

3701-72-02 Radiologic license application and renewal procedures.

- (A) Except as provided in division (B) of section 4773.02 of the Revised Code, no person shall practice or hold himself or herself out as a general x-ray machine operator, radiographer, radiation therapist, or nuclear medicine technologist without a valid license.
- (B) An individual seeking a radiologic license shall apply to the department on forms prescribed by the director. Except as provided in paragraph (C) of this rule, a separate application and fee is required for each license category. The application for each license shall include at least the following:
- (1) Name and address of applicant;
 - (2) License category for which application is being made;
 - (3) A non-refundable, non-transferrable check or money order in the amount of sixty-five dollars made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio";
 - (4) A statement affirming that all the information submitted by the applicant is accurate and true;
 - (5) Evidence that the applicant successfully completed an educational program for the applicable license category accredited by the department under rule 3701-72-03 of the Administrative Code;
 - (6) An applicant for a general x-ray machine operator license shall submit evidence of satisfactory completion of one or more of the competency-based clinical training modules identified in paragraph (F) of rule 3701-72-04 of the Administrative Code;
 - (7) Applicants for a general x-ray machine operator license who are currently enrolled and in the last year of a two-year accredited radiography educational program or who have graduated from a two-year accredited radiography educational program and are within twelve months of their date of graduation, may submit a signed affidavit from the director of the educational program to meet one or more of the competency-based training modules identified in paragraph (F) of rule 3701-72-04 of the Administrative Code; and
 - (8) Evidence of having passed the Ohio examination for his or her license category by correctly answering at least the percentage of questions on the examination specified by the director, unless the examination is not required because one of the following applies:
 - (a) The individual is applying for a license as a general x-ray machine operator and holds certification as a radiographer from the "American Registry of Radiologic Technologists" or the "American Chiropractic Registry of Radiologic Technologists";
 - (b) The applicant holds a license issued under Chapter 4773. of the Revised Code for his or her area of practice and has completed the relevant continuing education requirements specified in paragraph (L) of this rule;
 - (c) The individual is applying for a license as a radiographer and holds certification as a radiographer from the "American Registry of Radiologic

Technologists";

- (d) The individual is applying for a license as a radiation therapist and holds certification as a radiation therapist from the "American Registry of Radiologic Technologists";
 - (e) The individual is applying for a license as a nuclear medicine technologist and holds certification as a nuclear medicine technologist from the "American Registry of Radiologic Technologists" or the "Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board"; or
 - (f) The applicant holds a valid license, certificate or other credential issued by another state that the department determines uses standards for radiologic professions that are at least equal to those standards established in Chapter 4773. of the Revised Code and Chapter 3701-72 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) Notwithstanding paragraph (B) of this rule, if a current general x-ray machine operator licensee is applying for a radiographer license, the application fee shall be fifteen dollars. A radiographer license issued in accordance with this paragraph shall expire on the original expiration date of the current general x-ray machine operator license.
- (D) An applicant for a license shall be at least eighteen years of age or older and shall be of good moral character. In the event an applicant has ever been convicted of a felony, a certified copy of the conviction and indictment must be submitted with the license application for department review.
- (E) An applicant shall be considered to have completed an educational program accredited by the department if the applicant provides proof that the course was taken prior to April 9, 1995, and was accredited by the "Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology" or accredited by the "Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology" or if the program is housed in a college accredited by the "North Central Association of Colleges and Schools" or other United States department of education approved regional accrediting agencies.
- (F) An applicant shall not be admitted to an examination without written verification, on a form prescribed by the director, granting that he or she is eligible to take the Ohio examination.
- (G) An applicant may take the state examination any number of times. The director may deny an application if the applicant does not pass the state examination within one year after the department has received the application. If a general x-ray machine operator applicant does not pass the state examination within one year of completing a didactic educational program, the individual shall retake the didactic education prior to being authorized to take it during that year's period.
- (H) The department may return an incomplete application for a license. The applicant or licensee shall respond to the department's notice for additional information within twenty business days of mailing the notice. Subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the director may also refuse to issue, or may suspend or revoke any license if the applicant or licensee does not meet the requirements of Chapter 4773. of the Revised Code, or Chapter 3701-72 of the Administrative Code.
- (I) The first license issued to an individual shall expire on the licensee's birthday two

years after the issue date. Thereafter, a radiologic license expires biennially on the licensee's birthday. On or before thirty days prior to the expiration of a license, the department shall mail a notice and application for renewal to the licensee. The licensee shall complete the application according to the instructions on the notice and return it to the treasurer of state with a non-refundable, nontransferable check, money order, or electronic payment, payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio", in the amount of forty-five dollars. The application for renewal shall be postmarked or received electronically on or before the expiration date of the licensee's license.

- (J) All application fees received shall be deposited in the general operations fund specified in section 3701.83 of the Revised Code to be used for the administration and enforcement of Chapter 4773. of the Revised Code.
- (K) Any person applying to renew a license shall have completed twelve CE credits of continuing education before the license expiration date. The twelve CE credits must be approved in accordance with rule 3701-72-03 of the Administrative Code and specific to the license category held. Applicants with multiple licenses may use the same twelve CE credits for the renewal of each license.
- (L) A radiographer, nuclear medicine technologist, or radiation therapist renewing a license who is currently certified and in good standings with the continuing education requirements of the "American Registry of Radiologic Technologists" may submit evidence of this certification as proof of meeting the continuing education requirement set forth in paragraph (K) of this rule. A nuclear medicine technologist renewing a license who is currently certified and in good standings with the continuing education requirements of the "Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board," may submit evidence of this certification, as proof of meeting the continuing education requirement set forth in paragraph (K) of this rule.
- (M) The department may approve continuing education which has been approved by the "American Society of Radiologic Technologists," "Society of Nuclear Medicine," or "International Society for Clinical Densitometry" for continuing education courses.
- (N) A licensee who does not apply to renew his or her license by the expiration date shall be considered to have allowed the license to lapse. A licensee with a lapsed license may continue to work during the period his or her license has lapsed, provided that the licensee re-activates the license in accordance with the requirements of this paragraph. The department will review an application for renewal of a lapsed license in accordance with the following:
 - (1) A complete license renewal application received by the department with a postmark or electronic timestamp date up to thirty calendar days after the expiration of the license, that is accompanied by the renewal application fee and evidence of completing the continuing education requirements provided in paragraph (K) of this rule will be renewed;
 - (2) If a license renewal application is received by the department beyond thirty calendar days of the expiration of the license, the application shall be denied. To acquire a radiologic license in this instance, the individual would need to apply for a new license in accordance with paragraph (O) of this rule.
- (O) If an individual applies for an Ohio radiologic license after thirty days following the expiration of his or her Ohio radiologic license within the same category, the applicant must submit the following to be considered for another license:

- (1) Application fee;
- (2) Evidence of completing twenty-four CE credits as approved under rule 3701-72-03 of the Administrative Code;
- (3) As applicable, evidence of completing the educational requirements as required by paragraphs (B)(5) and (B)(6) of this rule as applicable; and
- (4) Evidence of passing the state examination. General x-ray machine operator applicants shall show evidence of passing the state examination within the past five years. The examination provision of this rule will not apply to individuals who hold a current registration with the "American Registry of Radiologic Technologists," specific to the appropriate license category, or to individuals who hold a current certification with the "Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board" for nuclear medicine technologists.

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