

**Division 705  
RESPIRATORY THERAPIST AND POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS  
LICENSING BOARD  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

**331-705-0015**

**Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

The chairperson and vice chairperson must be elected by the Board. The elected Board chairperson and vice chairperson may serve continuously until the Board elects another chairperson and vice chairperson.

**331-705-0025**

**Vacancies in Office**

If the chairperson or vice chairperson are unable to complete their term, the Board must elect another chairperson or vice chairperson.

**331-705-0035**

**Duties of Officers**

(1) The chairperson or vice chairperson must preside at all meetings. The chairperson or vice chairperson must confer with the Office on matters that come up between meeting dates and matters that need to be placed on the agenda for Board meetings. The chairperson or vice chairperson may order or reorder the agenda.

(2) In the absence of the chairperson or vice chairperson from a meeting or a portion of a meeting, the Board must vote to elect another Board member to run the meeting.

(3) Decisions will be made by a vote of the Board and carried out with a motion and second and vote by majority.

**331-705-0050**

**Definitions**

The following definitions apply to OAR 331-705-0000 through 331-720-0020:

(1) "Affidavit of Licensure" means an original document or other approved means of verifying an authorization to practice (certification, licensure or registration) status and history, including information disclosing all unresolved or outstanding penalties and/or disciplinary actions. Refer to OAR 331-030-0040.

(2) "AASM" means the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

(3) "A-STEP" means the Accredited Sleep Technology Education Program.

(4) "Board" means Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologists Licensing Board.

(5) "BRPT" means Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists.

(6) "CAAHEP" means Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

(7) "CoARC" means Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care.

(8) "NBRC" means the National Board for Respiratory Care.

(9) "Office" means Health Licensing Office.

(10) "Official transcript" means an original document authorized by the appropriate office in the Oregon Department of Education or certified by a college or university indicating applicant identity information, hours and types of course work, examinations and scores that the student has completed. Original documents must be submitted directly to the Office from the college or university by United States Postal Service mail or other recognized mail service providers in a sealed envelope;

(11) "RPSGT" means Registered Polysomnographic Technologists.

(12) "RRT" means Registered Respiratory Therapist.

(13) "Qualified Medical Director for Polysomnography" has the definition set forth in ORS Chapter 688.800.

(14) "Qualified Medical Director for Respiratory Care" has the definition set forth in ORS Chapter 688.800.

**Division 710  
RESPIRATORY THERAPIST AND POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS  
LICENSING BOARD  
APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE**

**331-710-0000**

**Training**

Training, or formal education, required for licensure is a planned sequence of instruction of specific content, pursuant to ORS 688.815(1)(b) and (c), structured to meet stated curriculum objectives which includes evaluation of attainment of those objectives, and offered by a post-secondary educational institution accredited by the Committee On Accreditation For Respiratory Care, or its successors, or recognized by the National Board for Respiratory Care.

**331-710-0010**

**Application Requirements for a Respiratory Therapist License**

An individual applying for licensure to practice respiratory care must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 division 30.
- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by the Office, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000 and be accompanied by payment of the required application and license fees.
- (3) Pass fingerprint-based national criminal background check pursuant to OAR 331-030-0004;
- (4) Be at least 18 years of age and provide official documentation confirming date of birth, such as a copy of the birth certificate, driver's license, passport or military/government identification;
- (5) Submit proof of having a high school diploma or equivalent; and
- (6) Submit satisfactory evidence of having an active credential as an RRT through the NBRC. Proof of having an active RRT credential must be submitted directly to the Office by the NBRC;
- (7) Submit proof of having passed the Respiratory Therapy Oregon Laws and Administrative rules examination within two years before the date of application.
- (8) An individual licensed prior to January 1, 2018 who obtained licensure with a Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) credential through the NBRC is not required to obtain the RRT credential.

NOTE: The applicant is responsible for payment of fees assessed by the organization when obtaining required official documentation.

### **331-710-0015**

#### **Temporary Respiratory Therapist Licensure**

- (1) A respiratory therapist temporary license authorizes a holder to practice respiratory care under supervision and pending passage of the qualifying examination.
- (2) For the purpose of this rule supervision means the required presence of a licensed respiratory therapist or qualified Medical Director for respiratory care within the work location at the same time as the respiratory therapist temporary license holder.
- (3) A respiratory therapist temporary license holder must notify the Office within 10 calendar days of changes in employment status or supervisor.
- (4) A respiratory therapy temporary license is valid for six months and may not be renewed.

### **331-710-0020**

#### **Application Requirements for a Temporary Respiratory Therapist License**

To qualify for a respiratory therapist temporary license the applicant must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 division 30;
- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by the Office, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000 and be accompanied by payment of the required application and license fees;
- (3) Pass fingerprint-based national criminal background check pursuant to OAR 331-030-0004;
- (4) Be at least 18 years of age, and provide official documentation confirming the applicant's date of birth, such as a copy of the birth certificate, driver's license, or passport;
- (5) Submit official transcripts showing proof of having completed an Associate's degree in respiratory therapy or a statement, signed by the Registrar or a Dean of a college or university and sent directly to the Office from that college or university, verifying the applicant has completed all work necessary to obtain a degree in respiratory care; and
- (6) Provide information identifying supervisor pursuant to OAR 331-710-0015.

### **331-710-0050**

#### **Application Requirements for Polysomnographic Technologist License**

(1) An individual applying for licensure to practice polysomnography must:

(a) Meet the requirements of OAR chapter 331 division 30;

(b) Submit a completed application form prescribed by the Office, containing the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000 and accompanied by payment of the required fees;

(c) Pass fingerprint-based national criminal background check pursuant to OAR 331-030-0004;

(d) Be at least 18 years of age, and must provide documentation, confirming date of birth, such as a copy of the birth certificate, driver's license or passport;

(e) Submit proof of having a high school diploma or equivalent;

(f) Submit all required fees; and

(2) Submit documentation of qualification through one of the following pathways:

(a) License Pathway One Academic Degree: An applicant under pathway one must:

(A) Submit official transcripts defined under OAR 331-705-0050 showing successful completion of an Associate's degree in polysomnography, polysomnographic technology, or sleep technology from an accredited community college, college or university, or successful completion of a polysomnography course of study from a CAAHEP accredited institution. In addition to an official transcript defined under 331-705-0050 an applicant who has obtained education through a CAAHEP accredited institution must submit a statement, signed by the Registrar or a Dean of a college or university and sent directly to the Office from that college or university, verifying the applicant has successfully completed a polysomnography course of study;

(B) Submit satisfactory evidence of passage a Board approved examination listed under OAR 331-712-0010(1) within two years before the date of application. Examination results must be submitted to the Office directly from the examination provider; examination results or other documentation provided directly by the applicant are not acceptable; and

(C) Submit satisfactory evidence of having passed the Board approved examination listed under OAR 331-712-0010(3) within two years before the date of application.

(b) License Pathway Two Polysomnographic Technologist Temporary Licensee: An applicant under pathway two applying for permanent licensure must:

(A) Submit documentation showing completion of 18 months of training and work experience pursuant to OAR 331-710-0110, obtained under polysomnographic

technologist temporary-DS licensure (See 331-710-0060) and temporary-IS licensure (See 331-710-0080), including verification by an approved supervisor pursuant to 331-710-0100, and certification of successful completion and satisfactory performance of such experience by a qualified medical director for polysomnography, all on forms provided by the Office;

(B) Submit satisfactory evidence of passage of a Board approved examination listed under OAR 331-712-0010(1) or (2) within two years before the date of application. Examination results must be submitted to the Office directly from the examination provider; examination results or other documentation provided directly by the applicant are not acceptable; and

(C) Submit satisfactory evidence of having passed the Board approved examination listed under OAR 331-712-0010(3) within two years before the date of application.

(c) License Pathway Three Reciprocity: An applicant under pathway three must:

(A) Submit an affidavit of licensure pursuant to OAR 331-030-0040, from every state where the applicant has been licensed as a polysomnographic technologist, including an affidavit of licensure demonstrating proof of a current polysomnographic technologist license from another state, obtained through qualifications substantially equivalent to Oregon's requirements. At least one of the applicant's out-of-state licenses must be active and all of the applicant's out-of-state licenses must not be subject to current or pending disciplinary action, and must be free from disciplinary history for three years before the date of application for Oregon polysomnographic licensure; and

(B) Submit satisfactory evidence of having passed the Board approved examination listed under OAR 331-712-0010(3) within two years before the date of application.

(d) License Pathway Four Endorsement: An applicant may qualify for licensure by endorsement if the applicant holds a qualifying professional credential in another field. An applicant under pathway four must:

(A) Submit an affidavit of licensure pursuant to OAR 331-030-0040 demonstrating proof of a current license, which is active with no current or pending disciplinary action, and no disciplinary history for the three years before the date of application for Oregon polysomnographic licensure, as a:

(B) Physician (Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy) licensed under ORS Chapter 677;

(C) Respiratory therapist licensed under ORS chapter 688 with the RPSGT credential from the BRPT; or

(D) CRT or RRT who holds a Sleep Disorder Specialty credential through NBRC; and

(E) Submit satisfactory evidence of having passed the Board approved examination listed under OAR 331-712-0010(3) within two years before the date of application.

(e) License Pathway Five BRPT Credential: Pursuant to ORS 688.819 an applicant under pathway five must submit documentation showing completion of a combined education and training program required and approved by the BRPT as of March 1, 2013; and must:

(A) Prove successful passage of the RPSGT examination provided by the BRPT:

(i) After completing a combined education and training program required and approved by the BRPT as of March 1, 2013; or

(ii) Before the BRPT required an individual to complete a combined education and training program in order to take the examination, and has since met the education and training requirements established by the BRPT as of March 1, 2013;

(B) Submit satisfactory evidence of having passed the Oregon Laws and Rules examination for polysomnography listed under OAR 331-712-0010(3) within two years before the date of application.

(C) For the purpose of subsection (e) of this rule “education” includes a self-study education program approved by the BRPT as of March 1, 2013.

(D) For the purpose of subsection (e) of this rule combined education and training and examination results must be submitted to the Office directly from the BRPT; examination results or other documentation provided directly by the applicant are not acceptable.

(E) A copy of the 2013 BRPT RPSGT Candidate Handbook is available at the Health Licensing Office or a PDF version is available at <https://www.brpt.org/rpsgt/rpsgt-handbook>.

### **331-710-0060**

#### **Polysomnographic Technologist Temporary-DS (Direct Supervision) Licensure**

(1) A polysomnographic technologist Temporary-DS license authorizes the holder to temporarily practice polysomnography under direct supervision by an approved supervisor.

(2) Direct supervision is supervision of the Temporary-DS licensee by an approved supervisor who is immediately physically present with the Temporary-DS licensee while the Temporary-DS licensee is working, and who exercises direction and control over the Temporary-DS licensee’s work.

(3) A polysomnographic technologist Temporary-DS license holder must notify the Office within 10 calendar days of changes in employment status and changes in supervisor.

(4) A polysomnographic technologist Temporary-DS license is valid for six months and may not be renewed.

### **331-710-0070**

#### **Application Requirements for Polysomnographic Technologist Temporary-DS License**

An applicant for a polysomnographic technologist Temporary-DS license must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR chapter 331 division 30;
- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by the Office, containing the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000 and accompanied by payment of all required fees;
- (3) Pass fingerprint-based national criminal background check pursuant to OAR 331-030-0004;
- (4) Be at least 18 years of age, and must provide documentation confirming date of birth, such as a copy of the birth certificate, driver's license, or passport;
- (5) Submit proof of having a high school diploma or equivalent; and
- (6) Submit a certificate of completion for the AASM A-STEP Self Study Modules; and
- (7) Submit information identifying the applicant's approved supervisor pursuant to OAR 331-710-0100, on a form prescribed by the Office.

### **331-710-0080**

#### **Polysomnographic Technologist Temporary-IS (Indirect Supervision) Licensure**

- (1) A polysomnographic technologist Temporary-IS license authorizes the holder to temporarily practice polysomnography under indirect supervision by an approved supervisor.
- (2) Indirect supervision is supervision of the Temporary-IS licensee by an approved supervisor who is physically present and onsite, but may not be immediately accessible at the sleep facility when the Temporary-IS licensee is working, who reasonably oversees the work of the Temporary-IS licensee, and who is available for questions and assistance when needed.



(3) A polysomnographic technologist Temporary-IS license holder must notify the Office within 10 calendar days of changes in employment status and changes in supervisor.

(4) A polysomnographic technologist Temporary-IS license obtained under OAR 331-710-0090(5)(a) of this rule is valid for one year and may be renewed once.

(5) A polysomnographic technologist Temporary-IS license obtained under OAR 331-710-0090(5)(b) of this rule is valid for one year and may not be renewed.

(6) A Temporary-IS licensee is prohibited from performing services on persons 12 and under.

(7) A polysomnographic technologist temporary-IS license is invalid after passage of all required written examinations listed under OAR 331-712-0010 for a full polysomnographic technologist license under 331-710-0040.

### **331-710-0090**

#### **Application Requirements for Polysomnographic Temporary-IS Licensure**

An applicant for a polysomnographic technologist Temporary-IS license must:

(1) Meet the requirements of OAR chapter 331 division 30;

(2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by the Office, containing the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000 and accompanied by payment of all required fees;

(3) Be at least 18 years of age, and provide official documentation confirming the applicant's date of birth, such as a copy of the birth certificate, driver's license, or passport;

(4) Pass fingerprint-based national criminal background check pursuant to OAR 331-030-0004;

(5) Submit documentation of meeting qualifications listed in one of the following pathways:

(a) Pathway One Temporary Licensee-DS: applying for Temporary-IS licensure the applicant must:

(A) Submit documentation of successful completion of 30 sleep tests as a polysomnographic technologist Temporary-DS licensee, which includes the signatures of an approved supervisor and certification by a qualified medical director for polysomnography of successful completion of 30 sleep studies and satisfactory performance;

(B) Complete and pass the Oregon Laws and Rules examination for polysomnography within two years before the date of registration application;

(C) Submit information identifying the applicant's approved supervisor on a form prescribed by the Office; and

(b) Pathway Two Academic Degree: applying for Temporary-IS licensure the applicant must:

(A) Submit a statement, signed by the Registrar or a Dean of a college or university and sent directly to the Office from that college or university, verifying the applicant has completed all work necessary to obtain an associate's degree in polysomnography, polysomnographic technology, or sleep technology from an accredited community college, college or university, or successful completion of a polysomnography course of study from a CAAHEP accredited institution;

(B) Complete and pass the Oregon Laws and Rules examination for polysomnography within two years before the date of registration application; and

(C) Submit information identifying the applicant's approved supervisor on a form prescribed by the Office.

### **331-710-0100**

#### **Supervision of a Temporary Polysomnographic Technologist**

(1) To be approved as a supervisor of a polysomnographic temporary licensee, an individual must:

(a) Hold a valid polysomnographic technologist license under ORS chapter 688 or provide proof of being a "qualified medical director for polysomnography" as defined in ORS 688.800(3);

(b) Have no current or pending disciplinary action imposed by the Office or other regulatory body; and

(c) Submit proof of having been actively practicing polysomnography for at least three years prior to requesting approval as a supervisor; and

(d) Submit a completed request for approval on a form prescribed by the Office;

(2) A polysomnography supervisor shall not supervise a temporary licensee until all Office required documentation has been completed and submitted to the Office and the supervisor has received Office approval.

(3) A supervisor may supervise up to four patients per shift; whether they are the supervisor's own patients or patients of temporary DS or IS licensees.

(4) An approved supervisor of a Temporary-DS licensee must be immediately physically present with the Temporary-DS licensee while the Temporary-DS licensee is working and must exercise direction and control over the Temporary-DS licensee's work.

(5) An approved supervisor of a Temporary-IS licensee must be physically present and onsite, but may not be immediately accessible at the sleep facility when the Temporary-IS licensee is working, and must reasonably oversee the work of the Temporary-IS licensee, and be available for questions and assistance when needed.

(6) An approved supervisor must notify the Office in writing within 10 calendar days if a temporary polysomnographic technologist licensee is no longer being supervised and must provide the number of hours of training and work experience completed on a form prescribed by the Office.

(7) A designated supervisor must exercise management, guidance, and control over the activities of the temporary polysomnographic technologist and must exercise professional judgment and be responsible for all matters related to the polysomnography.

(8) Approval of a temporary polysomnographic technologist's training and work experience under OAR 331-710-0110 must be documented by the handwritten signature of the approved supervisor, the supervisor's license number, and date of supervisor's review, placed beside the temporary polysomnographic technologist's signature, on a form prescribed by the Office.

(9) An approved supervisor's Office approval may be withdrawn if the supervisor provides incomplete or inadequate training during supervision or falsifies documentation.

(10) This rule is not intended for or required of purely administrative supervisors.

### **331-710-0110**

#### **Training and Work Experience Requirements for Polysomnography**

(1) Training and work experience for polysomnography applicants must involve all of the following:

- (a) Patient interaction & professional behavior;
- (b) Patient assessment;
- (c) Polysomnography theory;
- (d) Performing polysomnography preparation and setup;
- (e) Performing polysomnography recording and monitoring;


- (f) Scoring sleep studies;
- (g) Artifacts, and arrhythmias;
- (h) Sleep related breathing disorders;
- (i) Positive airway pressure and oxygen;
- (j) Evaluation of sleepiness;
- (k) Movement disorders: disorders involving arousal and seizures;
- (l) Scoring waveforms;
- (m) Scoring sleep stages;
- (n) Scoring respiratory events;
- (o) Scoring arousals, electroencephalography abnormalities, movements and cardiac events;
- (p) Sleep deprivation;
- (q) Insomnia;
- (r) Medications and sleep;
- (s) Circadian sleep and shift work
- (t) Arrhythmia recognition;
- (u) Emergency procedures and care;
- (v) Patient education and mask fitting;
- (w) Pediatric sleep; and

(2) For the purpose of this rule “Artifact” means an extraneous electrical signal in a recording channel on a polysomnograph, which originates from the patient, equipment, or external sources, and which may mask or interfere with the desired signal (E.g., snores that appear on the EEG channel, pulses of hypertensive patients that appear on the chin EMG channel, etc.).

(3) A Temporary-IS licensee is prohibited from performing services on persons 12 and under. See OAR 331-710-0080.

(4) Training and work experience do not include sleep studies performed in a home-setting for temporary DS licensees.

(5) Training and work experience may be obtained through sleep studies performed in a clinical or home setting for temporary IS licensees.

**Division 712**  
**RESPIRATORY THERAPIST AND  POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS**  
**LICENSING BOARD**  
**EXAMINATIONS**

**[331-712-0010](#)**

**Polysomnography Approved Examinations**

The Board has approved the following examinations for qualification as a licensed polysomnographic technologist:

- (1) The RPSGT “registration examination” administered by the BRPT;
- (2) The SDS examination administered by the NBRC; and
- (3) The Oregon Laws and Rules examination for polysomnography administered by the Office.

NOTE: An applicant is responsible for direct payment to the organization of all application, examination, national certification or other fees associated with any examination.

**[331-712-0020](#)**

**General Examination Information**

- (1) To be eligible for examination administered by the Office, an applicant must meet identification requirements listed under OAR 331-030-0000.
- (2) The examination is administered in English only, unless an Office approved testing contractor or vendor provides the examination in languages other than English.
- (3) Examination candidates may be electronically monitored during the course of testing.
- (4) Examination candidates must adhere to the maximum time allowance for each section of the examination, as established by the Board.
- (5) Notes, notetaking, textbooks, notebooks, electronic equipment and communication devices, such as personal computers, pagers and cellular telephones or any other devices deemed inappropriate by the Office, are prohibited in the examination area.
- (6) Candidate conduct that interferes with the examination may result in the candidate’s disqualification during or after the examination, the candidate’s examination being deemed invalid, and forfeiture of the candidate’s examination fees. Such conduct includes but is not limited to:

(a) Directly or indirectly giving, receiving, soliciting, attempting to give, receive or solicit aid during the examination process;

(b) Violations of subsections (1), (5), or (6) of this rule;

(c) Removing or attempting to remove any examination-related information, notes or materials from the examination site;

(d) Failing to follow directions relative to the conduct of the examination; and

(e) Exhibiting behavior that impedes the normal progress of the examination.

(7) If the candidate is disqualified from taking the examination or the candidate's examination is deemed invalid for reasons under subsection (6) of this rule, the candidate may be required to reapply, submit additional examination fees, and request in writing to schedule a new examination date, before being considered for another examination opportunity.

**Division 715  
RESPIRATORY THERAPIST AND POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS  
LICENSING BOARD  
LICENSURE; RENEWAL**

**331-715-0000**

**License Display and Posting Requirements**

- (1) A licensee must show proof of valid license with the Office upon request or post the license document in public view at the licensee's primary workplace.
- (2) A licensee may temporarily conceal the address printed on the license document with a covering that is removable.
- (3) A licensee must carry the license identification card (pocket card) with them, or post in plain view, the official license anytime services are being provided.

**331-715-0010**

**License Issuance and Renewal**

- (1) A licensee is subject to the provisions of OAR chapter 331, division 30 regarding the renewal of a license, and provisions regarding authorization to practice, identification, and requirements for issuance of a duplicate license.
- (2) License renewal under this rule is valid for one year.
- (3) LICENSE RENEWAL: To avoid delinquency penalties, license renewal must be made prior to the license entering inactive status. The licensee must submit the following:
  - (a) Renewal application form;
  - (b) Payment of required renewal fee pursuant to OAR 331-705-0060;
  - (c) Attestation of having obtained required continuing education under OAR 331-720-0010 or 331-720-0015, on a form prescribed by the Office, whether license is current or inactive; and
  - (d) Attest to having provided the required information to the Oregon Health Authority pursuant to ORS 676.410;
  - (e) Pay fee established by Oregon Health Authority pursuant to ORS 676.410; and
  - (f) Information, on a form prescribed by the Office, permitting the Office to perform a state criminal background check pursuant to OAR 331-030-0004;



(4) **INACTIVE LICENSE RENEWAL:** A license may be inactive for up to three years. A licensee who is inactive is not authorized to practice. When renewing after entering inactive status, the licensee must submit the following:

(a) Renewal application form;

(b) Payment of delinquency and license fees pursuant to OAR 331-705-0060;

(c) Attestation of having obtained required continuing education under OAR 331-720-0010 or 331-720-0015, on a form prescribed by the Office, whether license is current or inactive;

(d) Attest to having provided the required information to the Oregon Health Authority pursuant to ORS 676.410;

(e) Pay fee established by Oregon Health Authority pursuant to ORS 676.410; and

(f) Information, on a form prescribed by the Office, permitting the Office to perform a state criminal background check pursuant to OAR 331-030-0004;

(5) **EXPIRED LICENSE:** A license that has been inactive for more than three years is expired and the licensee must reapply for licensure and meet the requirements listed in OAR 331-710-0010 or 331-710-0050.

**Division 718  
RESPIRATORY THERAPIST AND POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS  
LICENSING BOARD  
STANDARDS OF PRACTICE**

**331-718-0000**

**Standards of Practice for Respiratory Care**

(1) A licensee must comply with the prevailing community standards for professional conduct. The Board recognizes and adopts the American Association of Respiratory Care (AARC) Statement of Ethics and Professional Conduct effective April 2015 as its professional standards model. Documents are available on the AARC Website at <https://www.aarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/statement-of-ethics.pdf>.

(2) At minimum, licensees are subject to directives and policies established by the medical facilities, businesses or agencies by which they are employed or regulated.

(3) A licensee must comply with the following safety and infection control requirements:

(a) All devices or items that come into direct contact with a client must be cleaned, sanitized or disinfected according to the manufacturer's instructions or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Standard Precautions;

(b) All items that come in direct contact with the client's skin that do not require disinfecting must be clean;

(c) All items that come in direct contact with the client's skin that cannot be cleaned or disinfected must be disposed of in a covered waste receptacle immediately after use;

(d) All disinfecting solutions and agents must be kept at adequate strengths to maintain effectiveness, be free of foreign material and be available for immediate use at all times unless equipment is prepackaged and pre-sterilized;

(e) All high-level and low-level disinfecting agents must be approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency registered. High-level disinfectant means a chemical agent which has demonstrated tuberculocidal activity. Low-level disinfectant means a chemical agent which has demonstrated bactericidal, germicidal, fungicidal and limited viricidal activity;

(f) Before use, disposable prepackaged products and sterilized re-usable instruments must be stored in clean, sterilized containers that can be closed between treatments to maintain effective sterilization of the instrument until removed from the container.

(4) A licensee must observe and follow the Standard Precautions adopted by the CDC as defined in OAR 437 division 2, subdivision Z, and the CDC Standard Precautions for public service workers regarding personal protection equipment and disposal of blood or

bodily fluid contaminated articles, tools and equipment when providing services to patients.

### **331-718-0010**

#### **Pharmacological Agents for Respiratory Care**

(1) A licensee administering intravenous narcotics, paralytics and opioids under ORS 688.800(3)(a) is prohibited from monitoring the patient and must have another qualified licensed individual present to monitor the patient throughout procedures with intravenous narcotics, paralytics and opioids.

(2) All policies, procedures and protocols for respiratory therapists related to administration of intravenous pharmacological agents must be made available to the Office if requested.

### **331-718-0020**

#### **Standards of Practice for Polysomnography**

(1) A licensee must comply with the prevailing community standards for professional conduct. The Board recognizes and adopts the BRPT Standards of Conduct as its professional standards model. Documents are available on the BRPT Website at <http://www.brpt.org>.

(2) At minimum, licensees are subject to directives and policies established by the medical facilities, businesses or agencies by which they are employed or regulated.

(3) A licensee must comply with the following safety and infection control requirements:

(a) All devices or items that come into direct contact with a client must be cleaned or disinfected according to the manufacturer's instructions or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Standard Precautions;

(b) All items that come in direct contact with the client's skin that do not require disinfecting must be clean;

(c) All items that come in direct contact with the client's skin that cannot be cleaned or disinfected must be disposed of in a covered waste receptacle immediately after use;

(d) All disinfecting solutions and agents must be kept at adequate strengths to maintain effectiveness, be free of foreign material and be available for immediate use at all times unless equipment is prepackaged, pre-sterilized and within the expiration date listed on the label of the disinfecting solution;

(e) All high-level and low-level disinfecting agents must be EPA registered. High-level disinfectant means a chemical agent which has demonstrated tuberculocidal activity.

Low-level disinfectant means a chemical agent which has demonstrated bactericidal, germicidal, fungicidal and limited virucidal activity;

(f) Before use instruments must be stored in clean containers that can be closed between use to maintain effective cleanliness until removed from the container.

(g) Masks must be disinfected before each use on a client with a high-level disinfectant used according to manufacturer's instructions.

(4) A licensee must observe and follow the Standard Precautions adopted by the CDC as defined in OAR 437 division 2, subdivision Z, and the CDC Standard Precautions for public service workers regarding personal protection equipment and disposal of blood or bodily fluid contaminated articles, tools and equipment when providing services to patients.

**Division 720**  
**RESPIRATORY THERAPIST AND POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS**  
**LICENSING BOARD — CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**331-720-0010**

**Continuing Education Requirements for Respiratory Care**

- (1) To maintain licensure, a respiratory care practitioner must complete a minimum of seven hours of continuing education every year. At least 2.5 hours of the required continuing education must be related to clinical practice of respiratory care defined under ORS 688.800.
- (2) A license holder must document compliance with the continuing education requirement through attestation on the license renewal application. A licensee is subject to provisions of OAR 331-720-0020 pertaining to periodic audit of continuing education.
- (3) The subject matter of the continuing education listed in subsection (1) of this rule must be specifically related to respiratory care as outlined in ORS 688.800(5).
- (4) Satisfactory continuing education must be obtained by participation in or attendance at a course provided by:
  - (a) An institution of higher education accredited by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, the State Board of Higher Education, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission, American Medical Association Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation in collaboration with the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care, or its successor, or the Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs offering an Associate Degree in Respiratory Care; or
  - (b) The NBRC, AARC, Oregon Medical Association, the Oregon Osteopathic Association, the American Medical Association Continuing Medical Education, the American Osteopathic Association, the American Nurses Association, or other professional or medical organizations or associations which conduct educational meetings, workshops, symposiums, and seminars where continuing education credit is offered and where subject matter meets the requirements under subsection (3) or (6) of this rule;
- (5) Continuing education may include teaching a course sponsored by a continuing education provider listed in subsection (4) of this rule and where the subject matter meets the requirements under subsection (3) of this rule provided that no more than half the required hours be in teaching.

(6) Notwithstanding any other continuing education requirements, in order to be eligible to renew a license, an authorization holder must obtain one unit of continuing education in cultural competency (CCCE) every other time the authorization is subject to renewal. The requirement of this paragraph is effective on and after July 1, 2021. The CCCE must be either:

(a) Approved by the Oregon Health Authority; or

(b) Meet the skills requirements established by the Oregon Health Authority by rule; or

(c) One of the educational institutions or organizations listed in subsection (4) of this rule which are in compliance with one of the requirements listed in subsection (7) of this rule.

(7) The Board encourages completion of required CCCE from the approved list promulgated by the Oregon Health Authority, available on the Board's website. The Board shall also accept CCCE that is not obtained from the Oregon Health Authority's approved list, to the extent the Board determines the CCCE meets the skills requirements established by the Oregon Health authority in rules that are effective at the time the CCCE is obtained.

(8) Section (6) does not apply to authorization holders who are:

(a) Retired and not practicing the profession in any state;

(b) Not practicing the profession in this state; or

(c) Residing in this state, but not practicing in the profession in any state.

(9) Obtaining and maintaining proof of participation in required continuing education is the responsibility of the licensee. The licensee must ensure that adequate proof of attainment of required continuing education is available for audit or investigation or when otherwise requested by the agency. Adequate proof of participation is listed under OAR 331-720-0020(3).

(10) Documentation of participation in continuing education requirements must be maintained for a period of two years following renewal and must be available to the agency upon request.

(11) For the purpose of this rule continuing education hours mean actual academic, classroom, or course work time, including but not limited to workshops, symposiums, or seminars. Continuing education hours do not include travel time to or from the training site, registration or check-in periods, breaks or lunch periods.

### **[331-720-0015](#)**

### **Continuing Education Requirements for Polysomnography**

- (1) To maintain licensure, a polysomnographic technologist must complete a minimum of seven hours of continuing education every year.
- (2) A license holder must document compliance with the continuing education requirement through attestation on the license renewal application. A licensee is subject to provisions of OAR 331-720-0020 pertaining to periodic audit of continuing education.
- (3) The subject matter of the continuing education must be specifically related to polysomnography as outlined in ORS 688.800(2).
- (4) Satisfactory continuing education must be obtained by participation in or attendance at a course provided by:
  - (a) An institution of higher education accredited by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, the State Board of Higher Education, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission, American Medical Association Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation in collaboration with the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care, or its successor, or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs in Polysomnographic Technology; or
  - (b) The BRPT, AARC, Oregon Medical Association, the Oregon Osteopathic Association, the American Medical Association Continuing Medical Education, the American Osteopathic Association, the American Nurses Association, American Association of Sleep Technologists and its affiliates, or other professional or medical organizations or associations which conduct educational meetings, workshops, symposiums, and seminars where CEU credit is offered and where subject matter meets the requirements under subsection (4) of this rule;
- (5) Continuing education may include teaching a course sponsored by a continuing education provider listed in subsection (3) of this rule and where the subject matter meets the requirements under subsection (4) of this rule (provided that no more than half the required hours be in teaching). (5) Notwithstanding any other continuing education requirements, in order to be eligible to renew a license, an authorization holder must obtain one unit of continuing education in cultural competency (CCCE) every other time the authorization is subject to renewal. The requirement of this paragraph is effective on and after July 1, 2021. The CCCE must be either:
  - (a) Approved by the Oregon Health Authority; or
  - (b) Meet the skills requirements established by the Oregon Health Authority by rule; or
  - (c) One of the educational institutions or organizations listed in subsection (4) of this rule which are in compliance with one of the requirements listed in subsection (7) of this rule.

(6) The Board encourages completion of required CCCE from the approved list promulgated by the Oregon Health Authority, available on the Board's website. The Board shall also accept CCCE that is not obtained from the Oregon Health Authority's approved list, to the extent the Board determines the CCCE meets the skills requirements established by the Oregon Health authority in rules that are effective at the time the CCCE is obtained.

(7) Section (5) does not apply to authorization holders who are:

(a) Retired and not practicing the profession in any state;

(b) Not practicing the profession in this state; or

(c) Residing in this state, but not practicing in the profession in any state.

(7) Obtaining and maintaining proof of participation in required continuing education is the responsibility of the licensee. The licensee must ensure that adequate proof of attainment of required continuing education is available for audit or investigation or when otherwise requested by the agency. Adequate proof of participation is listed under OAR 331-720-0020(3).

(8) Documentation of participation in continuing education requirements must be maintained for a period of two years following renewal and must be available to the agency upon request.

(9) For the purpose of this rule continuing education hours mean actual academic, classroom, or course work time, including but not limited to workshops, symposiums, or seminars. Continuing education hours do not include travel time to or from the training site, registration or check-in periods, breaks or lunch periods.

### **331-720-0020**

#### **Continuing Education: Audit, Required Documentation and Sanctions**

(1) The Oregon Health Licensing Agency will audit a select percentage of licenses to verify compliance with continuing education requirements.

(2) Licensees notified of selection for audit of continuing education attestation must submit to the Office, within 30 calendar days from the date of issuance of the notification, satisfactory evidence of participation in required continuing education in accordance with OAR 331-720-0010, Continuing Education Requirements for Respiratory Care; or 331-720-0015, Continuing Education Requirements for Polysomnography

(3) Evidence of successful completion of the required continuing education must include the following:



- (a) Name of continuing education sponsor/provider;
  - (b) Course agenda — including the date of the training and breakdown of hours for each agenda item, lunch and breaks;
  - (c) Course outline — including a detailed summary of each topic discussed and the learning objective or training goal of each agenda item; The content of the course must have a direct relationship between the course training and subject matter related to Respiratory Care as set forth in OAR 331-720-0010, or Polysomnography as set forth in 331-720-0015;
  - (d) Background resume of speakers or instructors; and
  - (e) Documentation of attendance or successful course completion. Examples include a certificate, transcript, sponsor statement or affidavit attesting to attendance, diploma.
- (4) If documentation of continuing education is incomplete, the licensee has 30 calendar days from the date of the deficiency notice to correct the deficiency and submit further documentation of completion of the required continuing education.
- (5) Misrepresentations of continuing education or failure to complete continuing education requirements may result in disciplinary action, which may include, but is not limited to assessment of a civil penalty and suspension or revocation of the license.

**Division 735**  
**RESPIRATORY THERAPIST AND POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS**  
**LICENSING BOARD**  
**CIVIL PENALTIES**

**331-735-0000**

**Schedule of Penalties for Licensees Obtaining an Initial License or Renewing a License –**

(1) Office has adopted the following presumptive penalty schedule for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd violation of a licensee's failure to report a misdemeanor or felony conviction when applying for an initial license or renewing a license. This schedule applies, except at the discretion of the Office pursuant to ORS 676.992 and OAR 331-. For the 4th and subsequent offenses, the provisions of ORS 676.992 apply.

(a) Failure to report a misdemeanor conviction is a violation of ORS 676.612(2)(k):

(A) 1st offense: \$250;

(B) 2nd offense: \$500;

(C) 3rd offense: \$1000;

(D) 4th offense: Monetary penalty and any other actions allowed by law including revocation of suspended authorization to practice and refusal to issue a new authorization to practice to a revoked authorization holder.

(b) Failure to report a felony arrest is a violation of ORS 676.612(2)(k):

(A) 1st offense: \$250;

(B) 2nd offense: \$500;

(C) 3rd offense: \$1000;

(D) 4th offense: Monetary penalty and any other actions allowed by law including revocation of suspended authorization to practice and refusal to issue a new authorization to practice to a revoked authorization holder.

(c) Failure to report a felony conviction is a violation of ORS 676.612(2)(k):

(A) 1st offense: \$500;

(B) 2nd offense: \$1000;

(C) 3rd offense: \$1500;

(D) 4th offense: Monetary penalty and any other actions allowed by law including revocation of suspended authorization to practice and refusal to issue a new authorization to practice to a revoked authorization holder.

### **331-735-0010**

#### **Schedule of Penalties for Practitioner Violations**

The Office has adopted the following presumptive penalty schedule for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd violation of practitioner licensing laws and rules. This schedule applies, except at the discretion of the Office pursuant to ORS 676.992. For the 4th and subsequent offenses, the provisions of ORS 676.992 apply.

(1) Performing, attempting to perform, or purporting to perform services in a field of practice without proper certification, temporary practitioner is a violation of ORS 688.802 or 688.803.

#### **(a) Never held or expired:**

(A) 1st offense: \$1000;

(B) 2nd offense: \$2500;

(C) 3rd offense \$5000.

(D) 4th offense: Monetary penalty and any other actions allowed by law including revocation of suspended authorization to practice and refusal to issue a new authorization to practice to a revoked authorization holder.

#### **(b) Inactive:**

(A) 1st offense: \$200;

(B) 2nd offense: \$500;

(C) 3rd offense: \$1000

(D) 4th offense: Monetary penalty and any other actions allowed by law including revocation of suspended authorization to practice and refusal to issue a new authorization to practice to a revoked authorization holder.

#### **(c) Suspended or revoked:**

(A) 1st offense: \$2500;

(B) 2nd offense: \$5000;

(C) 3rd offense: Monetary penalty and any other actions allowed by law including revocation of suspended authorization to practice and refusal to issue a new authorization to practice to a revoked authorization holder.

**Division 740**  
**RESPIRATORY THERAPIST AND POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS**  
**LICENSING BOARD**  
**FEES**

**331-740-0000**

**Fees**

(1) An applicant or licensee are subject to the provisions of OAR 331-010-0010 and 331-010-0020 regarding the payment of fees, penalties and charges.

(2) Fees established by the Office pursuant to ORS 676.607 are as follows:

(a) Application:

(A) License: \$50.

(B) Temporary license: \$50.

(b) Examination — Oregon laws & rules: \$50.

(c) Original issuance of authorization to practice:

(A) License: \$50.

(B) Temporary license: \$50.

(C) Temporary six-month license: \$50

(d) Renewals:

(A) Licenses: \$50.

(B) Online license: \$45

(C) Temporary license: \$50

(e) Delinquent (late) renewal of license: \$50 for each year in inactive status up to three years.

(f) Replacement of license, including name change: \$25.

(g) Duplicate license document: \$25 per copy with maximum of three.

(h) Affidavit of licensure for reciprocity: \$50.

(i) Information packets: \$10

(j) An additional \$25 administrative processing fee will be assessed if a NSF or non-negotiable instrument is received for payment of fees, penalties and charges. Refer to OAR 331-010-0010.