



## Your Chance to Comment

ARRT has recommended the following changes to its governing documents. Because the documents apply to all Registered Technologists (R.T.s), it's important for you to review the changes and let ARRT know what you think.

Have another opinion, idea, or solution? Want to let us know why you support these changes? Go online to [this survey](#). **Comments are due May 4, 2018.**

### [ARRT Rules and Regulations](#)

The first two proposed changes below relate to ARRT's Quality Management (QM) and Vascular Sonography (VS) credentials, respectively. The final three pertain to all R.T.s subject to Continuing Qualifications Requirements (CQR).

Proposed Change	How It Affects You	Why the Change?
<p><i>Sections 2.03(h); 2.05, and 6.03(d)</i></p> <p>ARRT will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop issuing <b>new</b> QM credentials on July 1, 2018</li> <li>• Not allow reinstatement by re-examination of QM credentials after July 1, 2018</li> <li>• Not require or allow R.T.s who have a QM credential to complete Continuing Qualifications Requirements (CQR) for the QM credential</li> </ul>	<p>If you already hold an ARRT QM credential, you may maintain it as long as you continue to meet all ARRT requirements for certification and registration.</p> <p>If you let your QM credential lapse, beginning July 1, 2018, you won't be able to reinstate it by re-examination. If you aren't eligible for any of ARRT's other pathways to reinstatement, you won't be able to reinstate your QM credential.</p> <p>If you hold a QM credential—even if you earned it on or</p>	<p>We announced this change in May 2017. At that time, we explained that—because medical imaging, radiation therapy, and interventional procedures primarily use digital equipment now—many previous QM tasks have become obsolete. In fact, a survey of QM practitioners nationwide found that 43 of the 105 tasks the QM exam covers are no longer common to the discipline.</p> <p>ARRT maintains credentialing programs for disciplines with a broad range of tasks and with practice patterns consistent</p>

	<p>after Jan. 2, 2011—you won't complete CQR for that credential.</p>	<p>enough for technologists to demonstrate their qualifications. Because the number of tasks has decreased significantly in QM, and because QM no longer requires a well-defined set of tasks applied universally in the workplace, ARRT's Board of Trustees elected to stop issuing new QM credentials.</p> <p>We won't allow reinstatement by re-examination because we will no longer have a QM exam. And we won't require CQR because we won't create Structured Self-Assessments for the QM credential.</p>
<p><i>Section 2.03(k)</i></p> <p>ARRT is adding a second option for meeting the Professional Education Requirement for Vascular Sonography (VS).</p> <p>Effective July 1, 2019, candidates for the VS credential may choose to successfully complete a formal educational program in VS. The program must have accreditation from an agency ARRT accepts.</p>	<p>If you want to earn an ARRT VS credential, beginning July 1, 2019, you may use either the postprimary pathway or primary pathway.</p> <p>By using our primary pathway, you'll be able to gain ARRT certification and registration shortly after completing an educational program in VS. You won't need ARRT certification and registration in another discipline first—and you'll have already completed your clinical requirements as part of your educational program.</p> <p>To use the new VS primary pathway, you'll have to complete our VS Didactic and Clinical Competency Requirements as part of your educational program. You'll also have to meet our other regulations for earning</p>	<p>Since 2001, ARRT has offered certification and registration in VS to professionals who already hold ARRT or ARDMS credentials. Since then, numerous educational institutions have begun offering programs in VS. By offering the primary pathway to an ARRT credential, we make it more convenient for VS students to obtain certification and registration in VS.</p>

	eligibility for certification and registration using the primary pathway (earning an appropriate degree and establishing eligibility within an appropriate time period).	
<p><i>Section 2.07</i></p> <p>CQR participants must sign the CQR Participant Agreement. By doing so, they acknowledge and agree to comply with certain conditions of taking part in the CQR Structured Self-Assessment (SSA). For example, they acknowledge that ARRT owns and has copyrighted the SSA material. Therefore, disclosing SSA content is a potential violation of the ARRT Rules of Ethics.</p>	<p>You must agree not to disclose any information on the SSA. If you do, you may be subject to legal and disciplinary action by ARRT.</p>	<p>Although the SSA isn't an exam, it's still important to keep the information in each SSA confidential.</p> <p>ARRT creates SSAs for each discipline to measure R.T.s' skills and knowledge in their discipline(s). The SSAs would not be as fair or as accurate if people knew which questions were on the assessment before taking it.</p>
<p><i>Section 3.03</i></p> <p>ARRT will provide some personally identifiable information to Pearson VUE, our exam administrator.</p>	<p>If you take an SSA in any discipline, ARRT will provide Pearson VUE with information such as your name and address.</p>	<p>We share candidates' personal information with Pearson VUE only to help administer the SSA and report the SSA results to ARRT.</p>
<p><i>Sections 11.01 and 11.02</i></p> <p>Proposed amendments to CQR policies and rules will be treated the same as proposed amendments to ARRT's other governing documents.</p>	<p>As an R.T., you'll receive notice of proposed changes or changes to ARRT CQR documents, just as you do for ARRT's other governing documents.</p>	<p>We're making this change to inform R.T.s that CQR amendments will go through the same process for amendment as our other governing documents do.</p>

ARRT Standards of Ethics

The *Standards of Ethics* have only a few revisions, primarily wording changes to clarify rules and improve accuracy. Below are the revisions that go beyond editorial changes.

Proposed Change	How It Affects You	Why the Change?
<p><i>Code of Ethics, Item 3</i></p> <p>Add the underlined wording:</p> <p>The radiologic technologist delivers patient care and service unrestricted by the concerns of personal attributes or the nature of the disease or illness, and without discrimination on the basis of <u>race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, age, or any other legally protected basis.</u></p>	<p>As an R.T., you should know that maintaining a high level of professional and ethical conduct requires you to deliver patient care in a nonjudgmental and nondiscriminatory way.</p>	<p>This change emphasizes to R.T.s, patients, and the public that we oppose discrimination.</p>
<p><i>Code of Ethics, Item 11</i></p> <p>Add a new provision that says:</p> <p><u>The radiologic technologist refrains from the use of illegal drugs and/or any legally controlled substances which result in impairment of professional judgment and/or the ability to practice radiologic technology with reasonable skill and safety to patients.</u></p>	<p>As an R.T., you should understand that, to maintain a high level of professional and ethical conduct, you should refrain from using the substances noted in the new provision.</p>	<p>The change spells out actions important to protecting the safety of patients.</p>
<p><i>Rules of Ethics</i></p> <p>Add that <u>applicants for certification and registration</u></p>	<p>If you're applying for certification and registration with ARRT, you must notify us of any potential ethics</p>	<p>This change provides consistency to the 30-day reporting requirements for both R.T.s and applicants for</p>

<p><u>with ARRT</u> must adhere to the same 30-day reporting requirements as R.T.s do.</p>	<p>violation—including state licensing issues, criminal charges, and convictions—within 30 days of the event’s occurrence.</p>	<p>certification and registration with ARRT.</p>
<p><i>Rules of Ethics, Rule 5</i></p> <p>Change references from “CE Subversion” to “Education Subversion.” The change applies to all of ARRT’s <u>Education Requirements, including but not limited to Continuing Education Requirements; Clinical Experience and Competency Requirements; structured education activities; and Continuing Qualifications Requirements (CQR).</u></p> <p>Add the fact that Education Subversion also applies to verifiers who verify <u>clinical procedures that were not performed.</u></p>	<p>As an R.T. or potential R.T., you’re responsible for following ARRT’s Rules of Ethics as spelled out in the <i>ARRT Standards of Ethics</i>.</p> <p>Any subversion of ARRT’s Education Requirements violates Rule 5.</p>	<p>We revised Rule 5 to more broadly address falsification of any ARRT Education Requirements, including by verifiers who verify clinical procedures that weren’t performed.</p>

[\*ARRT Continuing Education \(CE\) Requirements\*](#)

Throughout the *Continuing Education Requirements*, we’ve clarified wording and updated dates. We’ve also rearranged some sections to keep related information together.

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<p><i>Section 9</i></p> <p>R.T.s cannot divide credit for an approved CE activity that has one reference number.</p>	<p>If you take CE with one reference number, you can’t divide the credits for any reason. Even if you don’t need all the credits to meet a requirement, you can’t bank some of them for future use.</p> <p>For example, you can’t apply half of the activity’s credits to meet CE probation and half to your new biennium.</p>	<p>RCEEMs and state licensing agencies approve education activities as a whole—not in parts.</p>

	In addition, if you're pursuing a new ARRT-recognized credential, and you receive credits for the new credential, you can't divide those credits among probation and biennial CE requirements.	
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Thanks for reviewing! Now you're ready to comment using our [survey](#).