

**Kentucky Board of Medical Imaging and
Radiation Therapy**

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Fellow Licensee,

For the past several years, the Kentucky Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy has worked to revise the regulations that describe, in detail, how the statute (law) will be implemented. While there are a few changes and/or additions to the regulations, most of the revisions were essentially a reorganization of the 2007 regulations. On May 27, 2015, the Board held a public hearing where it received oral comments on proposed regulations and also received written comments relative to the revisions. The Board made amendments to four of the regulations, based upon comments received. Those comments and responses (SOCs: Statements of Consideration) are currently posted on the kbmirt.ky.gov website. On October 13, 2015, the legislative Administration Regulation Revision Subcommittee met and approved the revisions.

The following is a summary of some of the changes and/or new regulations approved:

- 201 KAR 46:050. Provisional training license for medical imaging technologists and radiation therapists. Currently, neither a nuclear medicine technologist nor a radiation therapist is able to perform CT exams to meet the clinical competency requirements to sit for the ARRT-CT examination. Likewise, a radiographer or radiation therapist cannot perform PET scans to demonstrate clinical competence for the PET exam. This new regulation will allow these licensees to complete clinical requirements to sit for the ARRT exam. The process for doing so is described within this regulation
- 201 KAR 46:060. Continuing education requirements. Currently, licensees must submit documentation of continuing education hours to the Board. In the future, licensees will maintain their own records and submit a list of a minimum of 24 CE hours (radiographer, nuclear medicine technologist, radiation therapist and advanced radiation professional) or 12 hours of CE for the limited x-ray machine operator every other year when renewing their license. Similar to what the ARRT and NMTCB does, the KBMIRT will conduct audits; which means that licensees will only submit documentation if audited. The board is changing the CEU process with the new regulations so licensees will just submit CEU title, CEU approval number and credit hours and the licensee will maintain their own documents for possible audit by the Board. As we get closer to the implementation of this regulation, the Board will provide additional details relative to the process. If your current CE cycle for KBMIRT does not match your CE cycle for ARRT or NMTCB, please contact the board in writing requesting a cycle adjustment. The goal is to reduce the burden on the licensee while still meeting CE requirements.
- 201 KAR 46:020. Fees. The fee for the license has not been increased in 23+ years. In the future, licensees will renew their license for \$50 annually; submission of a list of continuing

education titles and credit hours will be due every two years, the same as what is required for ARRT and NMTCB. Other fees will also increase. For example, the fee for candidates for the limited x-ray machine operator license must sit for the ARRT limited scope exam, which is administered through the KBMIRT. Currently, the ARRT charges the KBMIRT \$125 per person, however, the candidate pays only \$70 to take this exam. The board is increasing the cost only enough to recover the cost of the exam for limited x-ray machine operators and the cost of processing the results.

Revising the regulations has been a tedious process that required hundreds of hours of time expended by the Regulations Subcommittee of the Board. During the ARRS meeting on October 13, these efforts did not go unnoticed, as Rep. Mary Lou Marzian, co-chair, recognized the hard work of the Board representatives and praised the Board for being “a joy to work with.” The Board realizes that regulations must be revised periodically, so the support of Rep. Marzian is welcomed.

Please watch for future emails outlining the Board activities and information relative to the revised and new regulations. The Board continues to work for high standards for our professions, consistent with our licensure law and other professional boards in Kentucky.

Regards,

The Kentucky Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy