

OBMI RULES AMENDMENT FOR CT CREDENTIAL

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Qualifications of Computed Tomography Equipment Operators and Merged Technology Equipment Operators' Licensing

~~(1) An individual who operates computed tomography equipment for diagnosis must be credentialed by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists in Computed Tomography (CT) or in Radiography with training in the operation of CT equipment in accordance with applicable RPS rules; currently OAR 333-106-0370 (x-ray) and 333-116-0880 (NM).~~

~~(2) In addition to qualifications to operate radiation therapy devices, Radiation Therapists operating CT for treatment planning must submit evidence of completion of a minimum of twelve (12) hours training in the use of computed tomography from an approved source as determined by the board.~~

~~(3) Nuclear Medicine Technologists who perform non-diagnostic attenuation CT exams with a hybrid scanner such as PET/CT, SPECT/CT or new emerging hybrid scanners must meet the training requirements in accordance with OAR 333-116-0880.~~

~~(4) In addition to qualifications to operate radionuclide imaging devices, Nuclear Medicine technologists may be granted a CT Technologist operator's license to perform diagnostic CT examinations if the following requirements are met:~~

~~(a) Credentialing by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists in Computed Tomography, or~~

~~(b) The Board may grant authorization to allow Nuclear Medicine Technologists who are enrolled in a CT training program to perform diagnostic CT exams with direct supervision after they have completed a Board approved didactic training program that will allow the student to perform the ARRT required number of CT exams to sit for the ARRT (CT) exam. The authorization will be effective for 3 consecutive academic terms, and will expire automatically unless the Board is presented with evidence of passing the ARRT (CT) exam.~~

(1) Diagnostic CT: A licensee who operates computed tomography (CT) equipment, including cone beam CT, for diagnosis must be credentialed in Computed Tomography (CT) by either the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board or have an active temporary CT license issued by OBMI.

(2) Computed Tomography/Nuclear Medicine Hybrid Imaging: Positron Emission-Computed Tomography (PET/CT) or Single Photon Emission-Computed Tomography (SPECT/CT) systems must be operated by technologists licensed by the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging.

(a) A registered radiographer with the credential R.T. (R), or a registered radiation therapist with the credential R.T.(T) may operate the CT attenuation correction portion of the hybrid imager. They may operate the diagnostic portion of the CT hybrid imager if they hold a CT credential from ARRT, or have an active temporary CT license issued by OBMI.

(b) Registered certified nuclear medicine technologists with the active credentials R.T. (N) or CNMT (NMTCB) may operate both the PET and attenuation correction portion of the hybrid imager. Certified Nuclear Medicine technologists may operate the diagnostic portion of the CT scanner if they hold a CT credential or have an active temporary CT license issued by OBMI.

(3) Computed Tomography for Radiation Therapy Treatment Planning Purposes: A licensee who operates CT equipment for radiation therapy treatment planning purposes must be credentialed in Radiation Therapy or CT by the ARRT.

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Temporary Licensee

(1) Temporary License

(a) Students who have successfully completed, or will successfully complete within six months, an approved school's didactic and clinical programs may apply for a temporary license that will be effective upon completion of the approved school's program.

(b) A temporary license is intended to allow graduates of an approved school to gain additional paid medical imaging experience in the applicable imaging modality before completing required credentialing examinations.

(c) With an endorsement to OBMI from the medical imaging program director at a student's school, indicating that the student is in good standing and is in the process of meeting educational requirements for graduation on a date specified, and that the student is competent to work under supervision, a temporary license may be issued which will be valid up to five months prior to the specified course completion date.

(d) A temporary license is valid for 6 months and may be renewed for a single six-month renewal period upon Board approval.

(e) A temporary licensee must apply to the Board for a medical imaging license within 30 days of being awarded a credential in a medical imaging modality by a recognized credentialing organization.

(f) If a temporary licensee is also licensed by the Board in another medical imaging modality, the restrictions of this subsection shall only apply when the individual is functioning as a temporary licensee.

(2) Temporary Licensee Supervision. A temporary licensee may only operate the applicable medical imaging modality under the indirect supervision of a licensed physician, or an individual licensed by the Board and credentialed by a credentialing organization in the medical imaging modality identified on the temporary license. For purposes of this subsection, indirect supervision means that the supervisor is physically present in the building and available to assist the temporary licensee as needed.

(3) Temporary License to add modality through post-primary pathway:

(a) The post-primary license is intended for current licensees who are completing clinical requirements necessary to add a different licensure modality to their current license. Supervision must be provided by a physician or technologist fully licensed to practice in the same modality as the post-primary license. All practice completed under the post-primary license must be specific to the modality

on the post-primary temporary license and must be applicable to the post-primary licensee's clinical requirements for the licensure modality being added.

(b) A post-primary temporary license is valid for six months and may be renewed for a single six-month period upon Board approval. In addition, the license issued under this subsection may be permitted to have extended license renewals for up to two additional six-month periods based upon a showing of good cause, upon application for each six month extension renewal, demonstrating that the credentialing registry's clinical requirements cannot be completed within the prescribed timeframe due to limitations of the clinical practice site. Provisional licensees may apply and receive a temporary post-provisional license in the same modality for which they were issued a provisional license.

(c) Levels of supervision for post-primary temporary license: For purposes of this subdivision, post-primary temporary licensees must receive direct supervision for at least the initial six months of the license duration, with indirect supervision for the remaining period of licensure. For purposes of this subdivision, direct supervision means that the supervisor is physically present with the temporary licensee and patient. Indirect supervision has the same meaning as Paragraph (2).

(d) Application process: As part of the application for a post-primary temporary license, the applicant must provide documentation that the applicant has completed a minimum of 16 hours of category "A" content-related education. The Board may require confirmation of clinical supervision and clinical practice site, and may limit the post-primary temporary licensee to one or more specific practice sites. The Board may require confirmation that the applicant is eligible for credentialing in the new modality, if the relevant clinical experience requirements are met, and may deny an application based upon a lack of evidence of eligibility.

(e) Educational Plan: The supervising institution shall provide an outline of the training provided to each licensee under this subsection. The outline must be individualized for each licensee and must identify authorized institutional personnel who will supervise the licensee. This outline must be submitted with the application. As part of the application process, the Board may consult with the institution and may require revisions to the educational plan.

(4). Temporary Computed Tomography (CT) License: Technologists with active OBMI licensure in radiography, radiation therapy or nuclear medicine who are in the process of obtaining CT experience in order to sit for a CT credentialing examination shall first obtain a temporary license from the Board while they perform their CT competencies under this section. For the initial three months, temporary licensees must work under the direct supervision of a credentialed CT technologist. After the initial three month period, competencies shall be performed under at least indirect supervision of a credentialed CT technologist. The Board may require documentation or confirmation of supervision and that a technologist is in the process of obtaining a CT credential under this paragraph, and may deny an application for a temporary license based upon the Board's determination that an applicant is not working toward a CT credential or that the applicant does not have the required supervision. Direct supervision means that the supervisor is physically present with the temporary licensee and patient. Indirect supervision has the same meaning as Paragraph (2).

(a) Education prerequisite: As part of the application for a temporary CT license, the applicant must provide documentation of a minimum of eight (8) hours of Category "A" didactic education in CT and eight (8) hours of Category "A" didactic training in cross sectional anatomy.