

Your Chance to Comment

This year, ARRT's Board of Trustees has made clarifications and recommended changes to our governing documents. Because the documents apply to all Registered Technologists (R.T.s), it's important for you to review the changes and let us know what you think.

The goal of our clarifications is to make information consistent and easier to understand. We aren't asking you to comment on clarifications.

Once you review this document, complete this survey. NOTE: the survey doesn't include explanations for the changes.

Comments are due April 24, 2022.

ARRT Rules and Regulations - Proposed Changes

The Rules and Regulations governing document includes a number of clarifications, outlined in the bullet points here. Because these are clarifications only, we aren't asking you to comment on them. We're highlighting them here to make it easier for you to understand our policies and procedures.

Interim Rule

• In the introductory note and in Section 2.03, we are deleting references to an "Interim" Rule. We introduced that rule into the *Rules and Regulations* in September 2021 under Article XII, Section (h), as an Interim Rule and is now being published for public comment as required for Interim Rules. If, after considering public comments in July, the ARRT Board adopts the amended language, it will become permanent.

Graduation

• We've changed the term "graduating" to "completing an educational program" because that term better reflects ARRT's educational requirements. We specify that candidates must complete ARRT's didactic and clinical competency requirements as part of the educational program. The educational institution may or may not consider ARRT's didactic and clinical competency requirements as part of its graduation criteria.



Professional Education Requirements for Obtaining Certification and Registration

• We made edits throughout the ARRT Rules and Regulations Section 2.03 to reinforce the use of our terminology regarding primary and postprimary eligibility pathways (rather than primary and postprimary credentialing programs).

Duplications and References

- To avoid duplication, we deleted:
 - o Section 2.07; that material now appears in ARRT Education Requirements for Obtaining and Maintaining Certification and Registration.
 - o Sections 3.03 3.06; that material now appears ARRT Examination Requirements for Obtaining Certification and Registration.
- In Section 2.04, we clarified that readers should now consult our ARRT Examination Requirements for Obtaining Certification and Registration governing document for information about ARRT exams.

Information Sharing

• In Section 2.04, we clarified that ARRT provides some personally identifiable information (such as a candidate's name and address) to our examination administrator, Pearson VUE. We do so solely to conduct ARRT business concerning the certification examination and the Continuing Qualifications Requirements Structured Self-Assessment.

Failing to Appear for an Exam

• In Section 2.04, we clarified that, if candidates don't appear for an exam and haven't rescheduled it with our authorization, they'll have to request a new exam date, pay an additional fee, and meet all the requirements of Section 3.06 if they want to take the exam. We include this policy in our candidate handbooks. Candidates should also know that they can't schedule an exam before receiving authorization from us.

Digital Documents

• In Sections 3.02 and 5.02, we clarify that we now have an online verification tool to digitally verify your certification and registration status. You may also generate your own printed copy, or you can request an email from us that verifies your status.

Education and/or Examination Requirements for Reinstatement

- In Section 6.03, we deleted reference to an option for reinstatement that's no longer available.
- In the same section, we clarified our policies on when reinstatement by re-examination is necessary.
- In Section 6.04, we clarified the sequence in which you must meet our requirements for reinstatement.



Below are substantive revisions on which we request your comments.

| Proposed Change | How It Affects You | Why the Change? |
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| Section 2.03 Professional Education Requirements for Obtaining Certification and Registration. (o) Radiologist Assistant. Add underlined text: Candidates completing a | If you wish to earn a Registered Radiologist Assistant (R.R.A.) credential | Because the RRA is an advanced credential, we determined that candidates |
| program on or after January 1, 2025 must document a minimum of two years of full-time clinical experience post-Radiography certification and registration. The clinical experience may not be earned concurrent to the radiologist assistant educational program and may not be satisfied with radiologist assistant educational program activities. | from ARRT, you must follow these new rules: • You must have at least two years of full-time clinical experience after you earn a Radiography credential. • You can't complete that clinical experience while you're in a radiologist assistant education program. • You can't satisfy the clinical experience with activities that take place during a radiologist assistant educational program. | needed more clinical experience before starting a radiologist assistant education program. |
| Section 2.03 Professional Education Requirements for Obtaining Certification and Registration. (o) Radiologist Assistant. | | |
| Add underlined text: | If you want to earn a Registered Radiologist Assistant credential, and you'll | ARRT's Board previously adopted this policy, which was to become effective Jan. I, |



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| Candidates completing a program on or after January I, 2023 must have earned a master's or doctoral degree from an institution accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT. | complete your radiologist assistant educational program on or after Jan. 1, 2023, you'll also have to earn a master's or doctoral degree before you can take the Registered Radiography Assistant exam. You'll need to earn that master's degree or doctorate from an institution accredited by a mechanism ARRT accepts. | 2024. All the programs we accept for the R.R.A. already require a master's degree, so we are proposing an effective date that is a year earlier. |
| Section 2.05 Time-Limited Certification and Registration for Registered Technologists and Section 5.07 Retired. | | |
| Section 2.05: Add underlined text: If a certification and registration awarded prior to January 1, 2011 is discontinued under the retired or disabled provisions of the ARRT Rules and Regulations and if that individual regains certification and registration after January 1, 2011, the certification and registration will be subject to the time-limited provisions of this section. CQR does not apply to Quality Management. Section 5.07: Add the underlined wording: | If you apply for and receive a Certificate of Recognition for a credential you earned before Jan. 1, 2011, and later reinstate it, the reinstated credential will be subject to time-limited certification and registration (Continuing Qualifications Requirements, or CQR). If you simply let your pre-2011 credential lapse and then reinstate that credential by reexamination, you won't be subject to CQR except as otherwise addressed in the Rules and Regulations. | When you apply for and receive a Certificate of Recognition, you've permanently retired or discontinued your active practice in medical imaging. The change aligns the policies for people who reinstate their credentials after permanently discontinuing medical imaging or regaining their credential after a revocation. |
| If a retired technologist regains certification and registration | | |



| on or after January 1, 2011, | |
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| the certification and | |
| registration will be subject to | |
| the time-limited provisions of | |
| Section 2.05. | |
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ARRT Standards of Ethics - Proposed Changes

We've clarified wording throughout the ARRT Standards of Ethics by changing the term Certificate Holders to Registered Technologists. We're also spelling out that Registered Technologists and candidates for ARRT certification and registration must act consistently with our Rules of Ethics.

Below are suggested revisions that go beyond editorial revisions.

| Proposed Change | How It Affects You | Why the Change? |
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| Rules of Ethics, Rule 4, Subversion | | |
| Add the underlined wording to our definition of subversion: | This is a clarification, not a policy change. If you're taking an exam or | Because we combined our Continuing Education Requirements and Continuing Qualifications Requirements |
| Subverting or attempting to subvert ARRT's examination process, and/or ARRT's Education Requirements, | Structured Self-Assessment (SSA), or if you're involved in any other part of ARRT's Education Requirements, you | document into ARRT Education Requirements for Obtaining and Maintaining Certification and Registration, |
| including the Structured Self- Assessments (SSA) that are part of the Continuing Qualifications Requirements | must follow all our rules regarding subversion. | we need to update the wording in our other governing documents to ensure it is accurate. |
| (CQR) process. | | This proposal emphasizes that our Rules of Ethics apply to all parts of our Education Requirements. |
| | | We added similar wording to Rules of Ethics, Rule 5, to show that our subversion rules |



| | | apply to anything discussed in the ARRT Education Requirements for Obtaining and Maintaining Certification and Registration document, including continuing education. |
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| Rules of Ethics, Rule 4, Subversion | | |
| Add the underlined wording to our definition of Education Requirements subversion: Subverting, attempting to subvert, or aiding others to subvert or attempt to subvert ARRT's Education Requirements for Obtaining and Maintaining Certification and Registration ("Education Requirements"), including but not limited to, continuing education (CE), clinical experience and competency requirements, structured education activities, and/or Continuing Qualifications Requirements (CQR). | This is also a clarification, not a change. In addition to the Rules of Ethics we've stated in the past, you must not subvert, attempt to subvert, or help someone else subvert or attempt to subvert any process mentioned in ARRT Education Requirements for Obtaining and Maintaining Certification and Registration. That specifically includes the continuing education (CE) process. | This wording emphasizes that our subversion rules apply to anything that's part of the ARRT Education Requirements for Obtaining and Maintaining Certification and Registration document, including continuing education. |
| Rules of Ethics, Rule 20(i), Criminal Proceedings | | |
| Delete the underlined wording: All alcohol and/or drug related violations must be reported | Most offenses related to drugs and/or alcohol fall within the misdemeanor (or higher) category. You must report those. However, a small number of violations: | This change is intended to lessen potential confusion about what you need to report. Some jurisdictions consider these types of violations to be low-level ordinance infractions, not misdemeanors (or higher). Examples might include public |



| | Aren't related to traffic offenses; and Don't rise to the level of a misdemeanor or felony You don't need to report alcohol and/or drug violations that are unrelated to traffic and that don't rise to the level of a misdemeanor or higher. | intoxication, open containers, or minor marijuana offenses in places where marijuana is legal under local law. |
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| Administrative Procedures, Section 1 (a)(b), Ethics Committee | | |
| In Section (a), make the deletions shown and add the underlined wording: In the event that the full Committee is not available for a meeting, an The alternate member will may participate on the Committee. in the event that one of the members of the Ethics Committee is unable to participate. If an alternate member is not available, the remaining members of the Committee will hold the meeting and act irrespective of the composition of the Committee. In Section (b), add the underlined wording: In the event that the Chair is not available for a meeting, the Chair may appoint any | This is another clarification, not a policy change. It makes clear how ARRT will conduct ethics hearings if not all members of the Ethics Committee are available. Refer to Section 2, Hearings, and Section 3, Appeals, for more about how ARRT administers ethics hearings. | This clarification allows for ethics hearings to continue even if all committee members aren't available. |



| remaining member to act as Chair. | | |
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| Administrative Procedures, Section 2, Hearings | | |
| Add the underlined sections: Failure to appear at the hearing in person or via teleconference, videoconference, or to supply a written submission in response to the charges shall be deemed a default on the merits and shall be deemed consent to whatever action or disciplinary measures that the Ethics Committee determines to take. | This revision outlines your options and requirements for participating in an ethics hearing and reflects the videoconference option we recently added. | This revision clarifies procedural issues related to ethics hearings. |
| Any sanction proposed by the Ethics Committee would become effective on the date the hearing waiver is processed. | This proposal explains the consequence of waiving the 30-day period for requesting a hearing. | |
| The Certificate Holder Registered Technologist or Candidate in question, by legal counsel or other representative (at the sole expense of the Certificate Holder Registered Technologist or Candidate in question), shall have up to 30 minutes to have the right to call witnesses, present testimony, and be heard in the Certificate Holder's Registered Technologist's or | This proposed revision clarifies the time allotment available to individual and the Ethics Committee. | |



Candidate's own defense; to call witnesses; hear the testimony of and to crossexamine any witnesses appearing at such hearing; and to present such other evidence or testimony as the Ethics Committee shall deem appropriate to do substantial justice. Any information may be considered that is relevant or potentially relevant. The Ethics Committee will be afforded 15 minutes, in addition to any unused time remaining from the Certificate Holder's Registered Technologist's or Candidate's time allotment, to ask questions and shall not be bound by any state or federal rules of evidence.

The Certificate Holder
Registered Technologist or
Candidate in question shall
have the right to submit a
written statement make a
closing statement before at
the close of the hearing. A
transcript or an audio
recording of the hearing
testimony is made for in
person, and teleconference,
and videoconference hearings
only. Ethics Committee
deliberations are not
recorded.

The Ethics Committee encourages people to make a final statement before the close of their hearing. That doesn't restrict their right to submit a statement in writing. Instead, this revision removes any implication that we expect or require people to provide a written statement at the close of the hearing.



| Any sanction proposed by the Ethics Committee would become effective on the date the appeal waiver is processed. | This revision explains the consequence of waiving the 30-day period during which you can request an appeal. Refer to Section 2, Hearings, and Section 3, Appeals, for more about how ARRT administers ethics hearings. | |
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| Administrative Procedures, Section 4, Range of Actions Include the underlined wording. (a) No Action A determination of no action means that there is little or no evidence to substantiate that a violation even occurred. In a situation lacking even a preponderance of evidence, the complaint is determined to be unsubstantiated. (b) Clear A determination that there was a violation of the Rules of Ethics but that no further action will be taken against a person's eligibility for certification and registration or for continued certification and registration. The determination of cleared/eligible can be made administratively by staff, by the Chair, or by the Committee depending on the nature of the violation and existing policies addressing authority | The Adverse Decisions section of the Standards of Ethics Administrative Procedures was renamed to include potential decisions that aren't considered a sanction—such as No Action or Clear. We included these definitions to improve clarity and to include and define all potential Ethics Committee actions—not only adverse actions. | We want to make it clear that not all decisions concerning an ethics review or violation result in a sanction. We've made this change to provide clarification and improve transparency to our audiences by discussing other potential actions that aren't considered adverse. |



for taking action. After a violation has been cleared, the applicant or registrant will not be required to report the violation in the future.

(k) Deny Removal of a Sanction After a predetermined time, an individual may request removal of a sanction that had been previously imposed by the Committee. Sufficient compelling evidence must be provided to convince the Committee the sanction should be removed or modified. If compelling evidence is not provided, the Committee may deny removal of the sanction. Situations that may result in denial of a sanction removal request include: additional violations of the Rules of Ethics after the sanction was imposed, failure to demonstrate that there has been adequate rehabilitation. and/or continued denial of responsibility.

Denial of sanction removal isn't a new option for the Ethics Committee. Previously, we didn't detail it in the Standards of Ethics, but we're doing so now to provide transparency and clarity.

(I) Conduct that violates ARRT's Rules of Ethics may also violate applicable state or federal law. In addition to the potential sanctions under the Standards of Ethics, ARRT may, without giving prior notice, pursue civil and/or criminal penalties against the Certificate Holder or Candidate.

This clarifies that ARRT has the right to pursue civil or criminal penalties regardless of whether someone is certified and registered with ARRT. For example, ARRT could pursue legal remedies against people who falsely misrepresent their ARRT certification and registration status.



| Administrative Procedures, Section 5, Publication of Adverse Decisions Include the underlined wording. Summary suspensions and final decisions (other than private reprimands, Alternative Dispositions and conditional statuses) that are adverse to the Certificate Holder or Candidate will be communicated to the appropriate authorities of certification organizations and state licensing agencies and provided in response to written inquiries into an individual's certification of Adverse Decisions We don't communicate alternative disposition or conditional status, we won't communicate disposition or conditional status, we won't communicate that to other certification organizations or state licensing agencies. If you receive an alternative disposition or conditional status, we won't communicate that to other certification organizations or state licensing agencies. |
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ARRT Education Requirements for Obtaining and Maintaining Certification and Registration - Proposed Changes

We've specified names of key documents throughout the ARRT Education Requirements for Obtaining and Maintaining Certification and Registration. Most additions involve these specifications and adding pertinent links. The document's numbering and terminology have been updated; wording has been changed to be consistent with other ARRT documents.

Below are suggested revisions that go beyond editorial revisions.

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| 2.2 Application to | | |
| Discontinue Certification and | | |
| Registration | | |
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Added the following language:

R.T.s that hold multiple ARRT credentials may request to discontinue one or more disciplines in which they are certified and registered as long as there are no active ethics investigations pending.

I. All R.R.A.s are also R.T.s, so for purposes of this document, R.R.A.s will only be referenced in those sections that apply uniquely to R.R.A.s.

Discontinuing credentials that support other credentials also require that you discontinue any credentials that are supported. See the ARRT website for more information.

If you later wish to reinstate, you can find the requirements for reinstating in the ARRT Rules and Regulations governing document.

If the credential(s) you are discontinuing were subject to Continuing Qualifications Requirements (CQR) when you earned it, that 10-year timetable never changes. Therefore, if you reinstate a credential that was subject to CQR, your CQR deadline will remain the same as it was when you discontinued the credential.

This clarifies for R.T.s that they may discontinue a credential and provides guidance on reinstatement and effect on CQR.

The Application to
Discontinue Certification and
Registration form has been
added to the website to
facilitate this process.



| 2.5.4 Biennial CE Audit | | |
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| Add the following: R.T.s will be required to provide supporting documentation for all CE activities reported to comply with the biennial CE requirements. | Language added to specify that R.T.s who are audited will be required to provide supporting documentation for all CE activities reported to comply with the biennial CE requirements. | Adding this language stresses the importance of R.T.s keeping their CE completion records and will discourage R.T.s from reporting CE activities they do not have the documentation for to meet the biennial CE requirement. |
| 2.6.2 Authorship CE Certificate Requirements | | |
| Add the section named above and the following: A certificate of participation must include: Name of the participant Pre-printed date(s) of completion (MM/DD/YYYY) (handwritten dates are not accepted) Title of the CE activity Pre-printed number of contact hours (credits) Pre-printed CE reference number provided by a RCEEM, RCEEM+, or SLA Identification of the approving RCEEM, RCEEM+, or SLA Category A or A+ designation Expiration date (MM/DD/YYYY) of CE activity See more information on reporting authorship for CE credit. | Documentation requirements for authorship CE were listed for clarification. You'll need an authorship CE certificate of participation from a CE Approver to document such activities. That certificate must include the necessary information. | This section clarifies documentation requirements. |



| 3.10 Loss of Certification and Registration | | |
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| Add the section as a second paragraph: If the individual is discontinued for some reason other than not completing CQR, and they are in their CQR I I th year, they cannot complete | Reinstatement is contingent on completing CQR when an individual is in their CQR 11 th year | Language added to specify the process flow if an individual is in their CQR 11th year but had their certification and registration discontinued for reasons other than completing CQR. |
| the reinstatement process before completing CQR. | | |

ARRT Examination Requirements for Obtaining Certification and Registration - Proposed Changes

| Proposed Change | How It Affects You | Why the Change? |
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| Article 3. Examination Administration. Section 3.01. Add the underlined wording to our definition of subversion: | This clarifies that we won't refund fees for someone who takes an ARRT examination before meeting all educational eligibility requirements. | We want to be sure people know the consequences of attempting to take an ARRT examination before meeting our educational eligibility requirements. |



Stakeholder Document - Proposed Changes

ARRT will publish revisions to the ARRT External Stakeholder Document during the public comment period for governing documents. Publishing the document for comment is not required prior to the Board adopting the revisions since the document is not a governing document. However, posting the document simultaneously with the governing documents will allow the public the opportunity review policy revisions considered by the Board.

The document's numbering and terminology have been updated; wording has been changed to be consistent with other ARRT documents.

Below are suggested revisions that go beyond editorial revisions.

| Proposed Change | How It Affects You | Why the Change? |
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| 2.2 Required Information from a CE Approver that a CE Sponsor Must Submit to ARRT to Request a Credit Distribution Add the section header and the following: Name of CE Approver Name of CE Sponsor Title of the approved CE activity Amount of CE credits awarded Approval/Reference number Approval expiration date Category of Credits (i.e., A or A+) | Required information listed that CE Approvers need to provide to CE Sponsors so that those CE Sponsors who request a credit distribution from ARRT can include the information as part of their request to us. | This is a clarification, not an addition. |
| Section 3.3.4: Textbook or E- Book Chapter CE Activities | | |
| Add the following to the end of the section: | Language added to clarify which CE activities based on a | Some CE Sponsors will create CE activities that are |



| If the CE activity is in a textbook or E-book format, and has an ISBN number, the formula must be used to calculate the CE value per chapter. If the CE activity is created by the CE Sponsor, for their sole distribution and does not have an ISBN number, it can be considered a self-study CE activity that does not require approval based on chapters. | textbook or E-book must be approved per chapter with posttest questions for each chapter. | substantial in length as self- study materials. They may or may not use a chapter or section format. |
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| Section 3.14: CE Activities with a Psychomotor Component ("Hands-On") Revised language on CE activities: A CE activity that is both a didactic and a psychomotor component integrated into it will be approved as a single activity. CE credit awarded for the activity will be based upon the time required to complete the didactic component plus the time required to complete the psychomotor component. The same per unit of time value will be used to determine the CE credit for the activity. That is, if the same amount of time is spent on the didactic component as is spent on the psychomotor component, each component will contribute the same value to the overall CE credits | Revised the CE Policy Statement to remove language regarding the documentation of participation and clarified how the credit value should be determined to provide the same rate for time spent for both the didactic and psychomotor components. | This change will make it easier for the CE Sponsors to issue completion certificates with the correct information to R.T.s. |



| awarded. For example, if a CE activity is scheduled for two hours total and one hour will be a didactic component and one hour will be a psychomotor component, the credit awarded for the activity should be two CE credits total. If a CE activity is scheduled for three hours total and one hour will be didactic component and two hours will be a psychomotor component, the credit awarded for the activity should be three CE credits total. 3.30.6 Multiple Format CE Activities Added the section with the | Add a CE Policy Statement to | This helps ARRT identify if |
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| following: If the CE Sponsor requests approval for the same CE activity in multiple formats at the same time, the CE value for all formats should be determined following the ARRT CE approval policies. After determining these values, all formats will be assigned the same credit value as the format receiving the lowest CE value. If the CE Sponsor requests approval for the same CE activity in a different format at a later date, the CE activity must contain the content necessary to receive a credit | address situations when the CE Sponsor seeks approval for the same activity in multiple formats. ARRT requires the same reference number when the same CE activity is offered in multiple formats. | R.T.s report the same CE activity to comply with the biennial CE requirements in the same biennium. It is also important for the ARRT credit distribution process that all formats of the same CE activity have the same credit value. |



| and assigned a new credit value. All under the same reference number. |
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