



Informational Bulletin 2026-02

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To: Veterinary Facilities

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SUBJECT: Clarification of Veterinary Rules Pertaining to Training Requirements for the Operation of Computed Tomography (CT) and Fluoroscopy Equipment.

The Public Health Division, Radiation Protection Services (RPS), is releasing this informational bulletin informing veterinary registrants and interested parties that Oregon Administrative Rules have recently been amended to provide regulatory guidance relating to veterinary CT and fluoroscopy operator training requirements. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) were amended to allow a licensed veterinarian or a certified veterinarian technician who has completed the required training to operate these imaging devices.

Recent written comments received during the rulemaking public comment period demonstrated the need to allow veterinary assistants to activate a CT or fluoroscopic X-ray tube. Amended rules do not address veterinarian assistants who are currently operating CT and fluoroscopic equipment or provide training guidance for future veterinary assistants.

This bulletin is generated to communicate that OAR 333-100-0025 allows for RPS upon its own initiative to grant exemption to administrative rule. Therefore, by meeting the training criteria within the directive listed below, will allow the registrant's veterinary assistant to operate CT and fluoroscopic equipment.

Current Operators

- Successfully complete the X-ray operator training requirements outlined in OAR 333-106-0055(5). Training must be completed by July 1, 2027.
- The registrant provides the assistant with a letter signed by a veterinarian attesting to the type of imaging device's make and model being operated; and complete at least one year's experience activating a CT or fluoroscopic X-ray tube.

Future Operators

- Computed Tomography
 - Successfully complete the X-ray operator training requirements outlined in OAR 333-106-0055(5).

- Successfully complete an Oregon Health Authority approved CT course as required in OAR 333-106-0370(4)(a).
- Complete the manufacturer's application training as outlined in OAR 333-106-0370(4)(b).
- Fluoroscopy
 - Successfully complete an Oregon Health Authority approved X-ray Operator course as outlined in OAR 333-106-0055(5).
 - Successfully complete an Oregon Health Authority approved fluoroscopic course as outlined in OAR 333-106-0205(3)(f)(A).
 - Complete the manufacturer's application training as outlined in OAR 333-106-0205(3)(f)(B).

Training Records

Training records shall be maintained by the registrant for each individual operating CT and fluoroscopic X-ray equipment. Records must meet the requirements in OAR 333-120-0690. When requested by the OHA, records shall be made available. Operator attestation letters and training records are transferrable between veterinary registrants.

Please refer to enclosures for the listing of OHA's approved X-ray training courses and veterinary clinic technical requirements.

If you have any questions, please email at RPS.Exemption@oha.oregon.gov.

Enclosures

Oregon Health Authority Approved X-ray Training Courses
Veterinary Clinics Technical Requirements

RPS Oregon Administrative Rules can be viewed using the link below.

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/RADIATIONPROTECTION/Pages/rules.aspx>