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MISSION To promote safe, high-quality patient care through credentialing, collaboration, and advocacy.

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ARRT's Breast Sonography, CT, MRI, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Registered Radiologist Assistant, Sonography, and Vascular Sonography credential programs have earned accreditation from the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), the accrediting body of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (I.C.E.). NCCA assures all stakeholders that an independent third party has reviewed ARRT's credentialing programs according to stringent standards set by the credentialing community.

For more information on I.C.E./NCCA and its accreditation program, visit credentialingexcellence.org.

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This handbook applies only to people who have exhausted all other options for reinstatement and who must retake the ARRT examination if they wish to regain certification and registration with us.

Reinstatement by examination applies to you if your certification and registration have been discontinued, and:

- It's been more than six months since the last day of your most recent biennium, and you haven't completed your continuing education (CE) activities, reported them, and finished the online reinstatement process.
- You didn't complete your [Continuing Qualifications Requirements](#) (CQR) within your CQR period or within a year afterward (see [Page 5](#)).
- You received a sanction that included revocation of your credentials, but you requested and received sanction removal.

People reinstating their credentials must meet our [ARRT Standards of Ethics](#) (see [Page 7](#)), [ARRT Rules and Regulations](#) requirements (see [Page 11](#)) and [Continuing Qualifications Requirements](#) (CQR). After removal of an ethics sanction, you must pass the current ARRT exam in each discipline you wish to reinstate—regardless of the length of your sanction.



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Education Requirements

Registered Technologists must complete and submit CE credits every two years. That two-year period is your CE biennium. Most R.T.s need to complete 24 credits of CE each biennium. Registered Radiologist Assistants must complete 50 credits each biennium. Imaging Assistants need to complete 10 credits of discipline-specific CE every two years. Learn more about CE and other requirements by reviewing [ARRT Education Requirements for Obtaining and Maintaining Certification and Registration](#).

REINSTATEMENT AND CQR

R.T.s complete CQR once every 10 years for each ARRT credential earned since Jan. 1, 2011. If you're a Registered Radiologist Assistant, you'll fulfill CQR for that discipline regardless of when you earned the R.R.A. credential. If you don't complete your CQR by the end of year 10, we'll discontinue your certification and registration in that discipline. Imaging Assistants aren't required to complete CQR.

You may reinstate your certification and registration in that discipline if you complete all CQR—including any prescribed CE—by the end of your 11th year. At that point, you'll have to follow current reinstatement procedures (which could include reinstatement by examination) and pay applicable fees. If you don't complete CQR by the end of your 11th year, and you later desire to reinstate your credential, you'll have to reinstate by examination.

If you let a discipline lapse—and that discipline [supports another credential](#)—you'll lose certification and registration in the supported discipline, too.

For example, if you have a Radiography credential that supports a Computed Tomography credential, and you let the Radiography credential lapse, you'll lose certification and registration in Computed Tomography, too

The chart on the next page shows which disciplines support others.



REMEMBER

If you let a credential lapse—and that discipline [supports another credential](#)—you'll lose certification and registration in the supported discipline, too.



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POSTPRIMARY ELIGIBILITY PATHWAY

ARRT offers certification and registration using the postprimary eligibility pathway for Mammography, CT, MRI, Bone Densitometry, Cardiac Interventional Radiography, Vascular Interventional Radiography, Vascular Sonography, and Breast Sonography. In addition, we offer certification and registration for Registered Radiologist Assistants (see bottom row).

	RADIOGRAPHY is a supporting discipline for	NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY is a supporting discipline for	RADIATION THERAPY is a supporting discipline for	SONOGRAPHY is a supporting discipline for	MRI is a supporting discipline for	VASCULAR SONOGRAPHY is a supporting discipline for
MAMMOGRAPHY	■					
CT	■	■ *	■			
MRI	■	■ *	■	■ **		■ **
BONE DENSITOMETRY	■	■ *	■			
CARDIAC INTERVENTIONAL RADIOGRAPHY	■					
VASCULAR INTERVENTIONAL RADIOGRAPHY	■					
VASCULAR SONOGRAPHY	■	■ *	■	■ **		
BREAST SONOGRAPHY	■ ***			■ **		■ **
REGISTERED RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	■					

* Supporting credential may be earned through ARRT or NMTCB

** Supporting credential may be earned through ARRT or ARDMS

*** Also requires an active credential in Mammography

Learn more about [supporting categories](#).

The Imaging Assistant credential is not a supporting discipline for any other discipline.



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Ethics Requirements

ARRT enforces high standards of ethics and professional conduct for both registrants and candidates. We created these rules to help protect the safety of all patients.

If ARRT revokes your certification and registration because of an ethics violation, you must apply for sanction removal. If you receive it, you may apply to reinstate. Whether you're applying for a new or reinstated credential, you must comply with everything in the [ARRT Standards of Ethics](#), including the Rules of Ethics.

WHAT VIOLATES ARRT'S RULES OF ETHICS?

Several types of misconduct, charges, and convictions may violate our Rules of Ethics. They include, but aren't limited to:

- Felony or misdemeanor charges or convictions (including speeding tickets and parking violations that are considered misdemeanors or felonies)
- Charges or convictions concerning traffic violations **that involved** drugs or alcohol
- Convictions in a military court-martial
- Violations of state or federal narcotics or controlled substance laws, even if you aren't charged or convicted
- Disciplinary actions concerning a professional license, permit, registration, or certification
- Violations of an honor code at an educational institution you attended to meet ARRT certification and registration requirements

You **don't** have to report any offenses that you committed as a juvenile and that were adjudicated through the juvenile court system.

If you've done something that might have violated our Rules of Ethics:

- Report the potential violation within 30 calendar days of its occurrence.
- Or, if you still hold another ARRT credential, report the violation at your annual renewal, **whichever comes first**.

In addition, you must report applicants or registrants who don't comply. If you don't follow these rules, you might become ineligible for reinstatement.



QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about ethics requirements, and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for ethics information.



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HOW TO REPORT VIOLATIONS

When you apply for reinstatement, we'll ask three questions. How you answer will determine your next steps.

ETHICS QUESTION 1: CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS REPORTING

QUESTION	Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? (This includes court convictions and military courts-martial.)
ANSWER YES	<p>If you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charges or convictions—including those that were stayed, withheld or deferred, set aside, or suspended• Any plea of guilty, Alford plea, or plea of no contest (nolo contendere)• Court conditions applied to your charge—including court supervision, probation, or pretrial diversion• Traffic violations charged as misdemeanors or felonies• Traffic violations that involved drugs or alcohol
ANSWER NO	<p>If you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No offenses• Offenses and convictions that occurred before you turned 18 and that were processed in juvenile court• Speeding and parking tickets that weren't charged as misdemeanors or felonies and that didn't involve drugs or alcohol (if you have any traffic violation that involved drugs and/or alcohol, you must answer "Yes")• Charges that were dismissed with no court conditions required (if conditions were required, you must answer "Yes")• Court records that were sealed or expunged (if you don't have court documents that prove your case was sealed or expunged, you must answer "Yes")• Offenses you've already reported to ARRT and about which ARRT has sent you communication <p>Reminder: You must answer yes for all traffic violations that involved drugs and/or alcohol.</p>
WHAT TO DO IF YOU ANSWER YES	<p>Follow the instruction on your payment confirmation page. If you are submitting a paper application, submit a written explanation of the events and copies of all relevant documentation. Do not send original records.</p> <p>For additional guidance, review the Ethics Review Checklist for Criminal Violations. If you have questions and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARR.T (2778), and choose the option for ethics information.</p>



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ETHICS QUESTION 2: REGULATORY AUTHORITY VIOLATIONS REPORTING

QUESTION	Has a regulatory authority or certification board (other than ARRT) ever done one or more of the following? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Denied, revoked, or suspended your professional license, permit, registration, or certification?• Placed you on probation (excluding ARRT Continuing Education (CE) probation), under consent agreement, or under consent order?• Allowed voluntary surrender of your professional license, permit, registration, or certification?• Subjected you to any conditions or disciplinary actions?
ANSWER YES	If one or more of these apply to you and the organization imposing the action wasn't ARRT.
ANSWER NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you have no offenses• If your only offense is ARRT CE probation• For offenses previously reported to ARRT and for which ARRT has sent you communication
WHAT TO DO IF YOU ANSWER YES	<p>Follow the instruction on your payment confirmation page. If you're submitting a paper application, submit a written explanation of the events and copies of all relevant documentation. Do not send original records.</p> <p>For additional guidance, review the Ethics Review Checklist for Regulatory Violations. If you have questions, and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for ethics information.</p>



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ETHICS QUESTION 3: HONOR CODE VIOLATIONS REPORTING

QUESTION	Have you ever voluntarily withdrawn—or been suspended, dismissed, or expelled—from an educational program you attended to meet ARRT certification and registration requirements?
ANSWER YES	If any of the experiences described in Ethics Question 3 apply to you
ANSWER NO	For offenses you previously reported to ARRT and for which ARRT has sent you communication
WHETHER YOU ANSWER YES OR NO	You'll need to read and agree to the Written Consent Under FERPA in your application.
WHAT TO DO IF YOU ANSWER YES	<p>Follow the instruction on your payment confirmation page. If you are submitting a paper application, submit a written explanation of the events and copies of all relevant documentation. Do not send original records.</p> <p>For additional guidance, review the Ethics Review Checklist for Honor Code Violations. If you have questions and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for ethics information.</p> <p>Don't submit your ethics documentation before you submit your Application for Certification and Registration.</p>

Keep in Mind

It's much better to report an issue than to try to hide it. If you don't disclose a violation, but we learn about it, you may be subject to ARRT sanctions for not reporting the issue—even if that issue alone wouldn't have led to a sanction.

Most registrants who report potential violations don't have their credentials revoked. ARRT completed approximately 1,309 ethics reviews in 2024, and close to 98% resulted in the ability to become or remain certified and registered.



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Examination Requirements

Before you earn an ARRT credential, you must pass an ARRT exam in your discipline. If you want to reinstate, in certain circumstances you'll need to pass the exam again. To learn whether you must re-examine, see Section 6.03 of [ARRT Rules and Regulations](#).

The remainder of this handbook explains the process of reinstatement by examination. You'll find much more about our exams—and how to prepare—in the section beginning on [Page 31](#).

Be sure to consult the current exam [content specifications](#) for a list of topics the exam covers. Those topics might have changed since you last took the exam.

YOU'LL HAVE THREE ATTEMPTS TO PASS

Be aware that you'll have **three attempts** to pass the exam. Each attempt at the exam will require a separate application and fee. You must make those attempts within three years of the date your first [exam window](#) opens. If you don't pass the exam within those three years or those three attempts, you'll no longer be eligible for certification and registration unless you requalify (see [Page 21](#)).

Questions? If you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.

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- You'll have **three attempts** to pass the exam.
- You must make those attempts within **three years** of the date your first [exam window](#) opens.
- Exam attempts made as a state licensing candidate count toward your three attempts to pass an exam as an ARRT candidate.



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If you have an online account you may access the application by following the prompts on your dashboard. If you don't have an online account please call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.

STEPS TO APPLYING.

Be sure to complete these steps as you prepare your application for reinstatement by examination:

1. Sign the Agreement of Candidates and the written consent under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) ([Page 14](#)).
2. Use your legal name on your application—and make sure it matches your two forms of valid and acceptable ID exactly ([Page 14](#)).
3. Fill out your application completely and accurately before submitting it with your fee ([Page 16](#)).
4. Meet all deadlines ([Page 25](#)).



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Apply for One Credential at a Time

If you're trying to regain multiple credentials, you must first reinstate any supporting disciplines that have lapsed. Then you may reinstate credentials that require those supporting credentials.

You won't be able to submit any additional applications and fees before you've completed your initial exam and the official score has been processed. And, as with any ARRT exam, you'll have three attempts in three years to pass the exam (see [Page 11](#)).



QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about applying, and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.

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Complete and Submit Your Application

SIGN THE AGREEMENT OF CANDIDATES

When you apply to reinstate your certification and registration, you'll need to sign the Agreement of Candidates and the written consent under FERPA. You can find the full agreement in Article III, Section 3.02, of [ARRT Rules and Regulations](#). Be familiar with the agreement and ARRT's other requirements before you apply with us.

VALID TYPES OF ACCEPTABLE ID

Matching names are one of the best ways for us to make sure the person who applies for reinstatement of an ARRT credential is the same person who takes the corresponding exam. Make the exam process easy on yourself by making sure you have two valid types of acceptable ID before you apply for, schedule, or attempt to take your exam.

Be Sure Your Application Matches Your ID

The name you enter when you set up your account is the name ARRT will use in your permanent record and on your Candidate Status Report. Use your legal name—the one that appears on your birth certificate, marriage certificate, or legal name change document.

The name on your Candidate Status Report must be identical to the name on both pieces of ID you'll bring to the test center. **The only exception is that it doesn't matter if any of your IDs contain your middle name or initial.** If your name has a cultural variation, make sure that the same variation appears on your Candidate Status Report and on both of your IDs.



QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about preparing your application, and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.



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Valid Types of Acceptable ID

Be prepared to show two forms of valid (not expired) and acceptable identification at the test center:

- Your primary ID must be government-issued and include your permanently printed name, your photo, and your signature or military bar code. Some examples of a primary ID include: a driver's license, tribal ID, state ID card, passport, or military ID card.
- Your secondary ID must include your permanently printed name and your signature. It can be your U.S. Social Security card, an employee ID badge, a bank or credit card, or a school ID. It can also be a second form of the types of primary ID.

If Your ID Is Invalid

You won't be allowed to take the exam if, when you arrive at the test center:

- You don't have two valid forms of acceptable ID (see [Page 14](#)).
- The name on your ID differs from that on your ARRT file.
- You haven't signed your ID.
- Your ID has expired, and you don't have an original proof of renewal.

In such cases, you'll forfeit your application fee, and you'll have to reapply and pay a new fee to get a new exam window. **If Pearson admits you with questionable ID, ARRT could cancel your exam scores following an investigation.** If ARRT cancels your scores, your exam attempt will count as one of the three allowed in three years. You won't receive an extension if ARRT's cancellation means you don't pass your exam within the allotted three years (see [Page 11](#)).

If you don't have proper identification, cancel your appointment and reschedule it when you've acquired two valid forms of acceptable ID. See [Page 28](#) for rescheduling procedures and deadlines.



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Permanent resident cards ("green cards") and other IDs that don't include your signature **aren't** acceptable.



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SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

To apply:

- Go to your ARRT online account.
- Follow the on-screen instructions to complete your application.
- If you need ADA accommodations (see [Page 17](#)), start by answering yes to the question about ADA accommodations on your application. After we receive your ARRT application, we'll provide instructions on your payment confirmation page about how to apply for accommodations.
- Submit your application and fee.

If you don't need ADA accommodations, you'll receive a Candidate Status Report in your online ARRT account. Once you receive it, wait 24 hours to schedule your exam appointment. (See [Page 31](#).)

If you have questions about your application, and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.



ABOUT APPLICATION FEES

We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express credit cards.

We don't refund fees or transfer them to another discipline.



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IF YOU NEED ACCOMMODATIONS TO TAKE YOUR EXAM

Accommodations are ways of adapting an exam experience to meet the needs of people who have disabilities that may impair their exam performance. Accommodations can't change the number of questions or the content an exam covers. And they don't guarantee improved performance, a passing score, or any specific outcome.

ABOUT ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

ARRT complies with the [Americans With Disabilities Act](#) if you demonstrate both that:

- You have a professionally diagnosed ADA-qualifying disability
- Your disability results in substantial functional limitations that affect your daily life activities as compared to most people.

You'll need to submit [supporting documentation](#) and a personal statement describing your disability.

Approved accommodations might include additional time to complete the exam, a separate testing room, or access to snacks if you have diabetes. You won't need to request accommodations for [comfort aids](#), such as an inhaler, crutches, or eye drops.

Accommodations must be appropriate to the task and setting. For example, although you might have received accommodations in a classroom setting, those adaptations might not be necessary in an ARRT exam setting.



REMEMBER

You must request ADA accommodations each time you apply or reapply for ARRT certification and registration.



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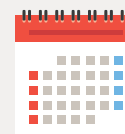
Start by answering yes to the question about ADA accommodations on your application for ARRT certification and registration. Then, after we receive your ARRT application, we'll provide you with a confirmation page that includes instructions about applying for accommodations.

We contract with Paradigm Testing, an independent company, to manage our ADA accommodations requests. As part of the accommodation application process, you'll submit an online form and supporting documents to Paradigm Testing via its secure website. You must indicate "yes" each time you apply—including on re-examination attempts.

We'll place your ARRT application on hold until you submit your accommodation request and Paradigm Testing processes it. In addition, you won't be able to schedule your exam until we send you the decision letter. If you're denied an accommodation based on your documentation, you'll be able to appeal the decision by providing additional documentation. Once your accommodations review is complete, we'll send you the decision in writing via the United States Postal Service.

If you request accommodations in error, log in to your ARRT account and use Message Center to opt out of accommodations. Or fax a signed request to 651.681.3293. If you're faxing the request, be sure to include two of these three identifiers: ARRT ID number, last 4 digits of Social Security number, date of birth.

If you don't submit a request to Paradigm Testing within a year, we'll process your application without any accommodations and assign you an exam window.



If you request ADA accommodations, we'll place your ARRT application on hold until you submit your request and Paradigm Testing processes it.



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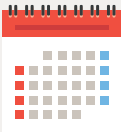
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Allow Time for ARRT to Process Your Application

Any application must be received more than 30 days before the end of your three-year eligibility period. Applications received by ARRT fewer than 30 days before the end of the three-year period will not be processed (more if you request ADA accommodations) (see [Page 17](#)).

Note for R.R.A. candidates: Please see postmark deadlines by visiting [arrt.org](#).

If you don't require testing accommodations for an ADA-qualifying disability, you'll receive a Candidate Status Report (CSR) in your ARRT account once we process your application (R.R.A. candidates will receive your CSR in the mail). You must wait 24 hours before scheduling your exam appointment. We'll need more time if you request testing accommodations. If any of the information on your CSR is wrong, call us as soon as possible at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778). Choose the option for earning an ARRT credential. Do that before you schedule your exam (see [Page 25](#)).



BE AWARE

Any application must be received more than 30 days before the end of your three-year eligibility period.

Applications received by ARRT fewer than 30 days before the end of the three-year period will not be processed.



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IF WE FIND YOU INELIGIBLE

ARRT can find you ineligible in these instances:

- If you **submit a paper application** and we rule you're ineligible when you apply, we'll return your application and fee. (Exception: If we must complete an ethics investigation and we then rule you're ineligible, we **won't** refund your fee.) You may reapply when you achieve eligibility. If you need information about reapplying and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.
- If we authorize you to take an exam, **and then receive information** indicating you might be ineligible, you can still schedule and sit for the exam. Then we'll review your case. But we'll hold your scores until the review is complete, and we might cancel your scores depending on the outcome of our review.

After the review, if we find that you're ineligible and you haven't taken the exam, we won't allow you to sit for it and we won't refund your application fee. If you've taken the exam, we'll cancel your exam score and we won't refund your application fee. If you later become eligible, this exam will count as one of the three attempts allowed.

- If you initially appeared to be eligible, but **after you complete the exam** we find evidence that you were ineligible, we'll cancel your exam score and your certification and registration status. You'll forfeit your application fee. In addition, if you later become eligible, this exam will count as one of the three attempts allowed.

If you think you've met all our eligibility requirements, you may appeal a decision of ineligibility. You can't contest any of the eligibility requirements themselves—only the way in which ARRT applied them. To appeal, submit a completed [Eligibility Appeal Request Form](#) explaining why you think the ineligibility decision was wrong. More details can be found at arrt.org by searching [eligibility appeal](#). Be sure to submit any supporting documentation.



QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about your application, and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.



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How to Requalify

IF YOU DON'T PASS YOUR EXAM AFTER THREE ATTEMPTS, OR WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE DATE YOUR FIRST EXAM WINDOW OPENS, YOU'LL HAVE TO REQUALIFY.

To requalify, you'll have to meet our initial eligibility requirements in effect at the time. You'll then need to apply for certification and registration and pay the nonrefundable [application fee](#). To learn more about our initial qualification requirements, consult the [Primary Eligibility Pathway Handbook](#), the [Postprimary Eligibility Pathway Handbook](#), and the [Registered Radiologist Assistant \(R.R.A.\) Handbook](#).



QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about your application, and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARR.T (2778), and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.



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How to Change Your Name

If you change your name after you apply with ARRT, let us know immediately—before you schedule your exam appointment. The test center can't process name changes. And your name on the IDs you present at the test center must match the information on your Candidate Status Report. If your name has a cultural variation, make sure that the same variation appears on your Candidate Status Report and on both of your IDs. It doesn't matter whether your middle name appears on either ID or on your Candidate Status Report.

If the name on your ID doesn't match the name on your Candidate Status Report, call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778). Then choose the option for earning an ARRT credential. Don't schedule a new appointment until you receive a new Candidate Status Report and verify that it's correct.

To change your name in our records:

- Visit arrt.org/forms and locate the Name Change Form under General.
- Follow the instructions to complete and submit the form.
- You'll need to provide a copy of your marriage certificate, passport, or court order showing your name has changed.

After we've processed your name change, we'll issue a new Candidate Status Report. You'll then need to verify the correction. Following your verification, you may schedule your exam.



If the name on your ID doesn't match the name on your Candidate Status Report, call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778). Then choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.



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How to Change Your Address and Phone

If you change your address or cell phone number after you apply for reinstatement, notify us immediately to ensure you receive all our correspondence. Call 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARR.T (2778) and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential. If you have an ARRT online account, you can change your address or cell phone number by:

- Logging in to your ARRT account
- Clicking the Account button in the upper right of the screen
- Choosing Settings
- Clicking on the Update Address & Phone tab under Update Profile and Settings

Keep in mind that you can't change your address at the test center—and we'll mail your exam results to the address we have on file.



QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about your application, and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARR.T (2778), and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.



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Before you can schedule your exam, you need a Candidate Status Report from ARRT. If you apply online, we'll post it to your account within two business days. If you're an R.R.A. candidate, we'll mail it to you after we process your application. Make sure all information on it is accurate.

TOP FIVE SCHEDULING TIPS

- Request any [ADA accommodations](#) on your application—not at the test center ([Page 18](#)).
- Schedule your exam early; appointments fill up fast ([Page 26](#)).
- Don't schedule your exam until you have two valid forms of acceptable ID ([Page 14](#)).
- Have your ARRT ID number handy when you log on to Pearson's website or call the Pearson call center. The number appears on your Candidate Status Report.
- If you need to change or reschedule your appointment, be aware of associated fees and deadlines ([Page 29](#)).



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Scheduling Your Exam

Be sure to follow all the steps in this section, so your exam appointment goes smoothly.

ABOUT YOUR CANDIDATE STATUS REPORT

Your Candidate Status Report contains your identification information, your ARRT ID number, and the dates of your exam window (that is, the time during which you can take your exam). Make sure all the information on it is accurate. If you have questions, and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.

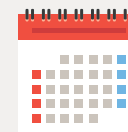
If you haven't requested ADA accommodations, we'll issue your Candidate Status Report after we process your application for certification and registration. If you applied online please wait 24 hours for Pearson to receive your information before you attempt to schedule your exam. If we don't post your Candidate Status Report, call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778). Then choose the option for earning an ARRT credential. If you're an R.R.A. candidate, send us a message or call us if you don't receive your Candidate Status Report within a few weeks of submitting your application.

ABOUT YOUR EXAM WINDOW

Your exam window will extend for 365 calendar days. You'll find its beginning and ending dates, along with other important information, on your Candidate Status Report. Your exam window will close automatically:

- After 365 calendar days
- If you miss an appointment to take the exam without giving the required notice (see [Page 29](#))
- If you don't agree or respond to the nondisclosure agreement (see [Page 36](#)) at the test center within two minutes of accessing it
- If you're turned away from Pearson because of an issue with your identification

If you don't schedule and take an exam during your exam window, you'll forfeit your application fee—but the fact that your exam window has closed doesn't mean it will count as an exam attempt. To open a new window, you'll have to reapply and pay the [reapplication fee](#) (see [Page 30](#)).



YOUR WINDOW WILL CLOSE AUTOMATICALLY:

- After 365 calendar days
- If you miss an exam appointment without giving the required notice
- If you don't agree or respond to the nondisclosure agreement at the test center within two minutes
- If you're turned away from Pearson because of an issue with your identification



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WHERE TO TAKE YOUR EXAM

Pearson administers ARRT's examinations. The organization has more than 200 high-security [test centers](#) in the U.S. and its territories. It also offers ARRT exams in selected Canadian, European, Asian, and Australian cities.

HOW TO SCHEDULE YOUR EXAM APPOINTMENT

If you applied online, wait 24 hours after we post your Candidate Status Report before you try to schedule your exam. That gives Pearson time to receive our authorization.

Schedule your exam by either:

- Calling Pearson at the toll-free number listed on your Candidate Status Report
- Making your appointment [online](#), following the instructions on the Pearson website

Pearson centers are usually open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Some offer evening or weekend hours.

Have your Candidate Status Report with you when you schedule. You'll need to verify your name, address, and other identifying information—and provide your exam discipline and ARRT ID number from your Candidate Status Report. Keep in mind that:

- If you applied on paper and lost your Candidate Status Report and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. If not, call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential. If you applied online, your Candidate Status Report appears in your online ARRT account.
- Except for adding your email address and phone number as needed to confirm your appointment, Pearson staff can't make changes to your record.
- If your name or address has changed, follow the directions on [Page 22](#) or [23](#) before you contact Pearson to schedule.
- Pearson will send a confirmation to your email address.

Exam appointments fill up quickly. Make yours as soon as you can, even if you don't want to take the exam immediately. If your exam window expires, you'll have to reapply and pay a new application fee to receive a new window (see [Page 30](#)).



CLICK HERE

To schedule
your exam with
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CONFIRM YOUR EXAM APPOINTMENT

Within minutes of scheduling your exam, you should receive an email from PearsonVUEconfirmation@pearson.com. It will show your confirmation number; the date, time, and location of your exam; and the name of your Pearson representative (if you scheduled via phone).

Be sure all the information is accurate. If you don't receive a confirmation, or the details of your appointment are incorrect, follow up with Pearson as soon as possible. ARRT won't have access to the details of your appointment.



KEEP TRACK OF YOUR:

- Confirmation number
- Exam date and time
- Test center location
- Pearson representative's name (if you scheduled via phone)



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Rescheduling

If you miss your appointment or don't cancel it early enough, you'll lose your ARRT application fee. In addition, Pearson charges a fee each time you reschedule an appointment. You'll have to pay by credit card at the time you make the change, either online or over the phone.

Always make sure you've scheduled, rescheduled, or canceled your appointment properly. Neither ARRT nor Pearson is responsible for appointment errors.

IF YOU NEED TO RESCHEDULE

You may cancel or reschedule an appointment by:

- Calling Pearson at 800.632.9055 at least **24 hours (one business day)** before your scheduled appointment; leaving a message on voicemail isn't acceptable
- Visiting home.pearsonvue.com/arrt at least **24 hours (one business day)** before your appointment; be sure to complete the process

Pearson will send you an email confirmation each time you change or cancel an appointment. If you cancel an appointment or make a new one, and you don't receive an email within a few minutes, call Pearson as soon as possible.



BE AWARE

Make sure you've properly scheduled, rescheduled, or canceled your appointment. Pearson will always send you an email confirmation.



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HOW SOON DO I HAVE TO CANCEL?

SCHEDULED EXAM DAY	IF YOU'RE CANCELING BY CALLING PEARSON, CHANGE OR CANCEL ON THIS DAY (at or before the time of your original appointment*)
MONDAY	Friday of the preceding week
TUESDAY	Monday of the same week
WEDNESDAY	Tuesday of the same week
THURSDAY	Wednesday of the same week
FRIDAY	Thursday of the same week
SATURDAY	Friday of the same week

* If you're in the Central, Mountain, or Pacific time zone, and your scheduled appointment is at 8 a.m., you must cancel at or before 8 a.m. on the day shown in this table. If you're in the Eastern time zone, you must cancel any 8 a.m. exam appointments no later than 7 p.m. two days beforehand (that is, 7 p.m. Wednesday for an 8 a.m. Friday appointment).

Note: Weekends and national holidays don't count as business days. Plan accordingly.

If you're canceling using [Pearson's website](#), you must do so at least 24 hours before your existing appointment.

CANCEL APPOINTMENTS YOU CAN'T ATTEND

Rescheduling an exam appointment doesn't automatically cancel your initial appointment. The initial appointment remains in effect until you accept a new appointment date and time from Pearson. If you're not ready to reschedule, be sure to ask the representative to cancel your appointment. If you cancel an appointment or make a new one, and you don't receive an email within a few minutes, call Pearson as soon as possible.



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IF YOU MISS AN EXAM APPOINTMENT OR DON'T CANCEL PROPERLY

Your exam window will close, and you'll forfeit your application fee if:

- You don't appear for your scheduled exam.
- You don't cancel or reschedule your appointment by following the procedure on [Page 28](#).

In both cases, you'll have to reapply and pay the [reapplication fee](#) before you can reschedule the exam. Missing an appointment, however, **doesn't** count as an attempt under the three-attempts-in-three-years policy (see [Page 11](#)).

If you've passed the end of your three-year eligibility period, you will need to requalify before you can take your exam.

IN CASE OF SEVERELY EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

We know that sometimes severely extenuating circumstances occur. If—after the appointment change deadline—an unforeseen incident occurs, we'll consider your situation individually. Complete and submit an [Eligibility Appeal Request Form](#). Follow the instructions at the beginning of the form. You can also find more details on our website at arrt.org/eligibility-appeal.

IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER

Call Pearson's call center at 800.632.9055 to find out if your test center is open during any type of severe weather. Don't call the test center directly. If the test center is open, and you miss your appointment, you'll have to reapply with ARRT and pay a new fee to get a new exam window. If it's closed, you'll be able to reschedule your appointment at no cost.

If you're concerned about severe weather and your appointment is still more than 24 hours away, consider rescheduling to avoid transportation difficulties. See [Page 28](#) for details about rescheduling.



REMEMBER

If you miss your appointment or don't cancel it early enough, your exam window will close and you'll forfeit your ARRT application fee (see [Page 29](#))..



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ARRT's exams measure the knowledge and cognitive skills you need to perform the tasks typically required in your discipline. The reinstatement exam is the same as the exam for initial certification and registration.

Consult our exam [content specifications](#) for the topics your exam will cover.

TOP TIPS FOR A GOOD EXAM EXPERIENCE

- Request [ADA accommodations](#) on your application—not at the test center (see [Page 18](#)).
- Arrive 30 minutes early.
- Don't bring cell phones or other belongings into the test center (see [Page 35](#)).
- Bring two forms of valid ID (see [Page 14](#)) to the test center.
- Respond by accepting the nondisclosure agreement within two minutes of accessing it (see [Page 36](#)).
- Flag difficult questions and return to them if time allows.



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Exam Format

Most questions are multiple-choice with one best answer. Some might ask you to select multiple answers from a list or to use your mouse to sort options into order. A few might ask you to use your mouse to select an image on the screen. Others might ask you to answer a multiple-choice question after viewing a short video clip. Our exams present questions in random order, a method that lets you demonstrate you’ve learned the material well enough to access it outside a specific context.

Your exam will also include some pilot questions. We use those to evaluate potential questions for future exams. We don’t identify the pilot questions. Your answer to pilot questions won’t affect your score.



EXAM FORMAT

- Most questions are multiple-choice with one best answer.
- Questions are presented in random order.

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Studying for Your Exam

ARRT doesn't recommend or endorse any review programs, mock registries, or study guides. We don't provide lists of textbooks or study materials. That's because we build our exams using many references. To endorse one could mean overlooking others. Be careful about using study materials that use our name or claim to include ARRT test questions.

Your best resource is to consult our exam [content specifications](#) for a list of topics your exam will cover.



QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about your exam, and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.



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Pearson test centers offer [computer-based testing](#) for many organizations. Consider reviewing the linked document to familiarize yourself with the exam process. You'll likely be in a room with people taking tests that aren't ARRT exams.

No testing environment is completely free of noise. If you're concerned about distractions, request earplugs or noise-reduction headphones before beginning your exam.

Most of the test centers are in small office parks. You can find driving directions to all test centers by visiting the [Pearson website](#), searching for a test center, and clicking on Test Center Information. You'll receive driving directions in your confirmation email.

There won't be room for friends, relatives, or children to wait with you. And no one may contact you during your exam.

BE EARLY

Be sure to arrive at least 30 minutes before your scheduled appointment. That gives you enough time to check in. If you arrive 15 minutes or more **after** your scheduled appointment, you might have to forfeit your appointment. In that case, Pearson will inform ARRT that you failed to take the exam. Although we won't refund your application—and you'll have to reapply and pay a new fee to get a new exam window—a late arrival **won't** count as one of your attempts.

WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Because the test room might be warm or cold, dress in layers. Keep in mind that you can't wear outerwear or hooded clothing in the test room. Instead, bring a sweater, blazer, or hoodless sweatshirt. You may wear head scarves, hair wraps, and head coverings for cultural and medical reasons only.

Pearson staff will visually inspect those coverings before seating you for your exam. Be ready to empty your pockets before entering the test room.



Be sure to arrive at least **30 minutes before** your scheduled appointment.



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LEAVE PERSONAL BELONGINGS IN A LOCKER

You must leave all personal items in a secure locker at the test center. Because Pearson assumes no responsibility for lost items, you might want to leave personal items in your car or at home.

For example, you can't bring purses, wallets, backpacks, or similar items into the test room. Don't wear anything, such as jewelry or a smart watch, that might make noise and distract others. Don't wear jewelry or hair clips that are more than a quarter-inch wide. You'll have to remove them, because they could be ways to circumvent exam security. Cell phones aren't allowed in the test room, and neither are notes, scratch paper, pencils, or pens. Finally, don't bring a calculator to the test center—you won't be able to use it. Pearson will give you a basic four-function calculator if you ask for one, or you may complete the tutorial at the test center on how to access the basic or scientific calculator within your exam.

After you put your personal items in a locker, you'll have access to them only if:

- You have an ADA accommodation to retrieve something related to a medical condition.
- You're taking the Sonography or R.R.A. examination, which includes a 30-minute break; in that case, you may retrieve snacks or lunch from your locker, but nothing else.

Having access to any electronic device, books, or papers during the break is strictly prohibited.

BRING PROPER IDENTIFICATION

Be sure to bring proper identification (see [Page 14](#)).

CHECK IN

Pearson staff will ask you to sign a digital signature pad. That signature gives your consent for ARRT and Pearson to retain and transmit your personal data and exam responses as needed.

Next, Pearson will scan your palm vein and take your photograph. The palm-vein reader uses a safe, near-infrared light source (similar to a television remote control). It takes the place of fingerprinting. If you were previously fingerprinted for an ARRT exam, you'll have to provide a fingerprint match at the test center, then enroll in the palm-vein recognition system.

ARRT and Pearson will use your palm vein information for authentication purposes only. We won't share it with any other organization.

If you asked for and received approval for ADA accommodations, bring your ARRT letter (original or a copy) approving the accommodations to Pearson. Give it to staff when you check in.



REMEMBER

If you asked for and received approval for ADA accommodations, bring your ARRT letter approving them to Pearson. Give it to staff when you check in.



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GO THROUGH ORIENTATION

Pearson staff will give you a short orientation. Then you'll have to read the [ARRT Rules Agreement](#) and sign an agreement stating that you understand it. Although Pearson staff can answer general questions about test-taking procedures, they won't have answers to questions about our exam content or test functionality.

Next, a staff member will give you a booklet and marker before escorting you to an assigned workstation, where you'll begin an optional tutorial. We recommend taking the time to view the tutorial. You'll be able to test the two types of calculators and learn about the review portion of the exam. The tutorial enables you to familiarize yourself with the format of our questions.

There will be a short delay between the end of the tutorial and the appearance of the Nondisclosure Agreement. Don't write on the booklet until you've accepted the Nondisclosure Agreement.



THE EXAM WILL STOP IF YOU DON'T AGREE TO THE NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT **WITHIN TWO MINUTES!**

After you complete the tutorial, you'll see a notification that the exam is about to begin. Please note that at this point the nondisclosure agreement will appear, and you will have two minutes to answer the question. A timer will appear on your screen.

If you don't answer the question, we'll assume that you disagree, and:

- Pearson will end your exam.
- You won't be able to take the exam that day.
- Although your appointment won't count as an attempt under our three-year, three-attempt policy (see [Page 11](#)), you'll have to obtain a new exam window by reapplying and paying the reapplication fee.

THE EXAM WON'T PROCEED UNTIL YOU SIGN THIS NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT:

This exam is confidential and is protected by copyright law. You are expressly prohibited from disclosing, publishing, reproducing or transmitting this exam, in whole or in part, in any form or by any means, oral or written, electronic or mechanical, for any purpose.

By signing, you agree that you won't disclose exam questions in any form or remove them from the test center. Follow the prompts to accept or reject the agreement. If you reject it, let test center staff know that you're done with the exam. If you reject the agreement but later want to take the exam, you'll have to reapply and pay the reapplication fee.

Learn more about our security requirements (see [Page 43](#)).



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TAKE THE EXAM

You must remain in your assigned seat during and after the exam, unless a Pearson staff member authorizes you to leave. If you need to leave the room, raise your hand for permission. Pearson staff will scan your palm when you leave and scan it again before you re-enter the room.

Keep in mind that you won't get extra test-taking time if you leave the room. In addition, if you leave for more than 10 minutes, Pearson will file an incident report with us, and we'll investigate. The only exception is if you're taking the Sonography or R.R.A. exam, which allows a 30-minute break. As a Sonography or R.R.A. candidate, you still must remain inside the test center building during your break, and you can access snacks from your locker only during the break.

You can't leave the test center building before completing your exam—even if you have ADA accommodations. If you leave the building, we'll cancel your score, and your exam will count as one of your test attempts. You'll have to reapply and pay the reapplication fee if you want to take the exam again. You might also have to undergo an ethics review.

When you complete your exam, raise your hand and wait for a Pearson employee to collect your booklet. Pearson staff will scan your palm once more before you leave the test center building.

ASK FOR HELP

If you have concerns or need help, raise your hand to alert test center staff. Staff members can bring you a handheld calculator, earplugs, noise reducing headphones, or another booklet. You may ask for replacements during your exam, but you can't remove the materials from the test room. Don't leave the test center building before completing your exam.

Raise your hand if you need help adjusting your computer screen or you suspect a problem with the computer.

EXAM RULES

- Remain in your seat during and after the exam.
- If you need to leave the room, raise your hand.
- Don't leave the test center building before completing your exam.
- When you complete your exam, raise your hand.
- Unless you've received advance approval for ADA accommodations, you can't access items from your locker.



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PACE YOURSELF


Use your time well. You can see how much time remains in your exam session by looking at the top right corner of your computer screen.


You'll need to answer each question before the computer lets you move on to the next. If you're not sure of the answer, guess—and flag the question. If you have time at the end, you can return to the question and review your answer. Your score is based on the number of correct answers you give, so it's in your best interest to answer all the questions, even if you must guess.

The amount of test time allotted depends on the number of questions on the exam. We allow approximately one minute for each question.

The charts that begin on this page show how long you'll have, including:

- Eight minutes to complete the tutorial, which will familiarize you with the exam and the online calculator
- Two minutes to sign the nondisclosure agreement (NDA)
- 10 minutes to complete a survey after you finish the exam

BONE DENSITOMETRY 			
Scored Items	75	Tutorial	8 minutes
Pilot Items	30	NDA	2 minutes
Total Items	105	Survey	10 minutes
Test Time	105 min	Appointment Length	125 minutes (2 hours, 5 minutes)

BREAST SONOGRAPHY 			
Scored Items	185	Tutorial	8 minutes
Pilot Items	40	NDA	2 minutes
Total Items	225	Survey	10 minutes
Test Time	225 min	Appointment Length	245 minutes (4 hours, 5 minutes)


CARDIAC INTERVENTIONAL RADIOGRAPHY 			
Scored Items	145	Tutorial	8 minutes
Pilot Items	40	NDA	2 minutes
Total Items	185	Survey	10 minutes
Test Time	195 min	Appointment Length	215 minutes (3 hours, 35 minutes)

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CT 			
Scored Items	165	Tutorial	8 minutes
Pilot Items	30	NDA	2 minutes
Total Items	195	Survey	10 minutes
Test Time	195 min	Appointment Length	215 minutes (3 hours, 35 minutes)

MAMMOGRAPHY 			
Scored Items	115	Tutorial	8 minutes
Pilot Items	30	NDA	2 minutes
Total Items	140	Survey	10 minutes
Test Time	150 min	Appointment Length	170 minutes (2 hours, 50 minutes)

MRI 			
Scored Items	200	Tutorial	8 minutes
Pilot Items	30	NDA	2 minutes
Total Items	230	Survey	10 minutes
Test Time	230 min	Appointment Length	250 minutes (4 hours, 10 minutes)

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NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY				
Scored Items	200	Tutorial	8 minutes	
Pilot Items	30	NDA	2 minutes	
Total Items	230	Survey	10 minutes	
Test Time	230 min	Appointment Length	250 minutes (4 hours, 10 minutes)	

RADIATION THERAPY				
Scored Items	200	Tutorial	8 minutes	
Pilot Items	20	NDA	2 minutes	
Total Items	230	Survey	10 minutes	
Test Time	230 min	Appointment Length	250 minutes (4 hours, 10 minutes)	

RADIOGRAPHY				
Scored Items	200	Tutorial	8 minutes	
Pilot Items	30	NDA	2 minutes	
Total Items	230	Survey	10 minutes	
Test Time	230 min	Appointment Length	250 minutes (4 hours, 10 minutes)	

RRA				
Session 1 Scored (Pilot) Items	200 (30)	Session Break	30 minutes	
Session 2 Scored (Pilot) Items*	30+ (20+)	Tutorial	8 minutes	
Approximate Total Items	280	NDA	2 minutes	
Test Session 1 (Selected Response)	240 min	Survey	10 minutes	
Test Session 2 (Case Study)	120 min	Appointment Length	410 minutes (6 hours, 50 minutes)	

*The number of items in the case study section will vary slightly based on the specific cases selected.

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SONOGRAPHY 			
Scored Items	360	Session Break	30 minutes
Pilot Items	40	Tutorial	8 minutes
Total Items	400	NDA	2 minutes
Test Session 1 (Procedures)	240 min	Survey	10 minutes
Test Session 2 (Patient Care and Image Production)	150 min	Appointment Length	440 minutes (7 hours, 20 minutes)

VASCULAR INTERVENTIONAL RADIOGRAPHY 			
Scored Items	160	Tutorial	8 minutes
Pilot Items	50	NDA	2 minutes
Total Items	210	Survey	10 minutes
Test Time	210 min	Appointment Length	230 minutes (3 hours, 50 minutes)

VASCULAR SONOGRAPHY 			
Scored Items	175	Tutorial	8 minutes
Pilot Items	50	NDA	2 minutes
Total Items	225	Survey	10 minutes
Test Time	225 min	Appointment Length	245 minutes (4 hours, 5 minutes)

WE VALUE YOUR OPINION

That's why we provide two opportunities at the test center for you to let us know your thoughts.

- You may leave comments for us about any question at the time you answer it. Just click the Comment button at the top of the page.
- At the end of your exam, we also offer a survey about your overall testing experience. Don't use the survey to comment on specific questions.



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Pearson works with us to administer our exams in a comfortable and safe environment. Rarely, you might encounter technical difficulties at a test center. If that happens, alert a Pearson employee immediately. In most cases, you'll be able to continue your exam session. If you can't complete your exam because of severe technical difficulties, we'll make reasonable adjustments.

TO APPEAL

If you think the administration of your exam differed **substantially** from normal testing procedures, you may request a review of the procedures. Verify that the test center administrator will file an incident report **before** you leave the test center—and request a copy of the incident number from that report. Then complete and submit an [Eligibility Appeal Request Form](#). Provide supporting documentation and as much detail as possible. You can also find more details at [arrt.org](#) by searching [eligibility appeal](#).

We'll investigate complaints if you send them to us within **two business days** of your exam. To make sure we get your form on time:

- Fax it to 651.681.3295.
- To confirm that we received your appeal, call us the next business day at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778). Choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.

If we find that substantive deviations from normal testing procedures occurred, we'll cancel your original score and allow you to retake the exam at no cost. We **won't** adjust your score based on our review.

Please be aware you can either submit an Eligibility Appeal Request or you can submit a Reapplication or Reinstatement for Certification and Registration by Examination in the same discipline. Both an appeal and an application can't be in process at the same time. In other words, you can either have an Eligibility Appeal Request in process or an open exam window – but not both. Regardless of the order of submission, the Eligibility Appeal Request will automatically be voided.



HOW TO APPEAL

If you think the administration of your exam differed **substantially** from normal testing procedures, you must send your appeal to us within two business days of taking your exam.



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Meeting Our Security Requirements

ARRT credentials are valuable. Some employers require ARRT certification and registration for their employees, and many states use ARRT exams as a basis for issuing licenses. Everywhere, patients entrust our registrants with their health and well-being.

That's why security is so important. We want to ensure that people who pass ARRT exams do so by preparing themselves to perform high-quality patient care—not by having advance access to our questions.

REMEMBER: YOU AGREE TO COMPLY

When you apply for certification and registration with ARRT, you agree to comply with our exam security requirements. You'll find the complete wording in Section 3.02 of [ARRT Rules and Regulations](#) and more information about subversion in Rule 4 of our Rules of Ethics, in [ARRT Standards of Ethics](#). Not meeting these regulations can result in ARRT sanctions, up to and including a determination of ineligibility (see [Page 20](#)) or revocation of your ARRT credential.

In short, never disclose information about our exams by using language that is substantially similar to the wording of our questions or answer options. This rule includes (but isn't limited to) disclosing such privileged information to, or receiving such privileged information from:

- Students in educational programs
- Graduates of educational programs
- Educators
- Anyone involved in preparing candidates to take an ARRT exam



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WHAT’S OK TO SAY?

We know that taking an ARRT exam is an important event. People will ask you how it went, and you’ll probably want to talk about your experience. Here are some examples of what’s OK to say—and what isn’t.

SCENARIO	Your instructor or program director asks you to “stop by” after the exam and talk about how it went.
WHAT’S OK	You can talk about your general experience (“I didn’t think the test was as difficult as I’d expected”).
WHAT’S NOT OK	Your instructor or program director shouldn’t ask about any details of the exam—and you can’t give more information about the exam content than appears in our content specifications.
BOTTOM LINE	If anyone —even an instructor or program director—asks you to reveal any of ARRT’s questions or answer options, you must report that person to the ARRT Ethics Committee. If you start to reveal exam content, the person you’re talking to should stop you right away. Revealing content could subject you both to ARRT’s ethics process.

SCENARIO	You tell another candidate, “The test was very difficult. I felt I didn’t have enough time.”
WHAT’S OK	This is OK because you’re simply telling someone how you felt about the exam. You aren’t revealing any of ARRT’s questions or answer options.
WHAT’S NOT OK	It’s not OK for someone to ask you about the specific wording of the exam’s questions or answer options.
BOTTOM LINE	If you share any of the questions or answer options on an ARRT exam, you might find yourself part of an ARRT ethics investigation and/or a legal complaint.



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SCENARIO	You tell your instructor, “You didn’t teach me about this subject. They asked [specific question] and I felt unprepared.”
WHAT’S OK	It’s never OK to report a specific question, or the answer options, to anyone.
WHAT’S NOT OK	It’s not OK—and it never will be—to report a specific question, or the answer options, to anyone.
BOTTOM LINE	Throughout the application and exam process, you’ll sign numerous documents saying you won’t share exam questions or options for answers with anyone. We expect you to honor those contracts. If you don’t, you might find yourself part of an ARRT ethics investigation and/or a legal complaint.

SCENARIO	You tell another candidate that the exam included multiple-choice and sorted-list questions.
WHAT’S OK	This is OK, because the format of the exam is public information that appears in this handbook.
WHAT’S NOT OK	It’s not all right to reveal anything other than what appears in this handbook, in our content specifications, or on our website.
BOTTOM LINE	There’s no problem if you limit your conversation to public information, such as what appears in this handbook or on our website.

SCENARIO	You tell another candidate, “I didn’t understand this question. Do you know what the test was asking?”
WHAT’S OK	It’s never OK to report a specific question, or the answer options, to anyone.
WHAT’S NOT OK	It’s not OK—and it never will be—to report a specific question, or the answer options, to anyone.
BOTTOM LINE	Throughout the application and exam process, you’ll sign numerous documents saying you won’t share exam questions or options for answers with anyone. We expect you to honor those contracts. If you don’t, you might find yourself part of an ARRT ethics investigation and/or a legal complaint.



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SCENARIO	You tell another candidate, “If I were you, I’d bring a sweater. The test room was cold.”
WHAT’S OK	This is fine. You’re simply telling someone else about the test site environment. You aren’t revealing any of ARRT’s questions or options for answers.
WHAT’S NOT OK	If the conversation continues, and the other person asks specific questions about the exam, don’t answer them.
BOTTOM LINE	If you share any of the questions or answer options on an ARRT exam, you might find yourself part of an ARRT ethics investigation and/or a legal complaint.

SCENARIO	Another candidate asks you, “Were there a lot of questions on [specific topic]?”
WHAT’S OK	It’s never OK to report a specific question, or the answer options, to anyone. In addition, you can’t give more information about the exam content than appears in our content specifications.
WHAT’S NOT OK	Never ask for or give more specific information than what appears in our content specifications, in this handbook, or on our website.
BOTTOM LINE	If someone asks you to reveal ARRT’s exam questions or answer options, the conversation violates both the ARRT Standards of Ethics and the legal contract that all candidates sign. If someone asks you a question like this, show that person our content specifications and warn the person about the consequences of revealing ARRT’s exam questions or answer options.

DON’T SHARE DETAILS ABOUT ARRT’S EXAMS

ARRT owns the copyright to our exam questions and to the options we offer as answers. In addition, subverting the integrity of ARRT’s exams is illegal under the [Minnesota Exam Subversion Law](#). You can find more information about [exam security](#) on our website.



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EXPECTED CONDUCT AT THE TEST CENTER

Pearson staff will watch you while you're completing your exam. They'll also make video and audio recordings of the test session. Both observation and a statistical analysis of your test responses can serve as grounds for determining misconduct.

Actions That Would Result in Score Cancellation

Your score will be canceled, you'll have to reapply and pay the fee, and your exam will count as one of your test attempts if you:

- Retrieve or use a cell phone, smart watch, or other electronic device anytime during your exam appointment.
- Remove study materials or any unapproved items from your locker.
- Leave the test center building before you complete your exam.

Be aware that ARRT has a zero-tolerance policy for test center misconduct. In the event of an incident, Pearson staff will end your exam and file an incident report with us. Electronic devices include (but aren't limited to) cell phones; any communication, recording or listening device (such as media players); removable storage devices; personal digital assistants (PDAs); smart watches; calculators or computing watches; scanning pens; laptop computers, tablets, or any computer device; and cameras and other photographic devices.



BE AWARE

ARRT has a zero-tolerance policy for test center misconduct.



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Other Misconduct

Other misconduct includes, but isn't limited to:

- Having access to papers, pamphlets, books, notebooks, or study materials during your exam
- Giving or receiving unauthorized help
- Attempting to take the exam for someone else
- Having someone else take an exam for you
- Failing to follow the instructions of Pearson staff
- Tampering with the computer
- Attempting to use the computer for any function other than completing the exam
- Attempting to remove test content—in any format—from the test center
- Creating a disturbance

If you demonstrate misconduct or irregular behavior, we'll withhold your exam scores. We can also take measures including barring you from future exams, ending your exam, and canceling your scores for this and any previous exam. If you already hold an ARRT credential, we can deny your renewal; revoke or suspend your certification and registration; and take other actions as appropriate.



BE AWARE

If you demonstrate misconduct or irregular behavior, we'll withhold your exam scores—and we could bar you from future exams or cancel your scores.



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At the end of your exam, you'll receive a preliminary score—not a final one. It doesn't mean you passed or failed the exam or that you're eligible or ineligible for certification and registration. You're the only person who sees that score. You can't print your preliminary score, and once you leave the preliminary score screen, you won't be able to retrieve the score.

After your exam, Pearson will return all data to ARRT. We'll complete an analysis of your exam. We take this step to ensure that the official score you receive is accurate.

[Learn how we score exams.](#)

If we have proper documentation of your eligibility, within 30 calendar days of your exam date we'll mail an official score report to the address we have on record for you. Call us if four weeks go by and you don't receive your scores—but be aware that we won't give your exam results over the phone. You can also check the [Verify Credentials](#) page of our website. It will reflect your certification and registration status within about four weeks of your exam date.

If you change your address before taking the exam, log in to your ARRT account to update your information. Click on the Account menu in the upper right and select Settings. If you've taken the examination and have not yet received your results in the mail, you may have to pay for a duplicate copy of the examination results.

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How to Interpret Your Score Report

We use scaled scores rather than raw scores to report your exam results. A raw score is the number of questions you answered correctly. A scaled score is more meaningful, because it considers the difficulty of each version of a test in comparison to other versions of the test. In other words, a scaled score of 75 represents the same level of performance—regardless of which version of an exam you took.

Scaled scores for ARRT's exams range from 1 to 99. Section scores range from 0.1 to 9.9; we report them in tenth-point intervals (e.g., 8.1, 8.2). Your overall score comes from the total number of items you answer correctly—not from your section scores. Because our test sections differ in length, you won't get your total score simply by averaging your section scores.

Use the section scores to review your strengths and weaknesses in content categories. You can generally interpret a section score of 8.1 as equivalent to a scaled score of 81 had that section made up the entire exam. Keep in mind, though, that because section scores come from a smaller number of questions than exam scores, section scores aren't as reliable as total scores.



If you score relatively lower in some areas, consider earning [continuing education](#) credits in those areas to increase your knowledge of those topics.



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Requirements for Passing the Exam

YOU NEED A SCALED SCORE (SEE [PAGE 50](#)) OF 75 TO PASS AN EXAM.

If you take the Sonography exam, you also need a score of 7.5 or greater in the Abdomen Procedures section and a score of 7.5 or greater in the Obstetrical and Gynecological Procedures section. The Obstetrical and Gynecological Procedures score is based on the 109 questions in the First Trimester Obstetrics, the Second/Third Trimester Obstetrics, and the Gynecology sections.

Each ARRT discipline has a different number of exam questions. We conduct studies to determine the number of correct answers needed for a scaled score of 75 on each exam. ARRT and panels of experts from each discipline periodically review our passing scores to ensure their validity.

Remember that passing an exam doesn't make you eligible for certification and registration. You also must meet our education and ethics requirements (see [Pages 5 and 7](#)).



QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about your score, and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.



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When We'll Cancel Your Score

Be aware that ARRT can cancel your test scores in specific instances, which include but aren't limited to these:

- We determine that you haven't met our education or ethics eligibility requirements.*
- There's evidence that the security of the exam you took was compromised—even without evidence that you knowingly compromised our security.
- You provide inaccurate or incomplete information or fees. (If that happens, we can cancel your scores or hold your results for six months; if you don't resolve the issue by then, we'll cancel your scores and count your attempt.)
- You experience severe technical difficulties during your exam. (If that happens, we'll investigate the circumstances and arrange for a makeup exam at no additional cost to you.)

* In such cases, you'll forfeit your application fee, and your exam will count as one of your three attempts (see [Page 11](#)). In addition, we'll expect you to cooperate in any investigations of the circumstances surrounding such instances.

Once we've canceled your scores, they won't be valid for certification and registration. In such an instance, you'd have to retake the exam.



QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about your score, and you have an online ARRT account, contact us using Message Center. Or call us at 651.687.0048 or 877.560.ARRT (2778), and choose the option for earning an ARRT credential.



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We use several quality control procedures to make sure all exams are scored accurately. If you think your exam score is wrong, you may request a review by submitting an Eligibility Appeal Request Form, located on the Forms page of our website (under General). You can find more details on our website at arrt.org/eligibility-appeal.

When you complete the Eligibility Appeal Request form:

- Carefully follow all instructions.
- Be sure to include all supporting documentation.
- Provide as much detail as possible.
- Pay the nonrefundable fee.
- If you're using a paper Eligibility Appeal Request form:
 - » Mail it to ARRT, 1255 Northland Drive, St. Paul, MN 55120, Attn: Eligibility Appeals
 - » Postmark it within 14 calendar days of the postmark date on the envelope in which your score report arrives.

We'll review your responses to each question, compare those responses to the answer key, and recalculate both your raw scores and scaled scores. You'll receive our findings no more than 60 business days after we receive your request. If we find any scoring errors, we'll cancel your original score and provide you with your corrected score.

We'll rescore only your most recent exam attempt.

APPEAL YOUR SCORE OR REAPPLY/REINSTATE

Please be aware you can either submit an Eligibility Appeal Request or you can submit a Reapplication or Reinstatement for Certification and Registration by Examination in the same discipline. Both an appeal and an application can't be in process at the same time. In other words, you can either have an Eligibility Appeal Request in process or an open exam window – but not both. Regardless of the order of submission, the Eligibility Appeal Request will automatically be voided.



APPEALING A SCORE?

Visit arrt.org/forms and locate the Eligibility Appeal Request form.

Submit your form within 14 calendar days of the postmark date on the envelope in which your score report arrives.



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What Happens If You Don't Pass

If you don't pass the exam on your first or second try, you'll be prompted in your online account to reapply if you have time remaining in your three-year eligibility period. You can find the [reapplication fee](#) on our website. If you don't pass on your third attempt, we'll send you information on how to requalify to take the exam. If you are taking the R.R.A. exam a reapplication will be sent to you with your exam results.

Be aware that we regularly update our exam content specifications. If you plan to retake the exam, compare the exam [content specifications](#) on our website to those you used for your previous attempt. You might need to prepare for new content on your next attempt.

Remember

You have three years and three attempts to pass the exam (see [Page 11](#)). If we receive your reapplication and fees fewer than 30 calendar days before your three-year limit expires, it will not be processed. You'll have to requalify before you can take an ARRT exam (see [Page 21](#)).



REMEMBER

We regularly update our exam content specifications. If you plan to retake the exam, compare the exam [content specifications](#) on our website to those you used for your previous attempt.



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Once you've met our education, ethics, and exam requirements, we'll reinstate your ARRT credential. While you keep your certification and registration current, you'll be eligible to use the term Registered Technologist or Imaging Assistant and the abbreviation R.T. or I.A., depending on the exam taken, with your name.

Visit your ARRT online account for details about [maintaining your credential](#). You'll also receive information about maintaining your credential. (If you want to learn more now, review our [Guide to Maintaining Your ARRT Credential](#).) Be aware that you'll need to complete the following three types of requirements throughout your career.

- 1 Renew your credential every year.
- 2 Complete your Continuing Education Requirements every two years.
- 3 Fulfill your Continuing Qualifications Requirements every 10 years.



After you've reinstated, you may earn additional credentials. Visit our [Primary Eligibility Pathway Handbook](#), [Postprimary Eligibility Pathway Handbook](#), and [Registered Radiologist Assistant Handbook](#) to learn more.



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