses in radiography, radiation therapy or nuclear medicine.
 - b. Purpose is to enable licensees to complete competencies required to sit for registry CT exam.
 - c. Temporary licensee must be supervised by a physician or licensed CT technologist who is at least in the same building and available to assist.
 - d. Temporary license application must include documentation of at least eight hours of category “A” didactic education in CT and eight hours of didactic training in cross-sectional anatomy, *all earned within the previous 24 months*.
 - e. Duration of temporary CT license -- CT trainee can apply for two six-month temporary licenses, for a total of 12 months. A temporary licensee may apply for an extension beyond 12 months, based upon demonstrating to the Board that there isn’t enough CT at the licensee’s clinical site to complete the registry’s exam prerequisites.
5. Waiver of CT credential requirement for rural hospitals (OAR 337-010-0011[8]): On a case-by-case basis, the Board may waive the requirement to obtain a registry CT credential for a technologist who applies to the Board for a waiver. To qualify, the applicant must:
 - a. Seek the waiver to perform CT as an employee or contract worker at a state-designated rural hospital;
 - b. Demonstrate in the waiver application that failure to grant the waiver will result in a “substantial shortage” in the rural hospital’s ability to deliver health care in the community;
 - c. Under state sponsorship, pass a CT examination offered by a registry recognized by the Board;
 - d. Have “substantial experience” performing CT, as determined by the Board;
 - e. Complete at least five diagnostic-quality repetitions of any anatomic area that the waiver recipient will image with CT;
 - f. Document completion of vendor-provided applications training specific to the CT machine the waiver applicant will be working on;
 - g. Complete at least 16 hours of structured CT educational requirements within 24 months prior to applying for the waiver;
 - h. Meet any additional waiver requirements as specified by the Board as part of an applicant’s waiver agreement, such as time duration of the waiver, or supervisory requirements.
6. Effective date of the CT Credential Requirement: January 1, 2017.