



DO YOU OFFER REVIEW COURSES FOR ARRT EXAMS?

Here's what you need to know

Individuals preparing to take exams from The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists® (ARRT®) are often nervous about how well they know the material. They might turn to review courses for assistance. At ARRT, we recognize that some candidates rely on such services. Nevertheless, we don't offer exam preparation courses and we don't endorse any such courses. To avoid confusing candidates—and crossing legal boundaries—it is important for course providers to follow federal and state laws and ARRT's policies regarding the use of its intellectual property, including copyrighted material and trademarks.

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All ARRT exams are copyrighted and all consultants and individuals who take ARRT exams contractually agree to keep confidential any examination content or other proprietary information. In other words, they can't provide details about the questions on the exams to anyone so don't ask them to do so.

We set those restrictions to protect the validity of scores derived from our exams. ARRT certification and registration is a valuable credential in the profession and required by certain employers. The exam is also used by many states as a basis for issuing licenses to practice. Security is critical to ensure that exam scores are reliable and valid measures of the knowledge and cognitive skills underlying the tasks typically required at entry level for the practice of medical imaging, interventional procedures and radiation therapy. Thus, the validity of our exams speaks to the quality of the professionals who earn ARRT credentials. That, in turn, affects the quality of the care available to patients nationwide.

In the past, some organizations have asked examinees to recall or provide the gist of exam questions and answers they remember. Such situations generally lead to ethics investigations, legal action, or both. Remember: U.S. copyright law protects our exam materials and ARRT's Standards of Ethics designates attempts to subvert the integrity of the exam as an ethics violation.

Please do not solicit candidates, or certified and registered individuals for exam materials. In your registry review material avoid any references to "sample ARRT items," "real ARRT questions," "mirror images" of ARRT exams, or similar phrasing that suggests your review course materials match questions on ARRT exams. If someone offers you information about an ARRT exam, decline—and [contact us](#) via our website or by calling 651.681.3198.

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- Our acronym (ARRT®)
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Consider Including These Disclaimers

To help make sure you don't get involved in ARRT ethics investigations or lawsuits, state clearly in your materials that you won't ask ARRT examinees to:

- Reveal our copyrighted examination materials or any other proprietary information,
- Provide any specific "insider" information about their exam experiences,
- Discuss anything about the ARRT exam that isn't already public information.

In addition, be sure not to imply that your review course has more access to ARRT content than the general public has.

Still not sure what's OK? Refer to the grid below, watch our exam security video found in our [video library](#), or [contact us](#) via our website or by calling 651.681.3198.

Thanks for Your Cooperation

We appreciate that you share our mission of promoting a high standards of patient care in medical imaging, interventional procedures and radiation therapy and we believe that knowing and respecting the policies set-out in this flyer will help ensure that only qualified candidates pass ARRT exams.

WHAT IS OK TO DISCUSS?

A Quick Guide for ARRT Examinees and Review Course Providers

Scenario	When It's OK	When It's Not OK	Bottom Line
After candidates take an exam, a course provider asks how it went.	Only if the question and reply relate to candidates' general experiences. For	If candidates think the course provider is asking for copyrighted information.	Never ask candidates to reveal test items or options for answers. Stop candidates

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	example: "I thought the test was less difficult than I expected."		immediately if they offer to divulge such information.
A candidate tells you, "You didn't teach me about this [specific item] on the test. I felt unprepared."	Never.	It's never OK to discuss ARRT's copyrighted exam items (or answer options) with anyone.	Candidates sign numerous documents stating they won't share exam items. ARRT expects candidates to abide by those contracts. Those who don't might become party to an ARRT ethics investigation or legal complaint.
In a review course, a candidate tells a classmate that the ARRT exam included multiple choice and sorted-item questions.	Anytime. This is public information that appears in our certification and registration handbook.	It's not OK to reveal anything beyond what's in the handbook.	Keep the conversation limited to public information (what's in the handbook).
Candidate asks a classmate about a previous exam: "[Relates question.] Do you understand what they were asking?"	Never.	It will never be all right to reveal ARRT's copyrighted items (or answer options) to anyone.	As noted above, candidates sign numerous documents stating they won't share exam items. ARRT expects candidates to abide by those contracts. Those who don't may become party to an ARRT ethics investigation or legal complaint.
Candidate tells a classmate, "If I were you, I'd bring a sweater. It was cold at the test site."	Anytime. The candidate isn't revealing proprietary items or answer options.	This conversation becomes problematic only if it leads to a discussion of specific exam items or answer options.	Candidates who share ARRT exam items or answer options might become party to an ARRT ethics investigation or legal complaint.
Candidate asks a classmate who has already taken the exam, "Were there a lot of questions about [specific topic]?"	Never.	Candidates can learn about topics on ARRT exams by reviewing the content outlines we publish in our certification and registration handbook. They should never ask for more information	People who ask candidates to reveal ARRT's exam items or answer options violate the ARRT Standards of Ethics and any legal contracts they've signed with us. Direct people who ask such questions

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		than the handbook contains.	to the content outlines in the certification and registration handbook, and warn them of the consequences of discussing ARRT's copyrighted information.