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INFORMATION NOTICE

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

On October 11, 2013, amendments and changes to the Radiologic Technology Act regulations specified in Title 17, California Code of Regulations (17 CCR) became effective. Those changes are based upon the Radiologic Technology Certification Committee's (RTCC) recommendations. **These new Continuing Education (CE) credit requirements will be enforced for renewal of certificates and permits expiring on or after July 1, 2016.**

A summary of the changes to the CE credit requirements are as follows:

- Limited Permit X-ray Technicians (XTs) with digital authorization and all Certified Radiologic Technologists (CRTs) need to earn a minimum of 24 approved CE credits, four (4) of which are in digital radiography, in the two years prior to the expiration of their certificate/permit.
- CRTs with a mammography certificate need 24 approved CE credits, with 10 CE credits that are specific to mammography.
- CRTs with a fluoroscopy permit need 24 approved CE credits, with 4 CE credits that apply to radiation safety for the clinical uses of fluoroscopy.
- Any of the mammography or fluoroscopy CE credits that you have obtained that are related to digital radiography may be used to satisfy the 4 digital radiography CE requirements.
- Certified Supervisors and Operators (California licensed physicians and surgeons, podiatrists, or chiropractors) need to earn 10 approved CE credits in the 2 years prior to the expiration of their certificate/permit. If a Licentiate holds a fluoroscopy supervisor and operator permit, 4 of the 10 CE credits shall be in radiation safety for the clinical uses of fluoroscopy.

Proof of completed CE credits must be retained for 4 years and must be made available to the Department upon request.

If you have questions related to the changes in the CE credit requirements you may call the following phone number to record a message and leave your question/s. Please clearly state your name, the best phone number for you to be reached and your question/s. Message Phone Line: (916) 440-7934

Attachment: Table of 17 CCR Changes

NEW	OLD
<p>§ 30400(a)(4). Definitions.</p> <p>"Approved continuing education credit" -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 to 60 minutes of instruction related to the application of X-ray to the human body; and • Accepted by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ American Registry of Radiologic Technologists; ○ Medical Board of California; ○ Osteopathic Medical Board of California; ○ California Board of Chiropractic Examiners; ○ Board of Podiatric Medicine; or ○ Board of Dental Examiners 	<p>§ 30400.5. Approved Continuing Education Credit.</p> <p>"Approved continuing education credit" -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One hour of instruction related to the application of X-ray to the human body; and • Accepted by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ American Registry of Radiologic Technologists; ○ Medical Board of California; ○ Osteopathic Medical Board of California; ○ California Board of Chiropractic Examiners; ○ Board of Podiatric Medicine; or ○ Board of Dental Examiners.
<p>§ 30403. Requirements for Continuing Education</p> <p>Every 2 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn 24 approved continuing education (CE) credits, 4 of them in digital radiography. <p>Note: Any credits in digital radiography may be applied to the mammography or fluoroscopy CE credit requirement, if applicable.</p> <p>CRT with a mammography certificate shall every 2 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 of the 24 CE credits must be in mammography <p>Note: 200 exam performances are no longer required.</p>	<p>§ 30403. Requirements for Continuing Education and Performance of Mammographic Examinations.</p> <p>Every 2 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn 24 approved continuing education (CE) credits. <p>CRT with a mammography certificate shall every 2 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 of the 24 CE credits must be in mammography. • Perform at least 200 mammography examinations.
<p>CRT with a fluoroscopy permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 of the 24 CE credits in must be on radiation safety for the clinical uses of fluoroscopy. 	Not applicable (NA)
<p>CRT with a mammography certificate and a fluoroscopy permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 of the 24 CE credits must be in mammography <u>and</u> • 4 of the 24 CE credits must be on radiation safety for the clinical uses of fluoroscopy. <p>Note: Any of the mammography or fluoroscopy CE credits obtained that are related to digital radiography may be used to satisfy the 4 digital radiography CE requirements.</p>	NA
<p>XT with digital authorization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 of the 24 CE credits in digital radiography. 	NA
<p>XT without digital authorization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Change 	NA
<p>Radiology S&O Certificate or Radiography S&O Permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Change 	<p>Radiology Supervisor and Operator (S&O) Certificate, Radiography S&O and/or Fluoroscopy S&O Permit:</p> <p>Every 2 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn 10 approved CE credits.
<p>Fluoroscopy S&O permit</p> <p>Every 2 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn 10 approved CE credits with 4 of the 10 CE credits in radiation safety for the clinical uses of fluoroscopy. 	NA
<p>§ 30403.8. Recordkeeping Requirement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain CE credits documents for <u>four years</u> • Make available to the Department upon request. 	<p>§ 30403.8. Recordkeeping Requirement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the CE credit document(s) and/or completing mammographic examinations for <u>five years</u>. • Make available to the Department upon request.