



# ARRT RULES AND REGULATIONS

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## ARTICLE I. CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

**Section 1.01 General.** The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists® (ARRT®) shall establish qualifications for certification and registration in the various disciplines comprising the profession of radiologic technology. Radiologic technology includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the disciplines of radiography, nuclear medicine technology, radiation therapy, cardiovascular-interventional radiography, mammography, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, quality management, sonography, bone densitometry, vascular sonography, cardiac-interventional radiography, vascular-interventional radiography, breast sonography, radiologist assistants, and emerging modalities. ARRT shall evaluate candidates for certification and registration using the qualifications that it establishes and shall duly certify and register individuals meeting these qualifications.

**Section 1.02 Certification and Registration.** Individuals having satisfied the requirements for certification and registration described in the *ARRT Rules and Regulations* are awarded a certificate attesting to the fact that the initial requirements were met and are, therefore, certified and registered by the ARRT. The individual remains certified and registered with the ARRT as long as the person has met the requirements for initial certification and registration and continues to meet the requirements for certification and registration as described in the *ARRT Rules and Regulations*. Certification and registration may be revoked as described in Section 9.03 of these *Rules and Regulations*.

**Section 1.03 Designating ARRT Certification and Registration.** A certificate shall be issued to those who have met all qualifications and are otherwise eligible. The certificate confers upon the individual the right to use the title "Registered Technologist" and its abbreviation "R.T.(ARRT)" in connection with his or her name so long as certification and registration shall be in effect. The radiologist assistant certificate confers upon the individual the right to use the title "Registered Radiologist Assistant" and its abbreviation "R.R.A.(ARRT)" in connection with his or her name so long as certification and registration shall be in effect. The certification and registration initially issued shall be in effect through the end of the individual's next birth month except if the period between exam administration and birth month is two months or less, in which case it shall be in effect through the individual's birth month of the following year. The "R.T." and "R.R.A." designations are trademarks owned by the ARRT, should only be used to refer to a Registered Technologist or Registered Radiologist Assistant, respectively, and should always be used with periods after each letter. Individuals certified and registered by the ARRT are advised to use the symbol "(ARRT)" in connection with the "R.T." and the "R.R.A." designations to avoid confusion with certification and/or registration from any other source and to indicate the specific discipline or disciplines for which certification and registration is held. The discipline designation should be listed between the "R.T." and the "(ARRT)" and should be listed as "(R)" for radiography, "(N)" for nuclear medicine technology, "(T)" for radiation therapy, "(CV)" for cardiovascular-interventional radiography, "(M)" for mammography, "(CT)" for computed tomography, "(MR)" for magnetic resonance imaging, "(QM)" for quality management, "(S)" for sonography, "(BD)" for bone densitometry, "(VS)" for vascular sonography, "(CI)" for cardiac-interventional radiography, "(VI)" for vascular-interventional radiography, and "(BS)" for breast sonography. For example, someone certified and registered in both radiography and mammography would indicate this as "R.T.(R)(M)(ARRT)." No category designation should be listed after the "R.R.A." For example, someone certified and registered in radiography and as a radiologist assistant would indicate this as "R.R.A., R.T.(R)(ARRT)."

ARRT may issue to each registrant one or more forms of printed certificate or card to evidence such certification and registration. Each such form of printed certificate or card remains the property of the ARRT and shall be returned to the ARRT upon its request. A registrant may indicate certification and registration by the ARRT so long

as certification and registration shall be in effect by: (a) displaying any such certificate or card in the registrant's place of employment as a radiologic technologist; and (b) a factual statement on stationery, in advertisements, and in resumes, biographical sketches, and the like, using the name of the ARRT or a recognizable abbreviation of the name. The name of the ARRT and the logo of the ARRT are registered trademarks and shall not be used by or for any registrant on any other certificate or material displayed, prepared, or distributed by or for the registrant, or on any other sign or display used by or for the registrant, without the ARRT's prior written permission.

## **ARTICLE II. QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION**

**Section 2.01 General.** A candidate for certification and registration by the ARRT must meet the ethics, education, and examination requirements as described in these *Rules and Regulations* and must agree to comply with the *ARRT Rules and Regulations* and the *ARRT Standards of Ethics*.

The Board of Trustees shall have the right to reject the application of any candidate for certification and registration if the Board determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that the person does not meet the qualifications for certification and registration.

**Section 2.02 Ethics Requirements for Certification and Registration.** A candidate for certification and registration must be a person of good moral character and must not have engaged in conduct that is inconsistent with the *ARRT Standards of Ethics* or the *ARRT Rules and Regulations* and must have complied and agree to continue to comply with the *ARRT Standards of Ethics* and the *ARRT Rules and Regulations*.

**Section 2.03 Professional Education Requirements for Certification and Registration.** Candidates for certification and registration must meet the following requirements:

(a) Radiography. Candidates must successfully complete a formal educational program in radiography accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT and must complete the ARRT Radiography Didactic and Clinical Competency Requirements as part of the educational program.

Candidates graduating on or after January 1, 2015 must have earned an associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or a graduate degree from an institution accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT. The degree does not need to be in radiologic sciences. The degree may be earned before entering the radiography educational program or after graduation from the radiography program, or may be awarded upon completion of the program, but must be awarded prior to being granted eligibility to sit for the ARRT examination and within the timeframe noted below.

For those completing a program before 2013, eligibility to participate in the certification examination must be established within five years of completing the professional component of the radiography program and for those completing a program after 2012, within three years of completion of the professional component of the radiography program. Effective January 1, 2019 eligibility to participate in the certification examination must be established within three years of completing all educational requirements, including the professional component of the program and the degree requirement.

(b) Nuclear Medicine Technology. Candidates must successfully complete a formal educational program in nuclear medicine technology accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT and must complete the ARRT Nuclear Medicine Technology Didactic and Clinical Competency Requirements as part of the educational program.

Candidates graduating on or after January 1, 2015 must have earned an associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or a graduate degree from an institution accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT. The degree does not need to be in radiologic sciences. The degree may be earned before entering the nuclear medicine technology educational program or after graduation from the nuclear medicine technology program, or may be awarded upon completion of the program, but must be awarded prior to being granted eligibility to sit for the ARRT examination and within the timeframe noted below.

For those completing a program before 2013, eligibility to participate in the certification examination must be established within five years of completing the professional component of the nuclear medicine technology program and for those completing a program after 2012, within three years of completion of the professional component of the nuclear medicine technology program. Effective January 1, 2019 eligibility to participate in the certification examination must be established within three years of completing all educational requirements, including the professional component of the program and the degree requirement.

(c) Radiation Therapy. Candidates must successfully complete a formal educational program in radiation therapy accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT and must complete the ARRT Radiation Therapy Didactic and Clinical Competency Requirements as part of the educational program. Candidates graduating on or after January 1, 2015 must have earned an associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or a graduate degree from an institution accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT. The degree does not need to be in radiologic sciences. The degree may be earned before entering the radiation therapy educational program or after graduation from the radiation therapy program, or may be awarded upon completion of the program, but must be awarded prior to being granted eligibility to sit for the ARRT examination and within the timeframe noted below.

For those completing a program before 2013, eligibility to participate in the certification examination must be established within five years of completing the professional component of the radiation therapy program and for those completing a program after 2012, within three years of completion of the professional component of the radiation therapy program. Effective January 1, 2019 eligibility to participate in the certification examination must be established within three years of completing all educational requirements, including the professional component of the program and the degree requirement.

(d) Cardiovascular-Interventional Radiography. Candidates must be certified and registered in radiography by the ARRT and must maintain certification and registration in radiography at all times to be eligible for certification and registration in cardiovascular-interventional radiography. Candidates must document completion of the ARRT Clinical Experience Requirements in Cardiovascular-Interventional Radiography before submitting an application for certification and registration. The Cardiovascular-Interventional Radiography program was closed to new applications December 31, 2002, due to the restructuring of the program into Cardiac- Interventional Radiography and Vascular-Interventional Radiography. Certification and registration in Cardiovascular- Interventional Radiography may be maintained by those individuals who have been awarded said certification and registration by ARRT, based upon prior application and satisfaction of the requirements, provided that they remain in compliance with certification and registration requirements.

(e) Mammography. Candidates must be certified and registered in radiography by the ARRT and must maintain certification and registration in radiography at all times to be eligible for certification and registration in mammography. Prior to submitting an application for certification and registration candidates must document completion of the ARRT Clinical Experience Requirements in Mammography during the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of the application. Effective January 1, 2016, candidates must document completion of 16 hours of acceptable structured education earned within the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of an application for certification and registration. The education must reflect the content of the examination content specifications and must be distributed across the content categories as described in the Certification and Registration Handbook for the discipline.

(f) Computed Tomography. Candidates must be certified and registered in radiography or radiation therapy by the ARRT or in nuclear medicine technology by ARRT or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) and must maintain certification and registration in radiography or radiation therapy by ARRT or in nuclear medicine technology by ARRT or NMTCB at all times to be eligible for certification and registration in computed tomography. Prior to submitting an application for certification and registration candidates must document completion of the ARRT Clinical Experience Requirements in Computed Tomography during the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of the application. Effective January 1, 2016, candidates must document completion of 16 hours of acceptable structured education earned within the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of an application for certification and registration. The education must reflect the content of the examination content specifications and must be distributed across the content categories as described in the Certification and Registration Handbook for the discipline.

(g) Magnetic Resonance Imaging. There are two options for meeting the Professional Education Requirement for Magnetic Resonance Imaging. Under the first option, candidates must be certified and registered in radiography or radiation therapy by the ARRT or in nuclear medicine technology by ARRT or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) or in sonography by ARRT or in any sonography-related modality by the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS), and must maintain certification and registration in radiography or radiation therapy by the ARRT or in nuclear medicine technology by the ARRT or NMTCB or in sonography by ARRT or in any sonography-related modality by ARDMS at all times to be eligible for certification and registration in magnetic resonance imaging. Prior to submitting an application for certification and registration candidates must document completion of the ARRT Clinical Experience Requirements in Magnetic Resonance Imaging during the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of the application. Effective January 1, 2016, candidates must document completion of 16 hours of acceptable structured education earned within the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of an application for certification and registration. The education

must reflect the content of the examination content specifications and must be distributed across the content categories as described in the Certification and Registration Handbook for the discipline.

Under the second option, candidates must successfully complete a formal educational program in magnetic resonance imaging accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT and must complete the ARRT Magnetic Resonance Imaging Didactic and Clinical Competency Requirements as part of the educational program.

Candidates for certification and registration applying under the second option (i.e., successful completion of a formal educational program in Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and graduating on or after January 1, 2015 must have earned an associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or a graduate degree from an institution accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT. The degree does not need to be in radiologic sciences. The degree may be earned before entering the magnetic resonance imaging educational program or after graduation from the magnetic resonance imaging program, or may be awarded upon completion of the program, but must be awarded prior to being granted eligibility to sit for the ARRT examination and within the timeframe noted below.

For those completing a program before 2013, eligibility to participate in the certification examination must be established within five years of completing the professional component of the magnetic resonance imaging program and for those completing a program after 2012, within three years of completion of the professional component of the magnetic resonance imaging program. Effective January 1, 2019 eligibility to participate in the certification examination must be established within three years of completing all educational requirements, including the professional component of the program and the degree requirement.

(h) Quality Management. Candidates must be certified and registered in radiography or radiation therapy by the ARRT or in nuclear medicine technology by the ARRT or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB), and must maintain certification and registration in radiography or radiation therapy by the ARRT or in nuclear medicine technology by the ARRT or NMTCB at all times to be eligible for certification and registration in quality management. Prior to submitting an application for certification and registration candidates must document completion of the ARRT Clinical Experience Requirements in Quality Management during the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of the application. Effective January 1, 2016, candidates must document completion of 16 hours of acceptable structured education earned within the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of an application for certification and registration. The education must reflect the content of the examination content specifications and must be distributed across the content categories as described in the Certification and Registration Handbook for the discipline. The ARRT ceased issuing new Quality Management credentials July 1, 2018. Existing quality Management credentials may be maintained provided that all requirements as designated by ARRT continue to be met. Reinstatement by re-examination of Quality Management credentials is no longer available beginning July 1, 2018 and individuals not eligible for reinstatement under any of the other pathways for reinstatement will not be allowed to reinstate their Quality Management credentials. The *Continuing Qualifications Requirements* will not apply to Quality Management credentials.

(i) Sonography. There are currently two options for meeting the Professional Education Requirement for Sonography, but one of the options is scheduled to be eliminated as noted below. Under the first option, candidates must be certified and registered in radiography or radiation therapy by the ARRT or in magnetic resonance imaging by ARRT earned under the formal educational eligibility pathway or in nuclear medicine technology by ARRT or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) or in any sonography-related modality by ARDMS. After ARRT sonography certification and registration has been awarded, certification and registration in radiography or radiation therapy by the ARRT or in magnetic resonance imaging by ARRT or in nuclear medicine technology by the ARRT or NMTCB or in any sonography-related modality by ARDMS does not need to be maintained to be eligible for continued certification and registration in sonography (Effective January 1, 2016). Prior to submitting an application for certification and registration candidates must document completion of the ARRT Clinical Experience Requirements in Sonography during the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of the application. Effective January 1, 2016, candidates must document completion of 16 hours of acceptable structured education earned within the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of an application for certification and registration. The education must reflect the content of the examination content specifications and must be distributed across the content categories as described in the Certification and Registration Handbook for the discipline. This first option will be discontinued January 1, 2020.

Under the second option, candidates must successfully complete a formal educational program in sonography accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT and must complete the ARRT Sonography Didactic and Clinical Competency Requirements as part of the educational program.

Candidates for certification and registration applying under the second option (i.e., successful completion of a formal educational program in sonography) and graduating on or after January 1, 2015 must have earned an associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or a graduate degree from an institution accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT. The degree does not need to be in radiologic sciences. The degree may be earned before entering the sonography educational program or after graduation from the sonography program, or may be awarded upon completion of the program, but must be awarded prior to being granted eligibility to sit for the ARRT examination and within the timeframe noted below.

For those completing a program before 2013, eligibility to participate in the certification examination must be established within five years of completing the professional component of the sonography program and for those completing a program after 2012, within three years of completion of the professional component of the sonography program. Effective January 1, 2019 eligibility to participate in the certification examination must be established within three years of completing all educational requirements, including the professional component of the program and the degree requirement.

Previously a third option existed under which candidates must have held a current Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS) credential from the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS). Effective January 1, 2016, candidates must have documented completion of 16 hours of acceptable structured education earned within the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of an application for certification. The education must have reflected the content of the examination content specifications and must have been distributed across the content categories as described in the Certification and Registration Handbook for the discipline. This third option was discontinued January 1, 2017.

(j) Bone Densitometry. Candidates must be certified and registered in radiography or radiation therapy by the ARRT or in nuclear medicine technology by ARRT or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB), and must maintain certification and registration in radiography or radiation therapy by the ARRT or in nuclear medicine technology by the ARRT or NMTCB at all times to be eligible for certification and registration in bone densitometry. Prior to submitting an application for certification and registration candidates must document completion of the ARRT Clinical Experience Requirements in Bone Densitometry during the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of the application. Effective January 1, 2016, candidates must document completion of 16 hours of acceptable structured education earned within the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of an application for certification and registration. The education must reflect the content of the examination content specifications and must be distributed across the content categories as described in the Certification and Registration Handbook for the discipline.

(k) Vascular Sonography. There are two options for meeting the Professional Education Requirement for Vascular Sonography. Under the first option, candidates must be certified and registered in radiography or radiation therapy by the ARRT or in nuclear medicine technology by ARRT or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) or in sonography by ARRT or in any sonography-related modality by the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS), and must maintain certification and registration in radiography or radiation therapy by the ARRT or in nuclear medicine technology by the ARRT or NMTCB or in sonography by ARRT or in any sonography-related modality by ARDMS at all times to be eligible for certification and registration in vascular sonography. Prior to submitting an application for certification and registration candidates must document completion of the ARRT Clinical Experience Requirements in Vascular Sonography during the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of the application. Effective January 1, 2016, candidates must document completion of 16 hours of acceptable structured education earned within the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of an application for certification and registration. The education must reflect the content of the examination content specifications and must be distributed across the content categories as described in the Certification and Registration Handbook for the discipline.

Under the second option, scheduled to be effective on or after July 1, 2019 (the exact date to be announced at a later date), candidates must successfully complete a formal educational program in Vascular Sonography accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT and must complete the ARRT Vascular Sonography Didactic and Clinical Competency Requirements as part of the educational program.

Candidates for certification and registration applying under the second option (i.e., successful completion of a formal educational program in Vascular Sonography) and graduating on or after January 1, 2015 must have earned an associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or a graduate degree from an institution accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT. The degree does not need to be in radiologic sciences. The degree may be earned before

entering the Vascular Sonography educational program or after graduation from the Vascular Sonography program, or may be awarded upon completion of the program, but must be awarded prior to being granted eligibility to sit for the ARRT examination and within the timeframe noted below.

For those completing a program before 2013, eligibility to participate in the certification examination must be established within five years of completing the professional component of the Vascular Sonography program and for those completing a program after 2012, within three years of completion of the professional component of the Vascular Sonography program. Effective January 1, 2019 eligibility to participate in the certification examination must be established within three years of completing all educational requirements, including the professional component of the program and the degree requirement.

(l) Cardiac-Interventional Radiography. Candidates must be certified and registered in radiography by the ARRT and must maintain certification and registration in radiography at all times to be eligible for certification and registration in cardiac- interventional radiography. Prior to submitting an application for certification and registration candidates must document completion of the ARRT Clinical Experience Requirements in Cardiac-Interventional Radiography during the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of the application. Effective January 1, 2016, candidates must document completion of 16 hours of acceptable structured education earned within the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of an application for certification and registration. The education must reflect the content of the examination content specifications and must be distributed across the content categories as described in the Certification and Registration Handbook for the discipline.

(m) Vascular-Interventional Radiography. Candidates must be certified and registered in radiography by the ARRT and must maintain certification and registration in radiography at all times to be eligible for certification and registration in vascular- interventional radiography. Prior to submitting an application for certification and registration candidates must document completion of the ARRT Clinical Experience Requirements in Vascular-Interventional Radiography during the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of the application. Effective January 1, 2016, candidates must document completion of 16 hours of acceptable structured education earned within the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of an application for certification and registration. The education must reflect the content of the examination content specifications and must be distributed across the content categories as described in the Certification and Registration Handbook for the discipline.

(n) Breast Sonography. Candidates must be certified and registered in mammography by the ARRT or in sonography by the ARRT or in any sonography-related modality by the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS), and must maintain certification and registration in mammography by ARRT or in sonography by ARRT or in any sonography-related modality by ARDMS at all times to be eligible for certification and registration in breast sonography. Prior to submitting an application for certification and registration candidates must document completion of the ARRT Clinical Experience Requirements in Breast Sonography during the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of the application. Effective January 1, 2016, candidates must document completion of 16 hours of acceptable structured education earned within the 24-month period immediately preceding submission of an application for certification and registration. The education must reflect the content of the examination content specifications and must be distributed across the content categories as described in the Certification and Registration Handbook for the discipline.

(o) Radiologist Assistant. Candidates must be certified and registered in radiography by the ARRT and must maintain certification and registration in radiography at all times to be eligible for certification and registration as a radiologist assistant.

Candidates must document a minimum of one year of full-time clinical experience post-radiography certification and registration. The clinical experience may be earned concurrent to the radiologist assistant educational program but may not be satisfied with radiologist assistant educational program activities. The clinical experience must be in patient care at the professional level. Candidates must have successfully completed a radiologist assistant educational program that is recognized by ARRT and that is accredited by a mechanism acceptable to ARRT and must have earned a baccalaureate degree or graduate degree from an institution accredited by a mechanism acceptable to ARRT. The degree does not need to be in the radiologic sciences. The degree may be earned before entering the professional educational program or after graduation from the program, or may be awarded by the program, but must be awarded prior to being granted eligibility to sit for the ARRT Examination. For those completing a program before 2013, eligibility to participate in the certification examination must be established within five years of completion of the professional component of the radiologist assistant program and for those completing a program after 2012, within three years of completion of the professional component of the radiologist assistant program. Effective January 1, 2019 eligibility to participate in the certification examination must be established within three years of completing all educational requirements, including the professional component of

the program and the degree requirement. Candidates must successfully complete the ARRT Radiologist Assistant Didactic and Clinical Competency Requirements as part of the educational program. Continued certification and registration as a radiologist assistant requires periodic re-certification as described in Section 2.06.

A temporary eligibility pathway for Radiology Practitioner Assistants (RPAs) will be available through December 31, 2020, to accommodate those previously graduated from RPA educational programs who have not previously applied to ARRT for radiologist assistant certification and registration or who have previously applied and re-gained eligibility. Under this pathway, all requirements, including passing the ARRT examination, must be completed by December 31, 2020. RPA candidates for ARRT's Registered Radiologist Assistant (R.R.A.) credential must: (1) be ARRT-certified and registered in radiography; and (2) have obtained a minimum of one year of full-time clinical experience post-radiography certification and registration (may be earned concurrent to radiologist assistant educational program, but not satisfied by that program); and (3) meet ARRT's ethics requirements; and (4) have a baccalaureate degree or graduate degree from an institution accredited by a mechanism acceptable to ARRT; and (5) either be certified as an RPA by the Certification Board for Radiology Practitioner Assistants or have graduated from a Radiology Practitioner Assistant educational program that is based in an educational institution accredited by a mechanism acceptable to ARRT. The temporary eligibility pathway may not be used by individuals who have previously applied to ARRT for radiologist assistant certification and registration unless eligibility is regained by repeating the Professional Requirements as described in this section. The requirement to establish eligibility within five years (for those completing a program prior to 2013) or within three years (for those completing a program after 2012) will be waived for applicants under the temporary RPA eligibility pathway.

(p) Emerging Modalities. Candidates must meet the qualifications adopted by the ARRT for certification and registration developed in emerging modalities.

**Section 2.04 Examination Requirement for Certification and Registration.** Candidates for certification and registration in a particular discipline must pass an examination developed and administered by the ARRT for that discipline after having met all other qualifications for certification and registration. The examinations shall assess the knowledge and cognitive skills underlying the intelligent performance of the tasks typically required for practice within the respective disciplines.

**Section 2.05 Time-Limited Certification and Registration for Registered Technologists.** All new certifications and registrations awarded on or after January 1, 2011 will be awarded for a maximum of a 10-year period. Completion of the Continuing Qualifications Requirements (CQR), as described in Section 2.07 (which may be amended from time to time) and in the document titled *ARRT Continuing Qualifications Requirements*, must be documented prior to the end of the 10-year period to be eligible to continue certification and registration for an additional 10-year period. If certification and registration is held in multiple disciplines, CQR must be completed for each discipline earned on or after January 1, 2011. All requirements for annual renewal of certification and registration will remain in effect during the 10-year period as will all reinstatement requirements. Once the 10-year period is established for an individual in a discipline it remains permanently anchored to that date and is not re-set if certification and registration in the discipline is discontinued and later reinstated. Any certification and registration awarded prior to January 1, 2011 is not subject to the requirements of Section 2.05 except if a certification and registration awarded prior to January 1, 2011 is revoked for any reason. If a certification and registration awarded prior to January 1, 2011 is revoked and if that individual regains certification and registration on or after January 1, 2011, the new certification and registration will be subject to the time-limited provisions of this section. CQR does not apply to Quality Management.

**Section 2.06 Time-Limited Certification and Registration for Registered Radiologist Assistants.** All Radiologist Assistant certifications and registrations will be awarded for a maximum of a 10-year period. Completion of the Continuing Qualifications Requirements as described in Section 2.07 (which may be amended from time to time) must be documented prior to the end of the 10-year period to be eligible to continue certification and registration for an additional 10-year period. All requirements for annual renewal of certification and registration will remain in effect during the 10-year period as will all reinstatement requirements.

**Section 2.07 Continuing Qualification Requirements (CQR).** The CQR compliance period for a discipline is the last three years of the 10-year period assigned upon being initially awarded certification and registration for that discipline. CQR compliance requires completion of a professional profile that promotes reflective practice. The profile must be completed in a format as specified by ARRT and according to deadlines set by ARRT. CQR compliance also requires completion of a structured self-assessment as administered by ARRT. The structured self-assessment identifies knowledge gaps that must be addressed by completing continuing education in a manner and time frame as specified by ARRT. CQR participants must acknowledge and agree to comply with certain conditions of participation by electronically signing the CQR Participant Agreement. The agreement includes

acknowledgement that the content of the structured self-assessment is copyrighted as the sole property of the ARRT and that disclosure of content is subject to potential legal action and is a potential violation of ARRT Rules of Ethics and is subject to disciplinary action under the Rules.

### ARTICLE III. CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCESS

**Section 3.01 Application for Certification and Registration.** Applications shall be filed with the Corporation in a format and manner determined by the Corporation, together with a fee in such sum as the Board of Trustees may fix. All candidates shall furnish such information as the Board of Trustees shall request. Applications for certification and registration in radiography, nuclear medicine technology, or radiation therapy, or applications for certification and registration in sonography or magnetic resonance imaging if applying under the formal educational program option, or applications for certification and registration as a radiologist assistant shall be endorsed by the program director of an educational program meeting the requirements of Article II, Section 2.03. Applications may be investigated by the Board of Trustees to determine moral character, educational preparation, and other qualifications of the candidate. Investigations may include criminal background checks through an examination of public records.

**Section 3.02 Agreement of Candidates.** Candidates for ARRT certification and registration must agree to comply with the following statement and must indicate agreement by signing the application form.

“I hereby apply to the ARRT for certification and registration in the discipline of radiologic technology indicated elsewhere on this application in accordance with and subject to the *ARRT Rules and Regulations*. I certify that I have read and understood the *ARRT Standards of Ethics* and the *ARRT Rules and Regulations* which are included as appendices to the current Certification and Registration Handbook and which are available on the ARRT website.

“By signing this document and filing it with the ARRT, I understand and agree that:

- I am and at all times material have been in compliance with the ARRT Standards of Ethics;
- the ARRT may confirm the information contained in the application and may also request information relating to my education, training, employment, and personal history;
- the ARRT may, in the exercise of its discretion, conduct a criminal background check through an examination of public records;
- I am legally bound by and will abide by all the terms and conditions of this Application and Agreement and the *ARRT Rules and Regulations* and *ARRT Standards of Ethics*; and upon the issuance of a certificate to me, I shall become bound by the *ARRT By-Laws* and shall remain bound by the *ARRT Rules and Regulations* and *ARRT Standards of Ethics*, including, without limitation, provisions thereof pertaining to the denial or rejection of an application for renewal of certification and registration, the revocation or suspension of certification and registration, and the censure of a registrant.

“I hereby certify that:

- the information given in this application is true, correct, and complete;
- any photographs enclosed are recent photographs of me; and
- I have read and accept the terms and conditions set forth in the *ARRT Rules and Regulations* and *ARRT Standards of Ethics*.

“I understand and agree that:

- eligibility for the ARRT’s certification and registration is determined by the ARRT and that each examination will be supervised by persons who are responsible to and are empowered by the ARRT to ensure that the examination is conducted ethically and in accordance with the *ARRT Rules and Regulations*.

“I understand and agree that:

- any misrepresentation in this application or in any other document or other information I submit to the ARRT (including the verification of my identity when I submit this application and when I participate in the examination); and/or
- any offer of financial benefit to a Trustee, officer, employee, proctor, or other agent or representative of the ARRT in order to obtain a right, privilege, or benefit not usually granted by the ARRT to similarly situated candidates; and/or
- disclosing examination information using language that is substantially similar to that used in questions and/or answers from ARRT examinations when such information is gained as a direct result of having been an examinee or having communicated with an examinee; this includes, but is not limited to, disclosures to students in educational programs, graduates of educational programs, educators, or anyone else involved in the preparation of candidates to sit for the examinations; and/or



- receiving examination information that uses language that is substantially similar to that used in questions and/or answers on ARRT examinations from an examinee, whether requested or not; and/or
- copying, publishing, reconstructing (whether by memory or otherwise), reproducing or transmitting any portion of examination materials by any means, verbal or written, electronic or mechanical, without the prior express written permission of ARRT or using professional, paid, or repeat examination takers or any other individual for the purpose of reconstructing any portion of examination materials; and/or
- using or purporting to use any portion of examination materials which were obtained improperly or without authorization for the purpose of instructing or preparing any candidate for examination or certification and registration; and/or
- selling or offering to sell, buying or offering to buy, or distributing or offering to distribute any portion of examination materials without authorization; and/or removing or attempting to remove examination materials from an examination room, or having unauthorized possession of any portion of or information concerning a future, current, or previously administered examination of ARRT; and/or
- disclosing what purports to be, or what you claim to be, or under all circumstances is likely to be understood by the recipient as, any portion of or ‘inside’ information concerning any portion of a future, current, or previously administered examination of ARRT; and/or
- communicating with another individual during administration of the examination for the purpose of giving or receiving help in answering examination questions, copying another candidate’s answers, permitting another candidate to copy one’s answers, or possessing unauthorized materials including, but not limited to notes; and/or
- impersonating a candidate or permitting an impersonator to take or attempt to take the examination on one’s own behalf; and/or
- using any other means that potentially alters the results of the examination such that the results may not accurately represent the professional knowledge base of a candidate;

will be reported to the ARRT and will constitute grounds for the ARRT to:

- bar me permanently from all future examinations; and/or
- terminate my participation in the examination; and/or
- invalidate the results of my examination and any prior examinations; and/or
- withhold my scores or certification and registration; and/or
- revoke or suspend my certification and registration; and/or
- deny or reject my application for renewal of certification and registration or otherwise refuse to renew my certification and registration; and/or
- censure me; and/or
- sue me for damages and civil remedies; and/or
- pursue prosecution of me for any conduct that constitutes a criminal or civil violation; and/or
- take any other appropriate action;

and that the ARRT’s decision on any such matter is final.

“I also understand and agree that:

- the ARRT may withhold my scores and may require me to retake one or more portions of an examination if the ARRT is presented with evidence demonstrating to the ARRT, in its sole discretion, that the security of those portions of the examination has been compromised, notwithstanding the absence of any evidence of my personal involvement in the compromising activities;
- the examination and related materials utilized in the ARRT’s examinations are copyrighted as the sole property of the ARRT and must not be removed from the test area or reproduced in any way, and that reproduction of copyrighted material, in whole or in part, is a federal offense and may subject me to the sanctions listed above;
- subverting or attempting to subvert the examination process may be a violation of applicable state law and may subject me to the sanctions listed above; and
- the decision as to whether my scores and other performances on the ARRT’s examinations qualify me for certification and registration rests solely and exclusively in the ARRT, and that its decision is final.

“I understand that if I am certified and registered by the ARRT and/or if the certification and registration is renewed by the ARRT, the ARRT may issue to me one or more forms of printed certificate or card to evidence such certification and registration. I understand and agree that:

- each such form of printed certificate or card remains the property of the ARRT and shall be returned to the ARRT upon its request;
- I may indicate my certification and registration by the ARRT by: (a) displaying any such certificate or card in my place of practice as a radiologic technologist; and (b) a factual statement on stationery, in advertisements, in resumes, biographical sketches, and the like, using the name of the ARRT or a

recognizable abbreviation of the name; and the name of the ARRT and the logo of the ARRT shall not be used by me on any other certificate or material displayed, prepared, or distributed by or for me or on any other sign or display used by or for me, without the ARRT's prior written permission.

"I hereby waive and release, and shall indemnify and hold harmless, the ARRT and its Board of Trustees, members, officers, committee members, employees, and agents from, against, and with respect to any and all claims, losses, costs, expenses, damages, and judgments (including reasonable attorney fees) that arise or are alleged to have arisen, from, out of, with respect to, or in connection with any action which they, or any of them, take or fail to take as a result of or in connection with this application, any examination conducted by the ARRT which I apply to take or take, the score or scores given me on the examination, and, if applicable, the failure of the ARRT to issue to me a certificate or to renew the certification and registration previously issued to me, the ARRT's revocation of any certification and registration previously issued to me, or the ARRT's notification of legitimately interested persons of such actions taken by the ARRT. This release does not purport to and does not release the ARRT for any actions arising out of willful, wanton, or intentional misconduct.

"I understand and agree that in the event of my breach of or default in any provision of this Application and Agreement in any respect whatsoever, the ARRT shall have the right, in its absolute discretion, to revoke or suspend any certification and registration issued to me, refuse to issue to me any certificate or renewal of the certification and registration thereof, censure me, and/or cancel my certification and registration with the ARRT, and to provide information regarding such circumstances to all legitimately interested persons without restriction.

"I hereby authorize the ARRT to release the results of my examination to appropriate state agencies for credentialing purposes. I also authorize the ARRT to identify me and to report the fact of my certification and registration or non-certification and registration to prospective employers, universities, colleges, schools; federal, state, and local agencies; hospitals, health departments, and similar organizations and agencies.

"I hereby authorize the ARRT to release the results of any final actions taken regarding my eligibility for certification and registration under the *ARRT Standards of Ethics*.

"Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue: I understand and agree that this Agreement and my entire relationship with ARRT is and shall be governed by the law of the State of Minnesota (except for its choice of law provisions). Without limiting the foregoing, I agree that I shall abide by the Minnesota statute relating to certifying examination subversion (Minnesota Statutes Section 604.19) and that the provisions of that statute are made a part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein. I understand that I may download a copy of the statute from the ARRT website, or that ARRT will send a copy to me if I make a request in writing. I hereby agree that any lawsuits between the ARRT and me must be filed in the courts of the State of Minnesota located in Hennepin County or Ramsey County, Minnesota or in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. I submit to the jurisdiction of said courts for the purposes of any lawsuit with ARRT and agree that jurisdiction and venue are proper in said courts."

**Section 3.03 Scheduling of Examinations.** The ARRT shall examine or cause to be examined candidates for certification and registration at such times and places as shall be designated by the Board of Trustees. The ARRT will provide certain personally identifiable information such as the candidate name and address to its examination administrator (Pearson VUE) for the sole purpose of arranging to administer and administering the CQR Structured Self-Assessment (SSA) and for reporting the SSA results back to ARRT.

**Section 3.04 Failure to Appear for Examination.** If a candidate fails to appear for examination as assigned by the ARRT, and no rescheduling of the same has been authorized by the ARRT, the candidate will be assigned to a subsequent examination date only at the request of the candidate and upon payment of an additional fee, and provided that the requirements of Section 3.06 are met.

**Section 3.05 Cancellation of Scores.** Candidates for certification and registration who are not eligible at the time of examination administration will have scores cancelled, and scores will not be available for later reporting. Fees will not be refunded for cancelled scores.

**Section 3.06 Re-Examination in Primary Categories and for Radiologist Assistants.** A candidate who has failed an examination may be permitted to take a subsequent examination upon payment of an additional fee and at such time and place as the ARRT may specify.

Effective January 1, 2015, all candidates, regardless of when the initial application for certification and registration was submitted, will be limited to three attempts to pass an examination for certification and registration. The three

attempts must be completed within the three-year period that commences when the candidate is determined to have met all other qualifications based upon the application submitted by the candidate. Individuals failing the third attempt or not completing it within the three-year period will be deemed no longer eligible and may regain eligibility only by repeating the Professional Education Requirements described in Section 2.03 of these *Rules and Regulations*.

Candidates for certification and registration who have previously been or who are currently state licensing candidates in that same discipline (e.g., radiography) will have the number of examination attempts as a state licensing candidate completed on or after January 1, 2010 counted toward the three-attempt limit.

**Section 3.07 Re-Examination in Post-Primary Categories.** A candidate who has failed a post-primary examination may be permitted to take a subsequent examination upon payment of an additional fee, and at such time and place as the ARRT may specify.

Candidates are limited to three attempts to pass post-primary examinations. This includes candidates for magnetic resonance imaging certification who apply under the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Clinical Experience pathway and candidates for sonography certification who apply under the Sonography Clinical Experience pathway or the ARDMS pathway. The three attempts must be completed within the three-year period that commences when the candidate is determined to have met all other qualifications based upon the application submitted by the candidate. An individual not passing the examination within the three-attempt, three-year limit will be deemed no longer eligible and may regain eligibility only by repeating the Professional Education Requirements described in Section 2.03 of these *Rules and Regulations*.

Candidates for certification and registration who have previously been or who are currently state licensing candidates in that same discipline (e.g., mammography) will have the number of examination attempts completed on or after January 1, 2010 as a state licensing candidate counted toward the three-attempt limit.

#### **ARTICLE IV.**

#### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONTINUED CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION**

**Section 4.01 General.** Upon meeting the initial qualifications for certification and registration and being duly certified and registered by the ARRT, an individual is certified and registered with the Corporation through the end of the individual's next birth month, except if the period between examination administration and birth month is two months or less, in which case certification and registration shall be in effect through the individual's birth month of the following year. The certification and registration is renewable annually thereafter as long as the individual meets or continues to meet the requirements as described in these *Rules and Regulations*, as well as fulfilling other requirements as set by the Board of Trustees from time to time.

The Board of Trustees shall have the right to reject the application for renewal of certification and registration of any person if the Board determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that the person does not meet the qualifications for certification and registration.

**Section 4.02 Ethics Requirements for Renewal of Certification and Registration.** An applicant for renewal of certification and registration issued by the ARRT must be a person of good moral character and must not have engaged in conduct that is inconsistent with the *ARRT Standards of Ethics* or the *ARRT Rules and Regulations*, and must have complied and agree to continue to comply with the *ARRT Standards of Ethics* and the *ARRT Rules and Regulations*.

**Section 4.03 Continuing Education Requirements.** An applicant for renewal of certification and registration must fulfill the continuing education requirements as set out in full in the *ARRT Continuing Education Requirements*. Copies of this document will be made available upon request and are available on the ARRT website.

**Section 4.04 Additional Requirements for Renewal of Certification and Registration.** An applicant for renewal of certification and registration must continue to meet the applicable requirements described in Section 2.03, 2.05, 2.06, and 2.07.

#### **ARTICLE V.**

#### **CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION RENEWAL PROCESSES**

**Section 5.01 Application for Renewal of Certification and Registration.** Applications for renewal of certification and registration shall be filed with the Corporation in a format and manner determined by the Corporation, together

with a fee in such sum as the Board of Trustees may fix. Applications shall be available to applicants according to the month of birth and must be completed and submitted through the ARRT website before midnight Central Time on the last day of the applicant's birth month. All applicants shall furnish such information as the Board of Trustees shall request. Applications must be signed by the applicant.

Applications may be investigated by the Board of Trustees to determine moral character, compliance with the *ARRT Rules and Regulations*, and other qualifications of the applicants for renewal.

**Section 5.02 Agreement of Applicants for Renewal of Certification and Registration.** Applicants for renewal of certification and registration must agree to comply with the following statement and must indicate agreement by signing the application form.

"I hereby apply to the ARRT for renewal of certification and registration in the discipline of radiologic technology indicated elsewhere on this application in accordance with and subject to the *ARRT Rules and Regulations*. I certify that I have read and understood the *ARRT Standards of Ethics*, *ARRT Rules and Regulations* and *ARRT By-Laws* (hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Governing Documents") which are available on the ARRT website and which will be made available upon request.

"By signing this document and filing it with the ARRT, I understand and agree that:

- I am and at all times since the date of my initial application for certification and registration have been in compliance with the Governing Documents;
- the ARRT may confirm the information contained in the application and may also request information relating to my employment and relevant personal history; the ARRT may, in the exercise of its discretion, conduct a criminal background check through an examination of public records;
- I am legally bound by and shall abide by all the terms and conditions of this Application and Agreement and the Governing Documents; and
- upon the issuance to me of a renewal of certification and registration, I shall be and remain bound by the Governing Documents.

"I hereby certify that the information given in this application is true, correct, and complete, and that I have read and accept the terms and conditions set forth in the Governing Documents. I understand and agree that:

- any misrepresentation in this application or in any other document or other information I submit to the ARRT will constitute grounds for the ARRT to revoke or suspend my certification and registration, to deny or reject my application for renewal of certification and registration or to otherwise refuse to renew the certification and registration, to censure me and/or to take any other appropriate action; and
- the ARRT's decision on any such matter is final and binding on me.

"I understand that if certification and registration is renewed by the ARRT, the ARRT may issue to me one or more forms of printed certificate or card to evidence such certification and registration. I understand and agree that:

- each such form of printed certificate or card remains the property of the ARRT and shall be returned to the ARRT upon its request;
- I may indicate my certification and registration by the ARRT by displaying any such certificate or card in my place of practice as a radiologic technologist and by a factual statement on stationery, in advertisements, and in resumes, biographical sketches, and the like, using the name of the ARRT or a recognizable abbreviation of the name; and the name of the ARRT and the logo of the ARRT shall not be used by me on any other certificate or material displayed, prepared, or distributed by or for me, or on any other sign or display used by or for me, without the ARRT's prior written permission.

"I hereby waive and release, and shall indemnify and hold harmless, the ARRT and its Board of Trustees, members, officers, committee members, employees, and agents from, against, and with respect to: any and all claims, losses, costs, expenses, damages, and judgments (including reasonable attorney fees) that arise or are alleged to have arisen from, out of, with respect to, or in connection with any action which they, or any of them, take or fail to take as a result of or in connection with this application; any examination conducted by the ARRT which I apply to take or take, the score or scores given me on the examination, and, if applicable, the failure of the ARRT to renew certification and registration previously issued to me; the ARRT's revocation of any certification and registration previously issued to me, or the ARRT's notification of legitimately interested persons of such actions taken by the ARRT. This release does not purport to and does not release the ARRT for any actions arising out of willful, wanton, or intentional misconduct.

"I understand and agree that in the event of my breach of or default in any provision of this Application and Agreement in any respect whatsoever, the ARRT shall have the right, in its absolute discretion, to revoke or suspend any certification and registration issued to me, refuse renewal of the certification and registration, censure me,

and/or cancel my certification and registration with the ARRT, and to provide information regarding such circumstances to all legitimately interested persons without restriction.

“I hereby authorize the ARRT to release the results of any final actions taken regarding my eligibility for certification and registration under the *ARRT Standards of Ethics*.

“Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue: I understand and agree that this Agreement and my entire relationship with ARRT is and shall be governed by the law of the State of Minnesota (except for its choice of law provisions). Without limiting the foregoing, I agree that I shall abide by the Minnesota statute relating to certifying examination subversion (Minnesota Statutes Section 604.19) and that the provisions of that statute are made a part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein. I understand that I may download a copy of the statute from the ARRT website, or that ARRT will send a copy to me if I make a request in writing. I hereby agree that any lawsuits between the ARRT and me must be filed in the courts of the State of Minnesota located in Hennepin County or Ramsey County, Minnesota or in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. I submit to the jurisdiction of said courts for the purposes of any lawsuit with ARRT and agree that jurisdiction and venue are proper in said courts.”

**Section 5.03 Failure to Renew Certification and Registration.** Failure to apply for renewal of certification and registration, or failure to meet the qualifications for renewal of certification and registration, or failure to supply all required information by the stated deadline shall result in the discontinuation of certification and registration. The ARRT does not permit the display of a certificate for individuals not currently certified and registered with the Corporation. The ARRT does not permit use of the title “Registered Technologist” or its abbreviation “R.T.” or the title “Registered Radiologist Assistant” or its abbreviation “R.R.A.” by those who are not currently certified and registered by ARRT.

**Section 5.04 Change of Mailing Address.** A registrant or candidate shall promptly notify the ARRT of any change in the mailing address of such registrant or candidate from that contained in the records of the ARRT. The change must be submitted in writing, or electronically through the ARRT website, or by telephone. Any notices given by the ARRT to a registrant or candidate by first-class or certified or registered mail, postage-prepaid, to his or her last known address appearing in the records of the ARRT, shall be deemed to have been given on deposit in the United States mail.

**Section 5.05 Change of E-Mail Address and Obligation to Check Online Account.** A registrant shall promptly notify the ARRT of any change in the e-mail address of such registrant from that contained in the records of the ARRT. Any change to an e-mail address must be submitted through the ARRT website. All registrants have an obligation to review any e-mails from the ARRT and, if requested to do so, to check their private ARRT online account to review important notices regarding the registrant’s requirements to obtain or maintain certification and registration.

**Section 5.06 Application for Discontinuation of Certification and Registration.** A registrant may submit an application to discontinue certification and registration at any time, but such discontinuation shall not be effective unless accepted by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall be under no obligation to accept an application for discontinuation and may institute any proceedings for revocation of certification and registration or for other sanction in respect to the registrant as it deems appropriate and may impose such sanctions at any time prior to accepting such application for discontinuation.

**Section 5.07 Retired.** Registrants and former registrants may apply for retired recognition in accordance with the following provisions:

- Registrants must:(a) be at least 55 years old; or have certification and registration by ARRT for at least 20 years prior to applying for retired recognition; or have a combined age plus years since initially certified and registered by ARRT of 70; and (b) be permanently retired from active practice in medical imaging, interventional procedures, and/or radiation therapy; and (c) not be under ethics sanction or investigation for ethics violations.
- Former registrants, at the time certification and registration was discontinued, must: (a) have been at least 55 years old; or have certification and registration by ARRT for at least 20 years prior to applying for retired recognition; or have had a combined age plus years since initially certified and registered by ARRT of 70; and have been permanently retired from active practice in medical imaging, interventional procedures, and/or radiation therapy; and (c) not have been or currently be under ethics sanction or investigation for ethics violations.

- Individuals eligible for retired recognition may apply by signing an application and agreement form prescribed from time to time by the Board of Trustees and by surrendering to the ARRT each current card theretofore issued by the ARRT to them.
- Retired recognition may be conferred or withheld at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.
- If the Board of Trustees accepts an individual's application for retired recognition, the ARRT shall retire the certificate that is registered and provide a special certificate of recognition that indicates the certificate was retired and is no longer registered; that the individual is no longer certified and/or registered; the technologist's name; ARRT ID number; discipline or disciplines of certification and registration; initial date or dates of certification and registration; and date issued.
- Individuals granted retired recognition by ARRT are no longer certified and/or registered, they may not use the title "Registered Technologist" or its abbreviation "R.T." or the title "Registered Radiologist Assistant" or its abbreviation "R.R.A."
- No annual renewal process is required and there is no annual application or fee.
- No listing of retired technologists will be maintained. ARRT will have no regular contact with retired technologists.
- Retired technologists who wish to reinstate certification and registration must follow the standard reinstatement by re-examination procedures regardless of the CE biennium timeframe.
- Individuals granted retired recognition who seek or maintain employment by claiming to be certified and/or registered by ARRT will be subject to legal action for misrepresentation.

**Section 5.08 Disabled.** Registrants and former registrants may apply for disabled recognition in accordance with the following provisions:

- Registrants must: (a) be permanently disabled as evidenced by documentation from the Social Security Administration, or their diagnosing physician, or their worker's compensation statement; and (b) permanently discontinue active practice in medical imaging, interventional procedures, and/or radiation therapy; and not be under ethics sanction or investigation for ethics violations.
- Former registrants, at the time certification and registration was discontinued, must: (a) have been permanently disabled as evidenced by documentation from the Social Security Administration, or their diagnosing physician, or their worker's compensation statement; and (b) have permanently discontinued active practice in medical imaging, interventional procedures, and/or radiation therapy; and (c) not have been or currently be under ethics sanction or investigation for ethics violations.
- Individuals eligible for disabled recognition may apply by signing an application and agreement form prescribed from time to time by the Board of Trustees, submitting a one-time fee as set by the Board of Trustees, and by surrendering to the ARRT each current card theretofore issued by the ARRT to them.
- Disabled recognition may be conferred or withheld at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.
- If the Board of Trustees accepts an individual's application for disabled recognition, the ARRT shall retire the certificate that is registered and provide a special certificate of recognition that indicates the certificate was retired and is no longer registered; that the individual is no longer certified and/or registered; the technologist's name; ARRT ID number; discipline or disciplines of certification and registration; initial date or dates of certification and registration, and date issued.
- Individuals granted disabled recognition by ARRT are no longer certified and/or registered, they may not use the title "Registered Technologist" or its abbreviation "R.T." or the title "Registered Radiologist Assistant" or its abbreviation "R.R.A."
- No annual renewal process is required and there is no annual application or fee.
- No listing of disabled technologists will be maintained. ARRT will have no regular contact with disabled technologists.
- Disabled technologists who wish to reinstate certification and registration must follow the standard reinstatement by re-examination procedures regardless of their CE biennium timeframe.
- Individuals granted disabled recognition who seek or maintain employment by claiming to be certified and/or registered by ARRT will be subject to legal action for misrepresentation.

## **ARTICLE VI.**

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION**

**Section 6.01 General.** A certification and registration issued by the ARRT that has been discontinued may be reinstated if the applicant for reinstatement of certification and registration meets the requirements for reinstatement as described in Article VI of these *Rules and Regulations*, as well as fulfilling other requirements as set by the Board of Trustees from time to time. The Board of Trustees shall have the right to reject the Application for Reinstatement of Certification and Registration of any person if the Board determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that the person does not meet the qualifications for certification and registration.

**Section 6.02 Ethics Requirement for Reinstatement.** An applicant for reinstatement of certification and registration must be a person of good moral character, must not have engaged in conduct that is inconsistent with the *ARRT Standards of Ethics* or the *ARRT Rules and Regulations*, and must have complied and agree to continue to comply with the *ARRT Rules and Regulations* and *ARRT Standards of Ethics*.

**Section 6.03 Education and/or Examination Requirements for Reinstatement.** An applicant for reinstatement must fulfill education requirements and/or re-examination requirements depending upon how long certification and registration has been discontinued. The length of time discontinued is determined relative to the individual's CE biennium period. The CE biennium period is described in the *ARRT Continuing Education Requirements*. The requirements for the various time periods are noted below. Individuals granted retired recognition or disabled recognition who wish to reinstate must meet the requirements in Section 5.06 and 5.07, respectively.

- (a) Reinstatement requested prior to the CE biennium ending date:
- If the individual meets all eligibility requirements for certification and registration, reinstatement will be allowed without reporting CE until required with the renewal;
  - CE credits must be reported with the Application for Renewal at the end of the biennium.
- (b) Reinstatement requested within six months after the CE biennium ending date:
- Report 24 CE credits completed during the previously assigned CE biennium; or
  - Apply for reinstatement under CE probation. CE credits completed during the previous biennium should be reported to determine the number of credits required under the probation status.
- (c) Reinstatement requested more than six months after the CE biennium ending date, but less than 12 months after the CE biennium ending date [Note: The option described in Section 6.03(c) will be discontinued December 31, 2020]:
- Apply for reinstatement and document CE credits completed during the previous CE biennium and/or CE probation period;
  - Reinstatement will not be granted under Section 6.03(c) without documentation that all 24 CE credits were completed during the previous CE biennium and/or CE probation period;
  - Reinstatement requests rejected under 6.03(c) must apply under Section 6.03 (d).
- (d) Reinstatement requested more than six months after the CE biennium ending date if not eligible for reinstatement under Section 6.03(c) or more than twelve months after the CQR compliance period ending date for CQR participants:
- Reinstatement will not be allowed without successful re-examination in a primary discipline (radiography, nuclear medicine technology, radiation therapy, sonography, or magnetic resonance imaging) for which the individual is eligible. Upon reinstatement, a new CE biennium reporting cycle will begin on the first day of the registrant's next birth month;
  - Individuals seeking reinstatement by re-examination must successfully complete re-examination in each discipline being reinstated. If reinstating a post-primary discipline, individuals must first complete re-examination in the primary supporting discipline before re-examination in the post-primary discipline;
  - Individuals seeking reinstatement by re-examination who gained eligibility for certification and registration in a post- primary discipline by using a non-ARRT supporting certification must either document to ARRT's satisfaction that the non-ARRT supporting certification has been maintained continuously through a certification organization having CE requirements consistent with ARRT's renewal of certification and registration requirements or successfully complete an ARRT examination in the supporting discipline before becoming eligible for re-examination in the post-primary discipline. These individuals will not be awarded ARRT certification and registration in the primary supporting discipline;
  - Applicants for reinstatement by re-examination will be limited to three attempts to pass the examination. The three attempts must be completed within the three-year period that commences when the applicant is determined to have met all other qualifications based upon the application submitted. An individual not passing the examination within the "three attempts in three years" limit will be deemed no longer eligible for reinstatement by re-examination, and may regain eligibility only by re-qualifying (i.e., re-completing all eligibility requirements for certification and registration in effect at the time, as described in Article II of the *ARRT Rules and Regulations*).
  - Reinstatement by re-examination of Quality Management credentials will not be available beginning July 1, 2018 and individuals not eligible for reinstatement under any of the other pathways for reinstatement will not be allowed to reinstate their Quality Management credentials.

**Section 6.04 Additional Qualifications for Reinstatement of a Time-Limited Certification and Registration.**

An individual is eligible to reinstate a time-limited certification and registration if, in addition to meeting all other qualifications noted in these *Rules and Regulations*, it has been less than 10 years since the initial time-limited certification and registration was awarded or if it has been less than 10 years since a new 10-year period was designated under the Continuing Qualifications Requirements (CQR). Reinstatement of certification and registration after being discontinued for non-compliance with CQR by the end of the 10- year period requires the individual to complete any component of CQR not met before the end of the 10-year period within one year of the end of the 10-year period (during which time the individual is not certified and registered). Reinstatement of certification and registration beyond this one-year period will require compliance with Section 6.03(d) of these *Rules and Regulations*. The provisions of 6.03(c) do not apply in this situation.

**Section 6.05 Reinstatement of Certification and Registration After Ethics Sanction Removal.** Individuals seeking reinstatement of certification and registration after an ethics sanction has been removed must successfully re-examine in each discipline being reinstated regardless of the length of time of the sanction. The “three attempts in three years” limit applies the same as it does under section 6.03(d).

If a certification and registration awarded prior to January 1, 2011 is revoked and if that individual regains certification and registration on or after January 1, 2011, the new certification and registration will be subject to the time-limited provisions of Section 2.05.

**ARTICLE VII.**

**REINSTATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCESS**

**Section 7.01 Application for Reinstatement of Certification and Registration.** Applications for reinstatement of certification and registration shall be filed with the Corporation in a format and manner determined by the Corporation, together with a fee in such sum as the Board of Trustees may fix. All applicants shall furnish such information as the Board of Trustees shall request. Applications must be signed by the applicant. Applicants may be investigated by the ARRT to determine moral character, compliance with the *ARRT Rules and Regulations* and *ARRT Standards of Ethics*, and other qualifications of the applicant for reinstatement.

**Section 7.02 Agreement of Applicants for Reinstatement.** Applicants for reinstatement of certification and registration must agree to comply with the agreement included in Article V, Section 5.02 and must indicate agreement by signing the application form.

**ARTICLE VIII.**

**STANDARDS OF ETHICS**

The Board of Trustees shall promulgate, annually review, and adopt changes it considers necessary or appropriate in the *ARRT Standards of Ethics*; and evaluate their relevance and application to registrants, candidates for certification and registration, and applicants for renewal or reinstatement of certification and registration. Adherence to the *ARRT Standards of Ethics* shall not be construed to prevent the Board of Trustees from promulgating additional rules for the conduct of Registered Technologists and Registered Radiologist Assistants, or from making determinations as to the types of conduct that the Board deems unethical, improper, or of a nature that may bring discredit to the profession.

**ARTICLE IX.**

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

**Section 9.01 General.** The Board of Trustees, in accordance with the *ARRT Rules and Regulations* and *ARRT Standards of Ethics*, may reject or deny an application for certification and registration, refuse the renewal of certification and registration, or revoke certification and registration, or revoke eligibility to reinstate certification and registration of any individual who does not meet or who does not continue to meet the qualifications for certification and registration set forth in the *ARRT Rules and Regulations* or in the *ARRT Standards of Ethics*. The Board of Trustees shall also have the right to censure registrants or suspend a registrant’s certification and registration for such period of time as it deems appropriate.

**Section 9.02 Denial of Application for Renewal of Certification and Registration.** An application for the renewal of certification and registration previously issued may be denied if the Board of Trustees determines that the applicant has not met or does not continue to meet the qualifications for certification and registration specified in the *ARRT Rules and Regulations* or in the *ARRT Standards of Ethics*.



The certification and registration of an individual whose application for renewal has been denied shall be deemed to remain in effect during the period in which such individual contests the action of the ARRT, in respect to its refusal to renew the certification and registration.

**Section 9.03 Revocation or Suspension of Certification and Registration; Censure of Registrant.** The Board of Trustees may revoke or suspend certification and registration issued by it, or may censure a registrant, if it determines that the registrant:

- (a) is not, or has ceased to be, a person of good moral character; or
- (b) has been guilty of or advocated, directly or indirectly, unethical practices according to standards prescribed by the Board of Trustees and the profession for radiologic technologists; or
- (c) shall have conducted himself or herself in the practice of his or her profession or in any other manner so as to bring discredit to the profession; or
- (d) shall have violated or refused to comply with any of the terms of the Agreement signed at the time of application for certification and registration, renewal of certification and registration, or reinstatement of certification and registration; or any of the *ARRT Rules and Regulations* or the *ARRT Standards of Ethics*; or
- (e) shall in any other manner cease to meet the qualifications for certification and registration specified in the *ARRT Rules and Regulations*.

**ARTICLE X.  
CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Board of Trustees shall promulgate, annually review, and adopt changes it considers necessary or appropriate in the *ARRT Continuing Education Requirements* and evaluate their relevance and application to Registered Technologists and Registered Radiologist Assistants and applicants for renewal or reinstatement of certification and registration.

**ARTICLE XI.  
AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE STANDARDS OF ETHICS, THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, AND THE CONTINUING QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS**

**Section 11.01 General.** Any person, group, or representatives of groups or associations may register their names with the ARRT to receive notice of proposed or amended *ARRT Rules and Regulations*, or amended *ARRT Standards of Ethics*, or amended *ARRT Continuing Education Requirements*, or amended *ARRT Continuing Qualifications Requirements*. Substantive revisions will follow the amendment process described in Section 11.02, but other changes may be made by the Board of Trustees from time to time at its discretion.

**Section 11.02 Amendment Procedures.** *ARRT Rules and Regulations* or amendments thereto, or amendments to the *ARRT Standards of Ethics*, or amendments to the *ARRT Continuing Education Requirements* or amendments to the *ARRT Continuing Qualifications Requirements*, hereinafter collectively referred to as a “proposed rule,” may be proposed, considered, or adopted in the following manner:

- (a) Notice of a proposed rule shall be given by mail to each member of the Board of Trustees at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.
- (b) The proposed rule may be approved for public distribution and publication by majority vote of the Board of Trustees prior to adoption. A proposed rule shall not be adopted until such rule has been distributed and published for public comment. A proposed rule shall be accompanied by a date or proposed date on which it is proposed to adopt such rule.
- (c) The proposed rule shall be posted on ARRT’s public website and may be distributed in any other manner deemed appropriate by the ARRT.
- (d) All interested persons who desire to comment on any proposed rule shall make such comments in writing and direct them to the Executive Director of the ARRT at the offices of the ARRT, 1255 Northland Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55120, at least 30 days prior to the date at which the Board of Trustees is to take action to adopt the

proposed rule. Copies of such written comments shall be made available to any interested persons requesting to review the same and shall be distributed to each member of the Board of Trustees who will act upon and consider the proposed rule or regulation. All such comments shall be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at the meeting at which consideration of adoption of proposed rule takes place.

(e) At the request of an interested party, and with the consent of the President of the ARRT, any person may appear before the Board of Trustees at a date and time scheduled by it, to speak in respect to any proposed rule.

(f) At any meeting of the Board of Trustees at which a proposed rule or regulation is considered, the Board of Trustees shall determine affirmatively that facts exist establishing the need for, and reasonableness of, the rule or regulation proposed for adoption. Upon such affirmative showing and approval of the proposed rule by a majority of the Board of Trustees, the proposed rule shall become effective immediately, unless a later effective date is established by resolution of the Board of Trustees, or unless such rule is republished as provided in Subparagraph (g) of this article.

(g) At the meeting of the Board of Trustees at which adoption of the proposed rule is considered, after due consideration of public comment, the Board of Trustees may adopt the proposed rule and make such changes, amendments, or modifications to the proposed rule as it shall determine appropriate. In the event, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, the rule as adopted contains any substantive and material changes from the form of proposed regulations as previously published, the proposed rule, as amended, shall be republished, noting the changes that have been made. In absence of substantive and material changes being made to the proposed rule, the ARRT shall not, unless the Board of Trustees so directs, be obligated to republish or redistribute any rule or regulation so adopted. The Board of Trustees shall determine whether a substantive or material change has been made to a proposed rule, and its determination on such matter shall be conclusive. If the Board of Trustees adopts a proposed rule that it requires to be republished, such rule shall become effective 60 days after the publication of the rule by the ARRT or on such later date as the Board of Trustees shall specify.

(h) Nothing herein shall prevent the Board of Trustees, without prior publication of any proposed rule or regulation, or circulation of the same to interested parties, from considering and adopting any rule or regulation determined by it to be appropriate on an interim basis to deal with any emergency condition, event, or situation, or any circumstance of hardship; provided, however, that such rule or regulation shall expire one year after its adoption, unless adopted as a rule or regulation in the manner prescribed by Section 11.02 of these *Rules and Regulations*.

(i) Notwithstanding anything apparently or expressly to the contrary contained in these *ARRT Rules and Regulations*, the *ARRT Standards of Ethics*, or the *ARRT Continuing Education Requirements* as adopted by the Board of Trustees, amendments shall become effective upon the date of adoption and shall remain in full force and effect unless and until amended as hereinabove provided for.

