

CHAPTER 376c.
RADIOGRAPHERS AND RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS

Sec. 20-74aa. Definitions. As used in subsection (c) of section 19a-14 and sections 20-74aa to 20-74cc, inclusive, and 20-74ee:

(1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health.

(2) "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

(3) "Medical x-ray system" means an x-ray system designed for the irradiation of any part of the human body for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

Sec. 20-74bb. Licensure. Qualifications. Examination requirements. Fee. (a) No person shall operate a medical x-ray system unless such person has obtained a license as a radiographer from the department pursuant to this section. Operation of a medical x-ray system shall include energizing the beam, positioning the patient, and positioning or moving any equipment in relation to the patient. Each person seeking licensure as a radiographer shall make application on forms prescribed by the department, pay an application fee of two hundred dollars and present to the department satisfactory evidence that such person (1) has completed a course of study in radiologic technology in a program accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association or its successor organization, or a course of study deemed equivalent to such accredited program by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, and (2) has passed an examination prescribed by the department and administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

(b) A radiographer licensed pursuant to this chapter may operate a medical x-ray system under the supervision and upon the written or verbal order of a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370, a chiropractor licensed pursuant to chapter 372, a natureopath licensed pursuant to chapter 373, a podiatrist licensed pursuant to chapter 375, a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 379 or a veterinarian licensed pursuant to chapter 384.

(c) Licenses shall be renewed annually in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88. The fee for renewal shall be one hundred dollars.

(d) No license shall be issued under this section to any applicant against whom professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the subject of an unresolved complaint in this or any other state or territory.

(e) No person shall use the title "radiographer" unless he holds a license issued in accordance with this section.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section a graduate of a course of study approved pursuant to subdivision (1) of said subsection may operate a medical x-ray system for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty calendar days after the date of graduation, provided such graduate is working in a hospital or similar organization where adequate supervision is provided. If the person practicing pursuant to this subsection fails to pass the licensure examination, all privileges under this subsection shall cease.

(g) Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the commissioner shall grant a license to any person who submits satisfactory evidence that such person has a degree in radiography or identical field of study under a different designation from an institution of higher education authorized to grant degrees by the state or country where located, has a minimum of ten years' experience in the field of radiography, has a temporary license from the Department of Public Health and applies for licensure prior to January 1, 1998.

Sec. 20-74cc. Disciplinary action. The department may take any action set forth in section 19a-17 if a person issued a license pursuant to section 20-74bb fails to conform to the accepted standards of the radiographer profession, including, but not limited to, the following: Conviction of a felony; fraud or deceit in the practice of radiography; illegal conduct; negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional activities; emotional abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals; willful falsification of entries into any disorder or mental illness; physical illness including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process patient record pertaining to radiography; misrepresentation or

concealment of a material fact in the obtaining or reinstatement of a radiographer license; or violation of any provisions of subsection (c) of section 19a-14 and sections 20-74aa and 20-74bb, this section and section 20-74ee. The commissioner may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. The commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford-New Britain* to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17. Notice of any contemplated action under said section, the cause of the action and the date of a hearing on the action shall be given and an opportunity for hearing afforded in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

Sec. 20-74dd. Performance of venipuncture and administration of intravenous medication. A radiologic technologist licensed by the Department of Public Health, may perform venipuncture and administer medication for diagnostic procedures.

Sec. 20-74ee. Construction of chapter. (a) (1) Nothing in subsection (c) of section 19a-14, sections 20-74aa to 20-74cc, inclusive, and this section shall be construed to require licensure as a radiographer or to limit the activities of a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370, a chiropractor licensed pursuant to chapter 372, a natureopath licensed pursuant to chapter 373, a podiatrist licensed pursuant to chapter 375, a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 379 or a veterinarian licensed pursuant to chapter 384.

(2) Nothing in subsection (c) of section 19a-14, sections 20-74aa to 20-74cc, inclusive, and this section shall be construed to require licensure as a radiographer or to limit the activities of a dental hygienist licensed pursuant to chapter 379a, provided such dental hygienist is engaged in the taking of dental x-rays under the general supervision of a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 379.

(3) Nothing in subsection (c) of section 19a-14, sections 20-74aa to 20-74cc, inclusive, and this section shall be construed to require licensure as a radiographer or to limit the activities of: (A) A dental assistant as defined in section 20-112a, provided such dental assistant is engaged in the taking of dental x-rays under the supervision and control of a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 379 and can demonstrate successful completion of the dental radiography portion of an examination prescribed by the Dental Assisting National Board, or (B) a dental assistant student, intern or trainee pursuing practical training in the taking of dental x-rays provided such activities constitute part of a supervised course or training program and such person is designated by a title which clearly indicates such person's status as a student, intern or trainee.

4) Nothing in subsection (c) of section 19a-14, sections 20-74aa to 20-74cc, inclusive, and this section shall be construed to: (A) Prohibit a nuclear medicine technologist, as defined in section 20-74uu, who (i) has successfully completed the individual certification exam for computed tomography or magnetic resonance imaging administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, and (ii) holds and maintains in good standing, computed tomography or magnetic resonance imaging certification by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board from fully operating a computed tomography or magnetic resonance imaging portion of a hybrid-fusion imaging system, including diagnostic imaging, in conjunction with a positron emission tomography or single-photon emission computed tomography imaging system; or (B) require a technologist who is certified by the International Society for Clinical Densitometry or the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and who operates a bone densitometry system under the supervision, control and responsibility of a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370, to be licensed as a radiographer.

(5) Nothing in subsection (c) of section 19a-14, sections 20-74aa to 20-74cc, inclusive, and this section shall be construed to require licensure as a radiographer or to limit the activities of a podiatric medical assistant, provided such podiatric assistant is engaged in taking of podiatric x-rays under the supervision and control of a podiatrist licensed pursuant to chapter 375 and can demonstrate successful completion of the podiatric radiography exam as prescribed by the Connecticut Board of Podiatry Examiners.

(6) Nothing in subsection (c) of section 19a-14, sections 20-74aa to 20-74cc, inclusive, and this section shall be construed to require licensure as a radiographer or to limit the activities of a physician assistant, licensed and supervised pursuant to chapter 370, who is engaged in the use of fluoroscopy for guidance of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures or from positioning and utilizing a mini C-arm in conjunction with fluoroscopic procedures.

Sec. 20-74ff. Continuing education: Definitions; contact hours; attestation; record-keeping; exemptions, waivers and extensions; reinstatement of void licenses,

(1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;

(2) "Contact hour" means a minimum of fifty minutes of continuing education activity;

(3) "Department" means the Department of Public Health;

(4) "Licensee" means any person who receives a license from the department pursuant to chapter 376c of the general statutes; and

(5) "Registration period" means the one-year period for which a license renewed in accordance with section 19a-88 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, is current and valid.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, for registration periods beginning on and after October 1, 2008, a licensee applying for license renewal shall either maintain registration as a radiographer or radiation therapy technologist issued by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, or its successor organization, or earn a minimum of twenty-four contact hours of continuing education within the preceding twenty-four-month period. Such continuing education shall (1) be in an area of the licensee's practice; and (2) reflect the professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the public. Qualifying continuing education activities include, but are not limited to, courses, including on-line courses, offered or approved by the American College of Radiology, American Healthcare Radiology Administrators, American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, American Society of Radiologic Technologists, Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists, Radiological Society of North America, Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section, Society for Vascular Ultrasound, Section for Magnetic Resonance Technologists, a hospital or other health care institution, regionally accredited schools of higher education or a state or local health department.

(c) Each licensee applying for license renewal pursuant to section 19a-88 of the 2006 supplement to general statutes shall sign a statement attesting that he or she has maintained registration as a radiographer or radiation therapy technologist issued by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, or has satisfied the continuing education requirements of subsection (b) of this section on a form prescribed by the department. A licensee who fails to comply with the requirements of this section may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 20-74cc or 19a-17 of the general statutes. Each licensee shall retain records of attendance or certificates of completion that demonstrate compliance with the continuing education requirements of subsection (b) of this section for a minimum of three years following the year in which the continuing education activities were completed and shall submit such records to the department for inspection not later than forty-five days after a request by the department for such records.

(d) A licensee applying for the first time for license renewal pursuant to section 19a-88 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is exempt from the continuing education requirements of this section.

(e) A licensee who is not engaged in active professional practice in any form during a registration period shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements of this section, provided the licensee submits to the department, prior to the expiration of the registration period, a notarized application for exemption on a form prescribed by the department and such other documentation as may be required by the department. The application for exemption pursuant to this subsection shall contain a statement that the licensee may not engage in professional practice until the licensee has met the continuing education requirements of this section.

(f) In individual cases involving medical disability or illness, the commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, grant a waiver of the continuing education requirements or an extension of time within which to fulfill the continuing education requirements of this section to any licensee, provided the licensee submits to the department an application for waiver or extension of time on a form prescribed by the department, along with a certification by a licensed physician of the disability or illness and such other documentation as may be required by the commissioner. The commissioner may grant a waiver or extension for a period not to exceed one registration period, except that the commissioner may grant additional waivers or extensions if the medical disability or illness upon which a waiver or extension is granted continues beyond the period of the

waiver or extension and the licensee applies for an additional waiver or extension.

(g) Any licensee whose license has become void pursuant to section 19a-88 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes and who applies to the department for reinstatement of such license pursuant to section 19a-14 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall submit evidence documenting successful completion of twelve contact hours of continuing education within the one-year period immediately preceding application for reinstatement.