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RULE TITLE: Temporary Licensee

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RULE SUMMARY: This rule will remove the outdated need for Educational plan requirement for Temporary Post-Primary licenses.

RULE TEXT:

(1) Temporary License

(a) 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.

(b) Students may apply for a temporary license under the following conditions:

(A) Students that have successfully completed an approved school's didactic and clinical programs; or

(B) Students that will successfully complete an approved school's didactic and clinical programs within 6 months and will be effective upon completion of the approved school's program; or

(C) Students 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 specified date, and that the student is competent to work under supervision. In this case, a temporary license may be issued which will be valid for up to five months prior to the specified course completion date.

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

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

(e) 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 an imaging modality to a current license.

(a) The temporary post-primary license (TPPL) is intended for current licensees desiring to complete clinical requirements necessary to become credentialed in an additional and different modality. In order for a licensee to acquire the clinical experience, a temporary post-primary license in the desired modality must be acquired from the OBMI. Supervision must be provided by a physician or technologist fully licensed to practice in the same modality as the modality listed on the temporary post-primary license. All practice completed under the TPPL must be specific to the modality on the TPPL and must be applicable to the temporary post-primary licensee's clinical requirements for the licensure modality desiring to be added.

(b) A temporary post-primary license is valid for six months and may be renewed for a single six-month period upon Board approval. In addition, the temporary 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 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.

(c) Levels of supervision for temporary post-primary license: For purposes of this subdivision, temporary post-primary licensees must receive direct supervision for at least the initial six months of the temporary license duration, with indirect supervision for the remaining period of temporary licensure. For purposes of this subsection, 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: The following conditions must be met in order to obtain a temporary post-primary license:

(A) 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 temporary post-primary licensee to one or more specific practice sites;

(B) 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;

(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 the required CT competencies under this section. Competencies shall be performed under supervision of a licensed physician or credentialed CT technologist who physically present in the building and available to assist the temporary licensee as needed. The Board may require documentation or confirmation of supervision and that a technologist who has a temporary license under this paragraph or who is applying for a temporary license under this paragraph 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, does not have a realistic possibility of earning the CT credential, or that the applicant does not have the required supervision. As a condition of holding a temporary CT license, the board may require temporary CT license holders to file periodic reports with the board, including information the board seeks to determine progress toward completing clinical requirements.

(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. These hours must have been earned within the 24-month period directly preceding submission of the application.

(b) Duration of temporary CT license: A temporary CT license is valid for six months and may be renewed for a single six-month period upon Board approval. In addition, the temporary license issued under this subsection may be permitted to have extended renewals for up to two additional six-month periods based upon information the applicant provides to support the request for an extension. The Board may make a ruling on the extension for temporary licensure for CT based upon factors including, but not limited to a review and evaluation of information submitted by the applicant, which must include:

- (A) Documentation that the credentialing registry's clinical requirements cannot be completed within the prescribed timeframe due to limitations of the applicant's clinical practice site; and
- (B) The applicant's written plan regarding how the applicant expects to meet the prerequisites to sit for the registry exam, including information to confirm how many prerequisites have already been completed and will be eligible for inclusion as registry prerequisites.
- (5) The Board, at its discretion and upon a showing of good cause, upon written request submitted to the Board, may extend specific deadlines established in this section to a later specified date, based upon a demonstration of compelling circumstances by the individual making the request for an extension. The Board may grant an extension that is based upon factors including but not limited to pregnancy, military service, or disability. This provision only applies to time limitations established by the Board, and cannot be applicable to time limitations governed by entities other than the board or that are otherwise governed by statute. The extension may be provided through authorization for an additional temporary license for a period of time specified by the Board.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 688.555

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