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****** AUGUST 2013 UPDATE ******

NEW RULES OF INTEREST...

LIMITED PERMITS EXPIRED FOR 24 MONTHS – NEED TO PASS ARRT EXAM AGAIN!

Beginning January 1, 2014, any limited permit holder whose permit *has been expired for 24 continuous months* will need to confirm competency by passing the ARRT examination again, as a pre-condition of permit renewal. This new Board regulation, adopted at the July 22 meeting of the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (OBMI), will employ the same application process and fee structure as a first-time limited permit applicant. In these cases, the applicant will need to pass CORE (except for bone densitometry permit holders) plus whatever radiographic position(s) the person wishes to be re-permitted in. Under this provision, persons who initially received their limited permits prior to 2007 will only be able to re-take an examination and be re-permitted in radiographic positions that were authorized beginning in 2007, as follows:

<u>Pre-2007 Radiographic Positions</u>	<u>Can only re-test and be permitted in:</u>
Head	→ Skull/Sinus
Upper Extremities	→ Extremities
Pelvis/Lower Extremities	→ Extremities
Chest/ribs	→ Chest
Spine	→ Spine
Podiatry	→ Podiatric
Abdomen	→ None
Bone Densitometry	→ Bone Densitometry

NEW PROPOSED RULE: POST-PRIMARY TEMPORARY LICENSE—24 MONTHS MAX!

The OBMI proposed a new program to allow current medical imaging licensees to obtain a “post-primary temporary license” in a separate licensure modality, for the purpose of completing clinical requirements to sit for a post-primary registry examination. This proposal is somewhat similar to the OBMI’s current “provisional” licensure category that is set to expire on December 31, 2013. Under the new proposal, the Board would be able to require confirmation of an applicant’s clinical supervision while practicing under the post-primary license, as well as the applicant’s eligibility for a post-primary registry credential. An OBMI-issued post-primary temporary license would expire after 24 months, and could not be renewed.

Information on this proposed rule is linked to the OBMI website (www.oregon.gov/obmi), including directions on how to submit a public comment, either by regular mail or email to ed.conlow@state.or.us. Your comments are welcome and will be considered by the Board. *By law comments must be received in our office no later than September 23 by 4:30 p.m.* The Board is scheduled to consider public comments and vote on whether to approve a new post-primary temporary license category at the October 11th OBMI meeting in Portland.

Announcements and Notices...

NATIONAL CREDENTIAL REQUIRED BEGINNING IN 2014

Beginning January 1, 2014, to have an initial license issued or an existing license renewed, you will need to have a valid credential from a Board-recognized national credentialing organization¹. This requirement does not apply to limited X-ray machine operators, grandfathered or state-sponsored radiographers, and persons who were initially licensed through reciprocity with another state.

MAKE SURE YOU RENEW ON TIME – AVOID LATE FEE AND BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTION!

As a courtesy, the Board of Medical Imaging sends out advance renewal notices through regular mail. *But it is the sole responsibility of each license or permit holder to renew on time.* Be aware of your renewal date and renew ahead of time to avoid the \$25 late fee! Moreover, *practicing for any period of time with an expired license is a licensure violation subject to Board disciplinary action which may include a civil penalty.* Licensees can renew online through our website at www.oregon.gov/obmi. (Limited permit holders must mail or deliver their renewal along with proof of required continuing education.)

KEEP YOUR INFORMATION UPDATED WITH US

Please keep us updated on your home and work addresses and contact information. There is a link to an “updated information form” on our website (www.oregon.gov/obmi), under “Important Notices.”

YOU MUST REPORT CONVICTIONS OR ARRESTS WITHIN TEN DAYS

Oregon state law (ORS 676.150) specifies that a licensee (or limited permit holder) who is convicted of any criminal offense, or even *arrested* for a felony offense, must report the criminal conviction or felony arrest to the OBMI within ten days of the conviction or arrest. The statute specifies that failure to report may be cause for disciplinary action by the Board.

DUTY TO REPORT VIOLATIONS BY OTHER LICENSEES

Oregon state law (ORS 676.150) specifies that a licensee (or limited permit holder) who has reasonable cause to believe that another licensee or permit holder has engaged in prohibited or unprofessional conduct is required to report the conduct to the Board within ten working days. The statute specifies that failure to report may be cause for disciplinary action by the Board.

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Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

October 11, 2013
January 17, 2014
April 25, 2014
July 18, 2014
October 17, 2014

¹ Board-recognized credentialing registries: ARRT=American Registry of Radiologic Technologists; ARDMS=American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers; ARMRIIT=American Registry of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists; CCI=Cardiac Credentialing International; NMTCB=Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board.