



WEST VIRGINIA RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS

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Happy New Year!

This issue of the Board's Newsletter will provide you with important changes that have been made over the past year. The Board's Secretary (Randy Fink) retired in 2013, and we were fortunate that our new Secretary (Sharon Bleu). Sharon and

I encourage you to continue to submit your comments and recommendations to the address above. The Board's website is available 24 hours daily. Please visit the website (www.wvrtboard.org) for the most up to date information. We also encourage you to contact the Board Office by phone at 304-787-4398 - Toll Free: 1-877-609-9869, or email (wvrtboe@suddenlinkmai.com) with any questions or suggestions you may have.

Nancy Godby, Executive Director

MRI AND NM APPRENTICE

Licensure of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Nuclear Medicine (NM) went into effect July 1, 2007 and provided five year apprenticeships in MRI and NM. MRI and NM Apprentices acquired in 2007 expired during 2012. There is no provision for an extension of the original Apprentice License and once an individual uses their allowable five year apprenticeship they cannot renew the existing apprenticeship and are not eligible to apply for a new apprenticeship. Individuals must become nationally certified in MRI or NM within the allowable five (5) consecutive years of apprenticeship. If they fail to do so their Apprenticeship expires and the individual can no longer perform MRI and/or NM.

Apprenticeships are available for individuals that hold a current valid Medical Imaging & Radiation Therapy Technology License. If you are interested in an Apprenticeship in either MRI or NM, contact the Board Office. For additional details, select and review the "Apprentice License (Original and Renewals)" document within the "Applications and Renewals" option on the website.

FACILITY SITE INSPECTIONS

Facility site inspections is an ongoing process to assure posting of licenses as well as to assure individuals performing medical imaging procedures hold a current valid medical imaging license with the Board. Requirements for posting and fines associated with improper posting can be found on the website by selecting "Existing Regulations" and "Series 1 - General Rules of the Board".

The most common posting violations continue to be posting the registration (pocket) card, expired license posted, as well as failure to obtain an MRI or NM Apprenticeship to allow for cross training.

2014 WEST VIRGINIA STATE HOLIDAY CALENDAR

The Board Office is closed for all Holidays recognized by the State of West Virginia. Please note and plan accordingly for the following dates:

January 1, 2014 - New Years Day
January 20, 2014 - Martin Luther King Day
February 17, 2014 - Presidents' Day
May 13, 2014 - Primary Election Day
May 26, 2014 - Memorial Day
June 20, 2014 - West Virginia Day
July 4, 2014 - Independence Day
September 1, 2014 - Labor Day
October 13, 2014 - Columbus Day
November 4, 2014 - Election Day
November 11, 2014 - Veterans' Day
November 27 and 28, 2014 - Thanksgiving
December 24, 2014 (half day) - Christmas
December 25, 2014 - Christmas
December 31, 2014 (half day) - New Years Eve

CONTINUING EDUCATION

All licensed Technologists are required complete twenty four (24) hours of Category A Continuing Education (CE) before licenses are renewed, (reference "Series 2 Continuing Education" listed in "Existing Regulations").

If you mail your renewal application, you must submit a copy of your active pocket card from your national certification agency (i.e. American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT); American Registry of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists (ARMRIT); Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB); or American Society of Podiatric Medical Assistants (ASPMA) along with the appropriate fee. If you renew online and are ACTIVE with the national certification agency you do not need to submit written documentation. The Board conducts online primary source verification for all continuing education prior to issuance of renewals. For additional details, select and review the "Continuing Education Information" document on the website.

WEBSITE

The Board continues to review and update the website. There have been many changes throughout the past year. New forms have been added and many of the existing forms have been updated and placed on the Board's letterhead. All documents on the website are in PDF format, and Adobe Reader can be downloaded from the Board's Website by selecting the icon at the bottom of the home page. We continue to improve the website and encourage you to contact us for items you would like to see added.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Sonography Legislation introduced by the Board was once again unsuccessful in 2012. We will continue to monitor for future opportunities.

The Board Office underwent an audit from the Performance Evaluation and Research Division (PERD) that concluded with a presentation to the Joint Committee(s) on Government Operations and Government Organization at an Interim Committee Meeting held on September 24, 2013. The complete report is available for review at:

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Joint/PERD/perdrep/radtech_9_2013.pdf

LICENSE RENEWALS

License Application and Renewal Forms were updated in 2013 and are readily available online. If you do not have access to the internet, contact the office and we will mail you the necessary form(s).

EMAIL REMINDERS were in the fall of 2012 and continue to be utilized as a method to provide a courtesy reminder that your Medical Imaging License is expiring. As you renew, please be sure to review and update your email address information to allow for important notices to be forwarded directly to you from the Board.

RENEWING ONLINE: The Board strongly encourages everyone to use the online credit card renewal process to avoid delays or lapse in license. You can renew your Medical Imaging License using major credit cards by going to the Board's web page, www.wvrtboard.org and clicking on the "Credit Card Licensing". Please note that the online credit card renewal is a five (5) step process which, when completed, will allow the technologist to print a Conditional Certificate to allow them to work for seven (7) days until their annual renewal license is processed and mailed from the office. It is very important that you proceed through all five (5) steps of the process. A license cannot be issued without verification of Category A Continuing Education (CE) compliance. If the Board staff cannot verify your CE's with the national credentialing agency through an online primary source verification and you do not respond to the request from the Board to verify your CE compliance, your renewal transaction will be voided, the charge will be credited back to your credit card, and a letter will be sent to you and your employer. If this results in your license expiring before a new one is issued, you will be charged a reinstatement-late fee.

RENEWING BY MAIL: If you mail your application to the Board Office and fail to submit documentation of your CE's along with the appropriate fee, the application and fee will be returned to you. As with the credit card transactions, if the office returns your application and fee due to incomplete information and your license expires, you will be charged the reinstatement fee.

Contact the Board Office with any questions you may have with the application and/or renewal process.

BOARD MEETING DATES

The date and location of all Board Meetings are posted on the Secretary of State's Website:

<http://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/meetingnotices/>

Meeting dates have also been added to the home page of the Board's website. An Agenda for each meeting will be posted on the Board's Website prior to the meeting, or you can always contact the Board Office to verify meeting dates and to obtain a copy of the Agenda. Board Meeting Minutes are posted on the website (once approved) and can be found by selecting the "For Your Information" option.

Tentative dates for Board Meetings in 2014 are as follows:

March 13, 2014
June 5, 2014
August 21, 2014
October 16, 2014
December 2014, (date to be determined)

BOARD MEMBERS

There are currently five (5) vacant Board positions, and names have been submitted to the Governor for consideration and appointment. Please contact the Board office if you have an interest in serving. Current Board Members are as follows:

Nancy Oughton, Board Chair
MRI Technologist

Eva Hallis, Board Secretary
Education Representative

Alice Belmont
Radiologic Technologist

Tuanya Layton
Nuclear Medicine Technologist

Vacant Board Positions:
Radiologist, (vacant since 11-22-11)
Licensed Physician, (vacant since 02-21-12)
Radiologic Technologist, (vacant since 04-02-2012)
Radiologist, (vacant since 03-15-2013)
Lay-Member, (vacant since 12-02-2013)

CONTACT THE BOARD

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