

KENTUCKY BOARD OF MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

JANUARY 2016

CONTINUING EDUCATION

201 KAR 46:060. The number of hours required in a biennium remains the same:

- ◆ Medical imaging technologists, advanced imaging professionals, radiographers, nuclear medicine technologists, and radiation therapists must obtain a minimum of twenty-four (24) continuing education units (CEUs), and
- ◆ Limited X-Ray machine operators (LXMOs) shall obtain a minimum of twelve (12) CEUs per biennium; minimum of 6 CEUs must relate to radiation safety or medical imaging.

Consistent with ARRT guidelines, continuing education units shall be directly relevant to the professional growth and development of the licensee. CEUs may be earned by completing any of the following educational activities:

- ◆ Academic courses that relate to the radiologic sciences or patient care, including biologic sciences, physical sciences, radiologic sciences, health and medical sciences, social sciences, communication (verbal and written), mathematics, computers, management, or education methodology and are offered by an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Subjects not acceptable include astronomy, fine arts, geology, geography, history, music, philosophy, and religion.
- ◆ CEUs offered by individuals, organizations, or institutions that have been approved by the board.
- ◆ CEUs approved by a professional organization recognized by the board and designated as a Recognized Continuing Education Evaluation Mechanism (RCEEM).

One CEU equals 50 contact minutes in a **pre-approved** continuing education program; credit requests after the event will not be accepted.

One academic semester hour/credit equals 15 CEUs.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT

Licensees will no longer submit evidence of continuing education unless audited, similar to the ARRT process. Each licensee will be responsible for obtaining the required CEUs and submitting documentation **only** if requested by the board for audit. Each licensee shall maintain all documentation verifying successful completion of CEUs for the current and prior biennium. For example, if the biennium ends January 31, 2016, save all records for 2014-2016

until January 31, 2018. Documentation shall include:

- (1) Official transcripts for completed academic courses;
- (2) A copy of the program showing an individual was a presenter of an approved continuing education program (equal to 2 times length of program); or
- (3) Completion certificates or cards (including ASRT

or SNMMI printout) for continuing education programs.

The board will audit a licensee randomly each year.

Each licensee selected for audit shall furnish documentation of completed CEUs on a form provided by the board.

Temporary licensees do not need to accrue CEUs.

KEY INFORMATION:

- *Online License renewal*
- *Annual renewal fee; biennial CE—similar to ARRT*
- *No changes in number of CE needed .*
- *Licensees will NOT submit CE to the Board unless it is requested for audit.*

OTHER NEWS:

- *Criminal background checks, obtained within the past 6 months in state of residence and employment and any other state of residence and employment within the past 5 years, will be required for temporary and initial applications.*
- *Provisional training license will be available for medical imaging technologists and radiation therapists, allowing:*
 - *CNMTs and RT(T)s to complete clinical competency necessary to sit for the ARRT-CT exam; NMTCB-CT exam not accepted.*
 - *RT(R)s and RT(T)s to complete clinical competency necessary to sit for the NMTCB-PET exam.*

BOARD MEMBERS:

Sheryl Abercrombie, RT(R)(CT),
Chair
Andrea Cornuelle, RT(R),
Vice Chair
Carol Scherbak, RT(T)
Cynthia Knapp, CNMT
Amy Adkins, RT(R)(CT)(MR)
Steve Wells, RT(R)
Betty Brown, RT(R)(M)(QM)
Jacob Hack, LXMO
Acena Beck, Community
Representative
Elizabeth Morgan, RT(R)
Executive Director,
Elizabeth.Morgan@ky.gov
Megan Satterly, Temporary Front
Office: P) 502-782-5687