

FAQ for Radiologic Technology Schools Regarding the Amended Venipuncture Law, Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 106985 (Senate Bill 1199)

1. Where can I find the text of the amended venipuncture law HSC 106985 (Senate Bill 1199)?

Text of the bill can be found online at <http://leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>.
Search under Session: 2011-2012, House: Senate, Bill Number: 1199.

2. When does the amended law go into effect?

The amended law goes into effect on January 1, 2013.

3. What significant change will the amended law create for schools of radiologic technology?

After the amended law goes into effect, students will be able to complete the 10 venipunctures required for their completion document using humans or mannequins.

4. When the amended law goes into effect, will instructors currently qualified to supervise students performing venipunctures need to perform 10 live venipunctures to demonstrate competence?

No, a radiologic technologist meeting the training and education requirements to perform venipuncture under existing law (prior to January 1, 2013) will not need to perform the 10 live venipunctures to demonstrate competence when the amended law goes into effect. However, the school should be able to provide documentation demonstrating that the instructor is legally competent to perform venipuncture.

5. Our school already submitted curriculum and a venipuncture training completion certificate stating “Ten venipunctures performed on live humans.” Our school was found to be fully compliant. With the introduction of this amended law, does our school need to submit any new curriculum or certificate?

No, if your school was found to be fully compliant, no further documentation of curriculum or a certificate is required. Your school may change the wording of the completion certificate to include mannequins if it so chooses.