

Exemption to California Code of Regulations (Extension of Time for Examination Passage) & ARRT/Pearson VUE COVID-19 Guidance

GENERAL

- ❖ In response to COVID-19 concerns, the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) has temporarily closed its office until it is deemed safe to re-open.
- ❖ Additionally, Pearson VUE (who administers CDPH-RHB exams for ARRT) has temporarily closed their Pearson Professional Centers (PPC) until April 16, 2020 or whenever it is deemed safe to re-open. In the interim, candidates will be unable to take their examinations.
- ❖ Due to high call volumes, Pearson VUE is recommending that candidates reschedule their exam online at [pearsonvue.com](https://www.pearsonvue.com) rather than calling.
- ❖ For questions regarding existing exam windows, rescheduling appointments, or PPC closures due to COVID-19, applicants should contact ARRT at 651-687-0048 ext. 8525.
- ❖ Primary communications vehicle during the pandemic and ARRT office closure will be the [ARRT COVID-19 Update page](https://www.rrt.org/pages/covid-19-update) (<https://www.rrt.org/pages/covid-19-update>).

CURRENT ARRT EXAM CANDIDATES

- ❖ Pearson VUE is emailing candidates to notify them of their cancelled exam appointments along with instructions for scheduling new appointments on or after April 16, 2020.
- ❖ Pursuant to an exemption granted by CDPH-RHB, the period allowed for passage of any applicable required examination has been **extended from one year, to 18 months**.
- ❖ ARRT is providing a 90-day extension to all existing examination windows as of March 16, 2020 or beyond. Information as it applies to candidates is noted on their online account.
- ❖ No action is required by candidates in order to obtain the applicable extensions.
- ❖ ARRT is still accepting online payments.

NEW/INCOMING EXAM CANDIDATES

- ❖ CDPH-RHB is still accepting and processing new applications.
- ❖ The granted exemption applies to new and existing candidates. The exemption extends the time for new candidates to pass any required examination from 12 months to 18 months. All Notice of Application Status letters have been updated to reflect this new information.