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BOARD OF MEDICAL IMAGING
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IN OREGON—SEPARATE LICENSE REQUIRED FOR FIVE SPECIFIC IMAGING MODALITIES

In Oregon, except for physicians, dental offices, and a few others specifically exempted by statute or waiver, a person needs an imaging license from OBMI to practice any form of medical imaging on humans. To practice any of the five imaging modalities, a separate license is required for each modality. (The OBMI will only charge one license fee for an individual with multiple licenses.)

Separate OBMI license for:	For licensure, must have a credential from:	Under your state license, you can perform:	Special requirements
Radiography	<i>ARRT (with exceptions for grandfathered or state-sponsored licensees)</i>	Radiography	
		Computed tomography	Must have ARRT (CT) credential or be trained in CT ¹
		PET/CT or SPECT/CT	RT must either have an (N) or have appropriate training ¹
		Mammography	ARRT (M) certification (based on federal law)
Sonography	ARDMS, CCI or ARRT	Sonography	
MRI	ARMRIT or ARRT	MRI	
Radiation Therapy	ARRT	Radiation therapy	ARRT (T) certification
		Diagnostic Computed Tomography (CT)	Must be RT(R) with CT training, or have ARRT (CT) credential ¹
		Treatment Planning CT	12 hours of CT training from an OBMI-approved source
Nuclear Medicine	NMTCB or ARRT	Nuclear medicine	
		PET/CT; SPECT/CT; Hybrid scanners	Must have ARRT (CT) credential or be trained in CT ¹

Limited X-Ray Machine Operator--state permit	Students must graduate from a board-approved school and pass the ARRT exam	Limited x-ray on anatomical areas specified on the permit	Limited permit holder may only work under supervision of a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner
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¹For diagnostic CT, the Board is considering a proposed rule to require a CT registry credential. See article below.

DECISION ON CREDENTIAL FOR DIAGNOSTIC “CT” DELAYED UNTIL OCT. 17 MEETING

At the July 18, 2014 Board meeting, the OBMI ran out of time and had to defer a final decision on a proposed rule to require a credential in computed tomography (CT) for technologists who practice diagnostic CT. The Board is likely to make a final decision on the rule at the Board’s next quarterly meeting (Oct. 17) in Portland. If enacted, this new rule would require a CT credential for any radiographers, radiation therapists and nuclear

medicine technologists to practice diagnostic CT, including cone beam CT. Technologists without a CT credential would be eligible to practice diagnostic CT only after obtaining a temporary CT license, which would be available for up to 12 months and which would require them to practice under supervision. The temporary license would enable CT candidates to complete supervised clinical prerequisites necessary to sit for a CT credentialing examination. Based on the initial draft of the rule, the requirement to have a CT credential would only apply to *diagnostic* CT and would not apply to:

- Radiographers or radiation therapists operating the CT attenuation correction portion of the hybrid imager; or
- Licensed nuclear medicine technologists operating PET and attenuation correction portion of the hybrid imager.

The implementation date—when the CT mandate will become effective--was not included in the original rules draft, and has yet to be decided. Several Board members have discussed a delayed implementation date, reflecting comments received during the public comment period. A final decision is expected at the Oct. 17 meeting.

KEEP YOUR INFORMATION UPDATED WITH US

Please keep us updated on your home and work addresses and contact information. There is a link to an “updated information form” on our website (www.oregon.gov/obmi), under “Important Notices.”

ON RENEWAL FORM, YOU MUST REPORT ANY ARREST OR CRIMINAL ACTION, EVEN IF DISMISSED

Current OBMI policy requires that, on an initial license/permit application, applicants must report *any* prior arrests or criminal history. Renewal applicants must report *any* arrests or criminal action since their last renewal. These reporting requirements apply *even if the arrest resulted in a diversion program or if the charges were dropped or dismissed*. If you believe that you do not have to report a criminal action because the action was expunged, you are encouraged to first confirm that fact with the court. Note that completing a diversion agreement is not the same as expungement. For every initial application and every renewal, the Board conducts a criminal records search. Failure to comply with this reporting requirement may result in an appearance before the Board. The maximum penalty for failure to comply with this reporting requirement is \$500.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO ALL HEALTH LICENSURE BOARDS IN OREGON

- Must report convictions or felony arrests within ten days: Oregon state law (ORS 676.150) specifies that a licensee (or limited permit holder) who is convicted of any criminal offense, or even *arrested* for a felony offense, must report the criminal conviction or felony arrest to their health licensing board within ten days of the conviction or arrest. The statute specifies that failure to report may be cause for disciplinary action by their licensing board.
- Duty to report violations by other licensees: Oregon state law (ORS 676.150) specifies that a licensee (or limited permit holder) who has reasonable cause to believe that another licensee or permit holder has engaged in prohibited or unprofessional conduct is required to report the conduct to the health licensing board within ten working days. The statute specifies that failure to report may be cause for disciplinary action by the licensing board.

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2014-15 Board Meeting Dates:

Oct. 17, 2014
Jan. 16, 2015
April 17, 2015
July 24, 2015
Oct. 23, 2015