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TITLE 20 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
CHAPTER 3 RADIATION PROTECTION
PART 20 ~~[RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATION]~~MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY LICENSURE

20.3.20.1 ISSUING AGENCY: Environmental Improvement Board.
[20.3.20.1 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 3.2.I.100, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.2 SCOPE: All persons engaged in the practice of ~~[radiologic technology]~~medical imaging and radiation therapy in the application of ionizing ~~[radiation]~~and non-ionizing radiation in the practice of medical imaging.
[20.3.20.2 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 3.2.I.101, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: ~~[Medical Radiation Health and Safety Act,]~~Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Health and Safety Act, Sections 61-14E-1 to 61-14E-12 NMSA 1978 and Section 74-1-8 NMSA 1978.
[20.3.20.3 NMAC - Rp, 20NMAC 3.2.I.102, 1/1/2011]
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20.3.20.4 DURATION: Permanent.
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20.3.20.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: ~~[August 31, 2005,]~~The effective date is July 1, 2011 for all parts of (20.3.20 NMAC) for the exception of all parts pertaining to all non-ionizing medical imaging licensure, which shall have an effective date of five (5) years after the effective date of July 1, 2011, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[20.3.20.5 NMAC - Rp, 20NMAC 3.2.I.104, 7/1/2011]
[20.3.20.5 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 3.2.I.104, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.6 OBJECTIVE: To maximize the protection practicable for the citizens of New Mexico from the harmful effects of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation in the practice of ~~[the healing arts]~~ medical imaging and radiation therapy by establishing requirements for appropriate education and training of persons operating medical equipment emitting ionizing and non-ionizing radiation, establishing standards of education and training for the persons who ~~[administer radiologic]~~ perform diagnostic medical imaging and radiation therapy procedures and providing for the appropriate examination and ~~[certification]~~licensure of those persons.
[20.3.20.6 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 3.2.I.105, 7/1/2011]
[20.3.20.6 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 3.2.I.105, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.7 DEFINITIONS: As used in this part (20.3.20 NMAC).
A. "ACLS" means advanced cardiac life support.
B. "ACRRT" means American chiropractic registry of radiologic technologist.
C. "Act" means the ~~[Medical Radiation Health and Safety Act,]~~Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Health and Safety Act, Sections 61-14E-1 to 61-14E-12 NMSA 1978.
D. "Advisory council" means the ~~[radiation technical advisory council (RTAC)]~~medical imaging and radiation therapy advisory council (MIRTAC).
E. "Applying ionizing radiation" means to use ionizing radiation for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes, including tasks having direct impact on the radiation burden of the patient, such as, but not limited to:

- (1) positioning the patient, film and beam;
- (2) selection of exposure factors or treatment parameters;
- (3) preparation, calibration and injection of radiopharmaceuticals; and
- (4) actuating the production of radiation.

F. “Approved program” means an educational program for a full ~~[certificate,]~~ license, ~~[radiologist assistant certificate, fusion imaging certification]~~ or a certificate of limited practice ~~[x-ray machine operation]~~, which meets the provisions of 20.3.20.200 NMAC and paragraphs (1) through ~~[(4)]~~ (2) of this subsection.

(1) Full ~~[certificate,]~~ licensure. All curricula and programs to train individuals to perform radiologic procedures must be accredited by the United States department of education including but not limited to the joint review committee on education in nuclear medicine technology (JRCNMT) or the joint review committee on education in radiologic technology (JRCERT) or the joint review committee on education in diagnostic medical sonography (JRC-DMS) or the commission on accreditation of allied health education programs (CAAHEP).

~~[(2)]~~ ~~Radiologist assistant certificate. All programs to train individuals to perform procedures as a radiologist assistant must be an advanced academic program encompassing a radiologist assistant curriculum culminating in a baccalaureate degree, postbaccalaureate certificate or master’s degree and that incorporates a radiologist directed clinical preceptorship and makes the individual eligible to be certified as a radiologist assistant by the American registry of radiologic technologists.~~

~~[(3)]~~ ~~Fusion imaging certificate. All programs to train individuals to perform fusion imaging must conform with current curriculum for fusion imaging published by the American society of radiologic technologists or society of nuclear medicine technologist.]~~

~~[(4)]~~ (2) ~~Certificate of limited practice. [x-ray machine operation. All programs to train individuals to perform limited x-ray machine operation must conform with the current curriculum for limited x-ray machine operators published by the American society of radiologic technologists.]~~

G. “ARDMS” means American registry for diagnostic medical sonography.

H. “ARMRIT” means American registry of magnetic resonance imaging technologists.

~~[G-]~~ I. “ARRT” means the American registry of radiologic technologists.

~~[H-]~~ J. “Assistance” means any activity performed under the supervision or direction of a licensed practitioner or ~~[certified]~~ licensed diagnostic medical sonographer, magnetic resonance imaging technologist, radiographer, radiation therapist, nuclear medicine technologist or radiologist assistant except:

- (1) positioning the patient;
- (2) positioning the source of radiation;
- (3) selecting any exposure factors; or
- (4) actuating the production of radiation.

~~[I-]~~ K. “Auxiliary or health practitioner” means a physician assistant, registered nurse, dental hygienist or dental assistant licensed or certified by an independent board who applies radiation to humans while under the supervision of a licensed practitioner, provided that the certification or licensure and examination program established by the independent board is reviewed by the advisory council ~~[(RTAC)]~~ (MIRTC) and approved by the board.

~~[J-]~~ L. “Board” means the environmental improvement board.

~~[K-]~~ M. “Category A credits” means an activity that qualifies as a continuing education activity and is approved for category A credit 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, society of vascular ultrasound, or other RCEEM’s recognized by the department, and all RCEEM’s recognized by the ARRT.

~~[L-]~~ “Certificate” means a full certificate issued by the department pursuant to the Act and this part (20.3.20 NMAC) to any person who is a radiologic technologist, radiologic therapy technologist, nuclear medicine technologist or radiologist assistant and who is certified pursuant to the Act.

~~[M-]~~ N. “Certificate of limited ~~[x-ray machine operation]~~ practice” means a ~~[certificate]~~ license issued by the department pursuant to the Act and this part (20.3.20 NMAC) to an individual other than a ~~[radiologic technologist]~~ medical imaging professional who performs diagnostic x-ray procedures on designated anatomical sites under the supervision of a licensed practitioner or a ~~[radiologic technologist:]~~ medical imaging professional:

- (1) chest and thorax;
- (2) extremities;
- (3) dentistry;
- (4) vertebral column; or

(5) podiatric.~~[;ø]~~

~~[(6) —cranium.]~~

~~[N-]O.~~ “Chest and thorax” means radiographic examinations of the lungs, anteroposterior AP, posterior-anterior PA, lateral and apical lordotic views and ribs, but does not include mammography and radiography of the abdomen.

~~[O-]P.~~ “Clinical instruction” means hands-on educational experience in a health care setting such as a hospital, clinic, or physician’s office, under the direct supervision of a licensed practitioner or the direct supervision of a ~~[radiologic technologist.]~~medical imaging professional or radiation therapy technologist licensed by the department.

~~[P-]Q.~~ “Contact hour” means fifty (50) minutes.

~~[Q-]R.~~ “Continuing education” means a learning activity that is planned, organized and administered to enhance the professional knowledge and skill underlying professional performance that a holder of a full ~~license[certificate, radiologist assistant certificate, fusion imaging certificate]~~ or certificate of limited ~~practice[x-ray machine operation]~~ uses to provide services for patients, the public or the medical profession. In order to qualify as continuing education, the activity must be planned, organized and provide sufficient depth and scope of a subject area.

~~[R-]S.~~ “Contrast media study” means a study performed whereby contrast media is introduced into the human body to define a part or parts not normally visualized on a radiograph.

~~S.~~ “Cranium” means radiographic examination of the skull, facial bones, nasal bones, orbits, ~~pantomography mandible or paranasal sinuses.~~

T. “Department” means the New Mexico environment department.

U. “Didactic instruction” means classroom instruction.

V. “Direct supervision” means in the physical presence of a licensed practitioner or ~~[radiologic technologist]~~medical imaging professional who assists, evaluates and approves of the individual’s performance of the various tasks involved with application of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation.

W. “Education background” means high school diploma or general education diploma, diploma or transcripts of completed secondary education or approved radiology program certificate of completion.

X. “Extremities” means radiographic examination of the fingers, hand, wrist, radius/ulna, elbow, humerus, pectoral girdle (shoulder joint and clavicle), toes, ~~[foed,]~~foot, ankle, calcaneus, tibia/fibula, patella, knee, distal femur, but does not include the hip or pelvis.

Y. “Full time” means a standard forty (40) hour week.

Z. “Fusion imaging” means the fusion of images acquired from two or more imaging modalities, such as x-rays, computed tomography, magnetic resonance, positron emission tomography, single photon emission computed tomography, radiopharmaceuticals or measurements of radioactivity to produce a medical image of the metabolic function of cells and relevant human anatomy.

AA. “Fusion imaging certificate” means a full certificate issued by the department pursuant to the Act and this part (20.3.20 NMAC).~~[to any person who performs fusion imaging and who is a radiologic technologist, certified pursuant to the Act.]~~

AB. “Initial licensing” means a full license issued by the department in accordance to the Act and this part (20.3.20) for the first time or after an existing license from the department has expired more than twelve (12) months of that license expiration date.

~~[AB-]AC.~~ “Ionizing radiation” means gamma rays and x-rays, alpha and beta particles, high speed electrons, neutrons, protons, and other nuclear particles; but not ultrasound, sound or radio waves, nor visible, infrared or ultraviolet light.

AD. “License” means a document issued by the department pursuant to the Act and who has met the requirements in this part (20.3.20 NMAC).

~~[AC-]AE.~~ “Licensed practitioner” means a person licensed to practice medicine, dentistry, podiatry, chiropractic or osteopathy in this state.

AF. “Licensure” means a grant of authority through a license or limited license to perform specific medical imaging and radiation therapy services pursuant to the Act.

~~[AD-]AG.~~ “Limited x-ray machine operator” means a person holding a certificate of limited practice pursuant to the Act and who has met the requirements in this part (20.3.20 NMAC) for limited x-ray machine operation and who may be referred to as a “LXMO”.

AH. “Magnetic resonance technologist” means a person other than a licensed practitioner who performs magnetic resonance procedures under the supervision of a licensed practitioner using magnetic fields and radio frequency signals.

AI. “Medical imaging” means the use of substances or equipment emitting ionizing or non-ionizing radiation on humans for diagnostic or interventional purposes.

AJ. “Medical imaging professional” means a person who is a magnetic resonance technologist, radiographer, nuclear medicine technologist or diagnostic medical sonographer and who is licensed pursuant to the act.

AK. “Modality” means areas of specialties that are recognized by the department to include, but are not limited to radiography (R), nuclear medicine (N), radiation therapy (T), sonography (S), magnetic resonance imaging (MR), fusion imaging (FUS), radiologic technologist (RT) or (R.T.), registered radiologist assistant (RRA) or (R.R.A), cardiovascular-interventional technology (CV), mammography (M), computed tomography (CT), quality management (QM), bone densitometry (BD), vascular sonography (VS), cardiac-interventional technology (CI), vascular-interventional technology (VI), breast sonography (BS), registered diagnostic medical sonographer (RDMS), registered diagnostic cardiac sonography (RDSCS), and registered vascular technologist (RVT).

~~[AE.]~~AL. “NMTCB” means the nuclear medicine technologist certification board.

~~[AF.]~~AM. “Nuclear medicine technologist” means a person other than a licensed practitioner who compounds, calibrates, dispenses and administers radiopharmaceuticals, pharmaceuticals, and radionuclides, who performs venipuncture under the direction of an authorized user for benefit of performing a comprehensive scope of nuclear medicine procedures.

AN. “Permanent full license” means a full license issued by the department pursuant to the Act and who has met the requirements in this part (20.3.20 NMAC).

AO. “Permanent certificate of limited practice” means a certificate of limited practice license issued by the pursuant to the Act and who has met the requirements in this part (20.3.20 NMAC).

~~[AG.]~~AP. “Personal identification” means applicants full legal name, permanent and mailing address, social security number, date of birth, home phone number, cellular phone number, work number, pager, e-mail address, web site, and other related information.

AQ. “Place of employment” means each location that has its own physical address or that is separated by building structure or different locality regardless of the ownership or the entity, parent company, company, not for profit organization, business name or any other organizational name of such establishments.

~~[AH.]~~AR. “Podiatric” means radiographic examination of the toes, foot, ankle, calcaneus, distal tibia/fibula, but does not include the knee joint.

~~[AI.]~~AS. “Radiation technologist” means a radiographer, radiologic therapy technologist or nuclear medicine technologist [certified]licensed pursuant to the Act and holding a full [certificate]license and who may be referred to as a “RT”.

~~[AJ.]~~AT. “Radiation therapist” means a person other than a licensed practitioner who utilizes ionizing radiation under the supervision of a licensed practitioner for the planning and delivery of therapeutic procedures.

~~[AK.]~~AU. “Radiographer” means a person other than a licensed practitioner who applies radiation to humans for diagnostic purposes.

~~[AL.]~~AV. “Radiologist assistant” means a radiographer certified as a radiologist assistant by the American registry of radiologic technologists to perform advanced radiologic procedures under the supervision of a radiologist.

~~[AM.]~~AW. “Radiologist assistant [certificate]license” means a full [certificate]license issued by the department pursuant to the Act and this part (20.3.20 NMAC) to any person [who is a radiologist assistant and who is certified pursuant to the Act.]that has been registered by the American registry of radiologic technologist as a registered radiologist assistant or (R.R.A.).

~~[AN.]~~AX. “Recognized continuing education evaluation mechanism” (RCEEM) means a mechanism recognized by the American registry of radiologic technologists for evaluating the content, quality and integrity of an educational activity which includes a review of educational objectives, content selection, faculty qualifications, and educational methods and materials by an organization that is national in scope, non-profit, radiology based, and willing to evaluate the continuing education activity developed by any technologist within a given discipline.

AY. “Remedial education or remedial training” means the remediation options listed on the (ARRT) web site that come from the (ARRT) education guide for individuals who have had three (3) unsuccessful examination attempts shall be required to complete all remediation options prior to a fourth exam attempt that must be taken within the one year period following the third unsuccessful examination attempt. Individuals that are unsuccessful after taking the fourth exam attempt or that have waited longer than one year from completion of an

program prior to becoming eligible to take the state written or computerized examination.

AZ. “Secondary place of employment” means any employment in addition to a primary place of employment regardless of the ownership or the entity, parent company, company, not for profit organization, business name or any other organizational name of such establishments.

BA. “Scope of practice” means each individual scope of practice or practice standards and guidelines for each modality recognized by the department and adopted by the American society or radiologic technologist.

[AQ]BB. “Student” means a person enrolled in and attending a school or college of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry, dentistry, dental hygiene, or a department-approved program or school of [radiologic technology]medical imaging, radiation therapy or radiologist assistant who applies ionizing and non-ionizing radiation to humans while under the supervision of a licensed practitioner or the direct supervision of a [radiologic technologist.]licensed medical imaging professional or radiation therapist.

[AP]BC. “Supervision” means responsibility for, and control of quality, radiation safety and protection and technical aspects of the application of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation to human beings for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

[AQ]BD. [“Vertebral column”] “Visceral column” means radiographic examination of the cervical, thoracic and lumbar spine and scoliosis survey.

[20.3.20.7 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 3.2.I.106, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.8 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT: The administration and enforcement of the Act and this part (20.3.20 NMAC) is vested in the department.

[20.3.20.8 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 3.2.I.107, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.9 - 20.3.20.199 [RESERVED]

20.3.20.200 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

A. Full [certificate.]license. The educational programs for a full [certificate]license shall be in diagnostic cardiac sonography, diagnostic vascular technologist, fusion imaging, magnetic resonance imaging, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, [or] radiography, or sonography and shall be accredited by the United States department of education, joint review committee on education in radiologic technology and joint review committee on education in nuclear medicine technology, or joint review committee on education in diagnostic medical sonography. All curricula and programs to train individuals to perform [radiologic procedures]medical imaging and radiation therapy procedures must be accredited by the United States department of education including but not limited to the joint review committee on education in nuclear medicine technology (JRCNMT) or the joint review committee on education in radiologic technology (JRCERT) or the joint review committee on education in diagnostic medical sonography(JRC-DMS) or the commission on accreditation of allied health education programs(CAAHEP) or regional institutional accrediting agencies (degree-granting divisions).

B. Certificate of limited [x-ray machine operation.]practice.

(1) The approved program for a certificate of limited [x-ray machine operation]practice shall include didactic and clinical instruction of the type and quantity indicated in the applicable subsections of this section. The recommended topics for radiation safety and protection should include a discussion of ionizing radiation including definition, sources, radiation bio-effects, radiation safety and protection relevant to national council of radiation protection and measurement reports and standards (NCRPMRS) and radiation risks associated with the specific procedure. The ratio between human and educational aid assisted instruction should be at least forty to sixty (40:60), that is, a particular subject category should consist of no less than forty percent (40%) human instruction and no more than sixty percent (60%) educational aids assisted content in a didactic setting. The minimum recommended hours are specified in subparagraphs (a) through [(f)](e) of this paragraph.

(a) For chest and thorax procedures, the didactic educational program shall include:

SUBJECT	CONTACT HOURS
Fundamentals, ethics and law of health care	10
Medical terminology	10
Patient care in radiologic sciences	30
Human structure and function	10
Chest and thorax procedures and positioning	15
Imaging production and evaluation	60
Imaging equipment and radiation production	50

Radiation protection and radiobiology	<u>40</u>
TOTAL	225

Clinical instruction for chest and thorax procedures shall be competency based and shall be a minimum of 160 hours.

(b) For extremities procedures, the didactic educational program shall include:

SUBJECT	CONTACT HOURS
Fundamentals, ethics and law of health care	10
Medical terminology	10
Patient care in radiologic sciences	30
Human structure and function	10
Extremities procedures and positioning	40
Imaging production and evaluation	60
Imaging equipment and radiation production	50
Radiation protection and radiobiology	<u>40</u>
TOTAL	250

Clinical instruction for extremities procedures shall be competency based and shall be a minimum of 480 hours.

(c) For dental diagnostic procedures, the didactic educational program shall include:

SUBJECT	CONTACT HOURS
Oral anatomy with radiographic dental technique and positioning	8
Radiation safety and protection	5
Darkroom and processing techniques	3
Laboratory on above subjects	<u>9</u>
TOTAL	25

(d) For vertebral column procedures, the didactic educational program shall include:

SUBJECT	CONTACT HOURS
Fundamentals, ethics and law of health care	10
Medical terminology	10
Patient care in radiologic sciences	30
Human structure and function	10
Vertebral procedures and positioning	15
Imaging production and evaluation	60
Imaging equipment and radiation production	50
Radiation protection and radiobiology	<u>40</u>
TOTAL	225

Clinical instruction for vertebral column procedures shall be competency based and shall be a minimum of 240 hours.

(e) For podiatric procedures, the didactic educational program shall include:

SUBJECT	CONTACT HOURS
Fundamentals, ethics and law of health care	10
Medical terminology	10
Patient care in radiologic sciences	30
Human structure and function	10
Podiatric procedures and positioning	10
Imaging production and evaluation	60
Imaging equipment and radiation production	50
Radiation protection and radiobiology	<u>40</u>
TOTAL	220

Clinical instruction for podiatric procedures shall be competency based and shall be a minimum of 160 hours.

~~(f) For cranium procedures, the didactic educational program shall include:~~

SUBJECT	CONTACT HOURS
Fundamentals, ethics and law of health care	10
Medical terminology	10
Patient care in radiologic sciences	30
Human structure and function	10
Cranium procedures and positioning	20
Imaging production and evaluation	60

Imaging equipment and radiation production	50
Radiation protection and radiobiology	40
TOTAL	230

Clinical instruction for cranium procedures shall be competency based and shall be a minimum of 240 hours.

(2) Appropriate records shall be maintained for three (3) years.

C. Radiologist assistant [certificate-]license. ~~[The educational program for a radiologist assistant certificate shall be an educational program culminating in the award of a baccalaureate degree or post baccalaureate certificate from an institution approved by the American registry of radiologic technologists, that incorporates a radiologist directed clinical preceptorship and meets the eligibility requirements for certification by the American registry of radiologic technologists.]~~ Approved programs must meet the eligibility requirements for certification by the American registry of radiologic technologist as a registered radiologist assistant or (R.R.A.).

~~[D. Fusion imaging certificate. The education program for a fusion imaging [certificate] shall be an educational program recognized by the department or an agency whose program recognition is accepted by the department. All programs to educate individuals must meet the content specified in the current positron emission tomography (PET) computed tomography (CT) curriculum published by the American society of radiologic technologists and society of nuclear medicine technologist section.]~~
 [20.3.20.200 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 3.2.200.II - 201.II, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.201 - 20.3.20.299 [RESERVED]

20.3.20.300 [CERTIFICATION-]INITIAL LICENSURE:

A. Requirement. It is unlawful for any person, other than a person ~~[certified]~~ licensed by the department, to:

(1) use ionizing or non-ionizing radiation for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes or both on humans;
 (2) engage in any of the ~~[radiology]~~ medical imaging and therapeutic specialties as defined by the Act and described in this part (20.3.20 NMAC);

(3) use the title “radiologic technologist”, “certified radiologic technologist”, “registered radiologist assistant”, “registered diagnostic medical sonographer”, “registered diagnostic cardiac sonographer”, “registered vascular technologist”, “radiologist assistant”, “certified radiologist assistant”, “limited x-ray machine operator”, or “certified limited x-ray machine operator”;

(4) use the abbreviated title “CRT”, “RT”, “R.T.”, “R.R.A.”, “RDMS”, “RDCS”, “RVT”, “RA”, “CRA”, “LXMO”, or “CLXMO”; or

(5) use any other title, abbreviated title, abbreviation, letters, figures, signs, or other devices to indicate the person is a ~~[certified radiologic technologist, certified radiologist assistant or a certified limited x-ray machine operator.]~~ licensed, certified, or registered medical imaging professional, radiation therapist, radiologist assistant, or limited x-ray machine operator.

B. Types of [certification-]license. ~~[Certificates]~~ Licenses granted by the department shall be of [five (5)] types, identifiable and applicable as specified in this subsection.

(1) **Full [certificate-]license.** This ~~[certification]~~ license is utilized for ~~[radiologic technologists]~~ medical imaging professionals who, within their areas of ~~[radiologic]~~ diagnostic imaging specialization, apply radiopharmaceutical agents or radiation or non-ionizing radiation to humans for therapeutic or diagnostic purposes under the direction of a licensed practitioner; and who demonstrates or successfully complete the requirements established for the ~~[certificate-]~~ license by the department pursuant to the Act and this part (20.3.20 NMAC). ~~[Each certificate shall identify the radiology specialty of the certified technologist. The certificate of a person qualified in more than one area of radiological specialization shall identify all areas of specialization. A person holding a certificate may use the title “radiologic technologist” or “certified radiologic technologist” or the abbreviated title “CRT”.]~~ Each certificate of licensure issued by the department shall identify each qualifying medical imaging specialty or radiation therapy. The certificate of licensure of a person licensed in more than one area shall list each license type. A person licensed by the department as a medical imaging professional may use the title or abbreviated title “cardiac-interventional technology”, “CI”, “cardiovascular-interventional technology”, “CV”, “registered diagnostic cardiac sonographer”, “RDCS”, “registered diagnostic medical sonographer”, “RDMS”, “registered vascular technologist”, “RVT”, “magnetic resonance technologist”, “MR”, “medical imaging technologist”, “nuclear medicine technologist”, “N”, “radiography”, “R”, “radiologic technologist”, “registered technologist”, “R.T”, “registered radiologist assistant”, “R.R.T”, “radiation therapist”, “radiation therapy”, “T”, “sonography”, “S”, “vascular-interventional technology”, or “VI”.

(2) **Certificate of limited practice.**~~[x-ray machine operation.]~~ This ~~[certification]~~ type of license is utilized for persons who perform restricted diagnostic radiography, under the supervision of a licensed practitioner or a licensed or registered medical imaging professional, radiation therapist or radiologist assistant with respect to the supervision and areas of specialty; and who demonstrate or successfully complete the requirements for the certificate of limited practice.~~[x-ray machine operation.]~~ Each certificate of licensure for all limited x-ray machine operation shall identify the procedural specialty area of the licensed~~[certified]~~ limited x-ray machine operator, i.e., chest and thorax (LXT), extremities (LXE), podiatric (LXP),~~[cranium,]~~ vertebral column (LXV) or dental diagnostics. Persons holding a ~~[limited]~~ certificate of limited practice in one or more categories or specialty area may not perform radiologic procedures involving the use of contrast media, utilization of fluoroscopic equipment or fluoroscopic diagnostic procedures, mammography, computed tomography, mobile or portable or bedside radiography, nuclear medicine or radiation therapy procedures. A person holding a certificate of limited practice~~[x-ray machine operation]~~ may use the title “limited x-ray machine operator” or “certified limited x-ray machine operator”, or the abbreviated title “LXT”, “LXE”, “LXP”, (LXV), “LXMO” or “CLXMO”.

(3) **Temporary ~~[certification.]~~licensure.**

(a) The department may issue a temporary certificate of licensure for each full or limited practice license type that is listed in this section (1) through (5) pursuant to the Act and this part (20.3.20 NMAC) to practice as a ~~[radiologic technologist]~~medical imaging professional, limited x-ray machine operator, radiation therapist or radiologist assistant to a person who satisfactorily completes an approved program in medical imaging, radiation therapy, or limited x-ray~~[radiologic technology]~~ and who is awaiting results of ~~[the radiologic technology examination.]~~their examination. A temporary certificate of licensure must be applied for within one year of graduation date or approved program completion date from an approved program and is contingent upon successful completion of an approved nationally recognized examination, such as the ARDMS, ARMRT, ARRT OR NMTCB, or a written or computerized state examination with a passing score of at least seventy-five (75) percent and expires upon failure to pass the examination of seventy-four (74) percent or less or, expires one year from the date issued, and is issued only once and cannot be renewed or extended.

(b) Applicants must submit a completed application, accompanied by the application fee and copies of graduation certificates, diplomas, original letter of successful program completion for the schools current program director, or transcripts indicating the successful completion date.

(c) Applicants passing the radiologic technology ~~[certification]~~ examination should apply for a permanent full license or a permanent certificate of limited practice license~~[full or limited certification]~~ at least 60 calendar days prior to the expiration of their temporary ~~[certificate.]~~certificate of licensure.

(4) **Radiologist assistant ~~[certification.]~~license.** The department may issue a ~~[certificate]~~radiologist assistant license to practice as a radiologist assistant to a person who~~[satisfactorily completes an approved program and who]~~:

(a) is ~~[certified]~~registered by the American registry of radiologic technologists as a radiologist assistant;

(b) is ~~[certified]~~registered by the American registry of radiologic technologists as a radiographer;

~~[(c) is certified in advanced cardiac life support (ACLS);~~

~~(d) furnishes to the department an employment letter from the supervising radiologist; and~~

~~(e) holds a full certificate license from the department.]~~

(5) **Fusion imaging ~~[certificate.]~~** The department may issue a ~~[certificate]~~fusion imaging license to ~~[a radiologic technologist to perform fusion imaging to perform fusion imaging upon completion of a course of study in fusion imaging technology approved by the department.]~~practice fusion imaging and computed tomography (CT) procedures to a person who:

(a) holds a full license by the department in nuclear medicine (N);

(b) is registered by the American registry of radiologic technologist as a nuclear medicine technologist (N) or certified by the nuclear medicine technologist certification board as a nuclear medicine technologist; and

(c) is registered by the American registry of radiologic technologist in computed tomography (CT).

C. **Display of certificate of licensure.** Original certificates of licensure shall be publicly displayed at the place of employment. Persons with more than one place of employment shall publicly display a duplicate certificate of licensure at each secondary place of employment. ~~[Duplicate]~~Additional original certificates of licensure must be obtained from the department.

D. Application. Any person seeking ~~[certification]~~ licensure shall submit a completed application form to the department. The department will make ~~[available to radiologic technologist or students]~~ a variety of application forms created by the department, which include an exam application form, a new application form, renewal application form, request for ~~[New Mexico certification]~~ written NM licensure verification ~~[form application form]~~ application form, legal name change application form, request for duplicate or replacement of original certificate of licensure application form, and additional application forms that the department may determine is necessary. The application shall be on a form provided by the department or that is located on the departments official web site and shall include the applicant's:

- (1) personal identification;
- (2) education background;
- (3) medical radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine technology, radiologist assistant, or limited x-ray machine operator education and training;
- (4) medically-related professional affiliations, certifications and licenses;
- (5) medically-related work experience;
- (6) proposed ~~[certification]~~ and radiologic technology specialty;
- (7) check or money order number and date;
- (8) compliance agreement; and,
- (9) signature and date.

E. ~~[Certification]~~ Licensure by examination of credentials. Any person seeking a certificate of licensure from the department through examination of credentials shall submit an application to the department accompanied by the application fee, demonstrating that the applicant completed school through the twelfth (12th) grade or has passed the high school equivalency test, and:

(1) is currently certified or registered by a nationally recognized certifying organization, ~~[(i.e., the ARRT or the NMTCB)]~~ such as the ARDMS, ARMRIT, ARRT OR NMTCB, ~~[, provided that the department finds that certification was granted on standards that are adequate to meet the purposes of the Act and will afford at least as much protection to the public as are afforded by the standards established by the standards established in this part (20.3.20 NMAC)];~~ or

(2) is currently licensed or certified as a ~~[radiologic technologist]~~ medical imaging professional, radiation therapist or radiologic assistant in another state and has been actively employed as a ~~[radiologic technologist]~~ medical imaging professional, radiation therapist or radiologist assistant for a period totaling no less than one year in the three years prior to application date at a rate of no less than 1,000 hours per year, such employment must have been in the ~~[radiology]~~ medical imaging professional, radiation therapist or radiologist assistant specialty for which ~~[certification]~~ licensure is requested, provided the certificate or licensure was issued on the basis of qualifications at least as stringent as standards established by this part (20.3.20 NMAC).

F. ~~[Certification]~~ Licensure by written examination.

(1) ~~[Certificate]~~ Full certificate of licensure. Any person seeking a certificate or licensure by written examination for a full license shall:

(a) submit an application to the department, accompanied by the application and examination fee, demonstrating that the applicant:

(i) has completed school successfully through the twelfth (12th) grade or has passed the high school equivalency test; and

(ii) has graduated from an approved program in the ~~[radiologic technology specialty]~~ medical imaging modality or radiation therapist; ~~[for which certification is requested or has been a radiologic technologist for a period totaling no less than three years in the five years prior to application at a rate of no less than 1,000 hours per year (such employment must be in the radiologic specialty for which [certification] is requested);]~~

(b) completed successfully the written examination prescribed by the department for each ~~[radiologic technology]~~ medical imaging modality and radiation therapist or radiologist assistant ~~[specialty for which certification is requested].~~

(2) Certificate of limited practice. ~~[x-ray machine operation.]~~ Any person seeking a certificate of limited practice ~~[x-ray machine operation]~~ by written examination shall:

(a) submit an application to the department, accompanied by the application and examination fees, demonstrating that the applicant:

(i) has completed school through the twelfth (12th) grade or has passed the high school equivalency test; and

(ii) has satisfactorily completed an approved program for the limited specialty for which certification is requested;

(b) completed successfully the written examination prescribed by the department for the core portion and for each limited specialty~~[for which the certificate of limited x-ray machine operation is requested, or be certified by the ACRRT for a spine limited x-ray machine operator certificate]~~.

(3) ~~[Reexamination.]~~Re-examination. Any person failing a state examination three times within three years of the graduation or approved program completion date will be required to demonstrate to the department the successful completion of additional remedial education or training for the ~~[certification]~~type of certificate of licensure being sought~~[by the individual approved by the department and outlined in the ARRT rules and regulations section on the requirements for reexamination]~~.

G. Written or computerized examinations. Written or computerized examinations should be given at least once each year, at such times and places as the department may determine. The department shall prepare, administer, and grade the examinations, though at its option, the department may contract for such preparation, administration, and grading services. In preparing, administering and grading examinations or in contracting for those services, the department may follow standards and guidelines established by nationally accepted professional organizations (such as the ARDMS, ARMRT, ARRT~~[ACRRT]~~ and NMTCB) for ~~[the full, radiologist assistant and limited x-ray machine operator examinations, as applicable.]~~all types of full licensure or all typed of certificate of limited practice areas that are issued by the department pursuant to the Act and this part (20.3.20 NMAC).

H. ~~[Certification term.]~~Full licensure or full limited certificate of practice license terms. ~~[Fees shall be paid in full before a certificate will be issued by the department. See 20.3.20.501 NMAC for renewal requirements. The full certificate or limited certificate shall be valid for two years.]~~All full licenses and all full certificate of limited practice licenses issued by the department shall be valid for twenty-four (24) months from the month the license is issued by the department. Existing licensees expiration dates will be changed to the new expiration date of any new issued license, which would be twenty-four (24) months from the month the new license is issued. However, at the request of the licensee a full certificate of licensure expiration date my be reduced from twenty-four (24) months to match the expiration date of their national continuing education biennium expiration date.

I. Exceptions.

- (1) The requirements for ~~[certification]~~licensure by the department shall not apply to:
 - (a) licensed practitioners;
 - (b) auxiliary or health practitioners; or
 - (c) students.

(2) The department may temporarily exempt applicants from the ~~[certificate]~~licensure requirements upon determining that the experience or training of the applicant is such that no apparent danger to the public exists and the people in the localities of the state to be served by the applicants would otherwise be denied adequate medical care because the unavailability of ~~[radiologic technologists]~~medical imaging technologists or limited x-ray machine operators. Each exception shall be supported by an application accompanied by the application fee and ~~[shall be reflected in a special permit]~~reflect the type of temporary license granted by the department for a limited period of time, not in excess of one year. ~~[, although such permit may be renewed if]~~If the circumstances have not changed and if deemed warranted by the department the department may request the licensee reapply for temporary exemption of licensure. Appeals from the decisions of the department hereunder shall be resolved by the board with the advice of the advisory council ~~[(RTAC).]~~(MIRTAC). When making a determination of the existence of community hardship the department will consult health agencies and will evaluate the availability of alternative ~~[radiology]~~medical imaging service and trained personnel. In addition, the department shall require the applicant's employer or prospective employer to demonstrate that recruitment of qualified personnel, at competitive compensation, has been attempted and unsuccessful. Such demonstration may take the form of documented advertising in publications intended to reach ~~[radiologic technologists.]~~medical imaging professionals.
[20.3.20.300 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 3.2.III.300 - III.308, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.301 RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT SCOPE OF PRACTICE:

A. After demonstrating competency, the radiologist assistant, when ordered to do so by the supervising radiologist, may:

- (1) perform selected procedures including static and dynamic fluoroscopic procedures;
- (2) assess and evaluate the physiologic and psychological responsiveness of patients undergoing radiologic procedures;
- (3) participate in patient management including acquisition of additional imaging for completion of the examination and record documentation in medical records;

(4) evaluate image quality, make initial image observations and communicate observations to the supervising radiologist; and

(5) administer intravenous contrast media or other prescribed medications.

B. The radiologist assistant may not interpret images, make diagnoses or prescribe medications or therapies.

C. The radiologist assistant shall maintain values congruent with the code of ethics of the American registry of radiologic technologists as well as adhere to national, institutional and department standards, policies and procedures regarding the standards of care for patients.

D. For the purposes of this section, “direct supervision” means the radiologist must be present in the office suite and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the performance of the procedure. It does not mean that the radiologist must be present in the room when the procedure is performed. [20.3.20.301 NMAC - N, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.302 - 20.3.20.399 [RESERVED]

20.3.20.400 DENIAL, REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF ~~[CERTIFICATE:]~~LICENSE:

A. Failure to meet requirements. No ~~[certificate]~~full license or ~~[limited]~~certificate of limited practice license will be issued to an applicant failing to meet the requirements for ~~[certification.]~~license.

B. Suspension, revocation, application of Uniform Licensing Act. The board, pursuant to the advice and recommendation of the advisory council ~~[(RTAC);]~~(MIRTAC) may deny, revoke or suspend any certificate of license held or applied for under the Act, pursuant to the procedures established in the Uniform Licensing Act, upon grounds that the ~~[radiologic technologist]~~medical imaging professional, limited x-ray machine operator, radiation therapist, radiologist assistant currently licensed by the department or applicant:

(1) is guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a full ~~[certificate]~~license or certificate of limited practice license;~~[x-ray machine operation;]~~

(2) has been convicted of a felony subsequent to ~~[certification;]~~license by the department;

(3) is unfit or incompetent;

(4) is habitually intemperate or is addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs;

(5) is mentally incompetent;

(6) has aided and abetted a person who is not ~~[certified]~~licensed pursuant to the Act or otherwise authorized by the Act in engaging in the activities of a ~~[certified holder;]~~licensee;

(7) has engaged in any practice beyond the scope of authorized activities of a full ~~[certificate]~~licensee or certificate of limited practice licensee ~~[x-ray machine operation]~~holder pursuant to the Act;

(8) is guilty of unprofessional conduct or unethical conduct as defined by rules promulgated by the board;

(9) has interpreted a diagnostic imaging procedure to a patient, the patient’s family, or the public;

(10) has willfully or repeatedly violated any provisions of the Act; or

(11) is not in compliance with the terms of the New Mexico Parental Responsibility Act [NMSA 1978, 40-5A-1 to 40-5A-13] provided, in taking action under this provision the board shall follow the procedures in 20.1.7 NMAC named “Parental Responsibility Act Compliance”.

C. Unprofessional or unethical conduct. With respect to the grounds for denial, revocation or suspension under NMSA 1978 section 61-14E-11, references to “unprofessional conduct” or “unethical conduct” shall be deemed to include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) engaging in the practice of ~~[radiologic technology]~~medical imaging, limited x-ray machine operator, radiation therapist or providing radiology assistant while in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of a narcotic or any drug which impairs consciousness, judgment or behavior;

(2) unethical conduct while engaged in the practice of ~~[radiologic technology]~~medical imaging, limited x-ray machine operator, radiation therapist or providing radiology assistant or unethical behavior indicating unfitness to practice ~~[radiologic technology;]~~medical imaging, limited x-ray machine operator, radiation therapist or providing radiology assistant;

(3) willful falsification of records, or destruction or theft of property or records relating to the practice of ~~[radiologic technology;]~~medical imaging, limited x-ray machine operator, radiation therapist or providing radiology assistant;

(4) failure to exercise due regard for safety of life or health of the patient;

(5) unauthorized disclosure of information relating to a patient’s records;

- (6) discrimination in the practice of ~~[radiologic technology]~~medical imaging, limited x-ray machine operator, radiation therapist or providing radiology assistant against any person on account of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age or sex;
 - (7) convicted of a felony subsequent to ~~[certification;]~~licensure by the department;
 - (8) impersonation of a current or former ~~[radiologic technologist]~~medical imaging, limited x-ray machine operator, radiation therapist or providing radiology assistant or engaging in the activities of a ~~[radiologic technologist]~~ medical imaging, limited x-ray machine operator, radiation therapist or providing radiology assistant under an assumed name;
 - (9) applying ionizing or non-ionizing radiation to a human being without the specific direction of a duly licensed practitioner as defined herein;
 - (10) being found guilty of incompetence or negligence in activities as a ~~[radiologic technologist;]~~medical imaging, limited x-ray machine operator, radiation therapist or providing radiology assistant;
 - (11) continuing to practice without obtaining a certificate of licensure renewal as required by the Act;
 - (12) using the prefix "Dr.," unless entitled to do so pursuant to a degree granted, the word "doctor" or any suffix or affix to indicate or imply that the ~~[radiologic technologist]~~medical imaging professional, limited x-ray machine operator, radiation therapist or radiology assistant is a duly licensed practitioner as defined herein when not so licensed;
 - (13) providing false, misleading or deceptive information on ~~[a certification application, a renewal application]~~any application form submitted to the department or ~~[continuing education documents;]~~supporting documents that accompanied any application forms submitted to the department;~~[-and]~~
 - (14) failing to conform to accepted principles, accepted scope of practices and accepted practice standards or established standards and ethics of the ~~[radiologic technology]~~ medical imaging profession, radiation therapy or radiology assistant profession and which results in the disregard for the health or safety of the public or patients[-];
 - (15) failure to disclose in writing to the department any felony conviction or non-compliance with the New Mexico Parental Responsibility Act [NMSA 1978, 40-5A-1 to 40-5A-13] within thirty (30) days of the conviction; or
 - (16) failure to disclose in writing to the department any suspension, revocation, probation, negative or derogatory information that has been evoked by other national registering or certifying organization or licensing or certifying states within thirty (30) days of such occurrences.
- [20.3.20.400 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 3.2.IV.400 - IV.402, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.401 - 20.3.20.499 [RESERVED]

20.3.20.500 CONTINUING EDUCATION: For the purpose of protecting the citizens of New Mexico from the harmful effects of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation, ~~[radiologic technologists, radiologist assistants and limited x-ray machine operators]~~medical imaging professionals, limited x-ray machine operators, radiation therapy technologists and registered radiology assistants shall be obligated to continue their education and training regarding ~~[radiologic technology-]~~medical imaging, radiation therapy or other radiology assistance. The department approval of educational and training programs will be based on whether the program or event has been approved by a RCEEM or the department for "category A" credits.[20.3.20.500 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 3.2.V.500 - V.502, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.501 [CERTIFICATION]LICENSE RENEWAL:

- A. To renew a full ~~[certificate or limited certificate]~~license, limited x-ray machine operator license, radiologist assistant license, or radiation therapy license, the renewal application shall be accompanied by evidence of satisfactory completion of at least twenty-four (24) hours of approved "category A" continuing education or training. Such evidence shall be a condition of ~~[certification renewal.]~~licensure renewal.
- B. Renewal applications of persons qualified in more than one ~~[radiologic or procedural specialty]~~medical imaging modality or area of specialty need not demonstrate more continuing education and training than is required for one ~~[area of specialization-]~~medical imaging modality or area of specialty, or radiology assistant or radiation therapy technologist.
- C. [Each radiologic technologist is responsible for renewing the certificate before the expiration date and shall not be excused from paying late fees.] Each medical imaging technologist, limited x-ray machine operator, or radiologist assistant that has been issued a full license is responsible for applying for their own license renewal at least thirty (30) days before the expiration date indicated on their current full license or full limited x-ray machine

form that is signed and dated. The application packet must be received by the department and must include the correct fee amount and other required supporting documents prior to the license expiration date of all full license or full limited x-ray machine operator license. Any incomplete application packet that is received by the department will not be processed until all requirements listed in this part (20.3.20 NMAC) have been met. A postmark date will not excuse the applicant from paying a reinstatement fee if the above conditions have not been met prior to the license expiration date. In the event this occurs an invoice for a reinstatement fee will accompany the renewed original certificate of licensure and must be paid to the department within thirty (30) days of the current license renewal date. If the late fee is not received by the department within that time the department may take action to suspend the license until the reinstatement fee has been received by the department.

D. Failure to receive notification by the department prior to the expiration date will not be an excuse for failure to file a timely renewal.

~~E. A renewal application is considered late if the application is mailed less than thirty (30) days before the expiration date of the certificate. The postmark date shall be considered the date of mailing.~~

~~F.]E.~~ The department shall not renew the ~~[certificate of a radiologic technologist or limited x-ray machine operator]~~ license of a medical imaging technologist, limited x-ray machine operator, radiologist assistant, or radiation therapy technologist who is in violation of this part (20.3.20 NMAC), at the time of renewal.

~~G.]E.~~ A person whose ~~[certificate]~~ license has expired shall not continue to practice until the original certificate of licensure is in that person's physical possession or posted at each place of their employment prior to performing medical imaging or radiation therapy procedures.

[20.3.20.501 NMAC - N, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.502 NEW CERTIFICATE OF LICENSURE.

20.3.20.502 -20.3.20.599 [RESERVED]

20.3.20.600 APPLICATION FEE: The fee for each type of application submitted shall be \$10.00 each.

[20.3.20.600 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 3.2.VI.600 - VI.604, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.601 EXAMINATION FEE: Required fees for ~~[examination of credentials or written]~~ state written or computerized examination.

A. Full ~~[certificate]~~ state examination. In accordance with ARRT fees for each assigned test window.

B. ~~[Certificate of limited]~~ Limited x-ray machine [operation.] operators state examination. In accordance with ARRT fees for each assigned test window.

~~[C. Temporary certificate: \$35.00.]~~

[20.3.20.601 NMAC - N, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.602 BIENNIAL [RENEWAL] LICENSURE FEE: Required fees for biennial ~~[review.]~~ licensure.

A. Full ~~[certificate:]~~ license: \$100.00.

B. ~~[Certificate]~~ Licensure of limited x-ray machine [operation:] operator: ~~[\$60.00.]~~ \$100.00.

[20.3.20.602 NMAC - N, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.603 MISCELLANEOUS FEES: Required miscellaneous fees, as applicable.

A. Replacement with new name~~[, upon return of original certificate]~~: \$15.00.

~~[B. First duplicate original: \$15.00.]~~

~~[C.]~~ B. Additional duplicate originals: \$5.00.

~~[D.]~~ C. Completion of submitted verification forms to the department for the purpose of New Mexico ~~[certification verification:]~~ license status, pending litigation or other disciplinary action, and other information pertaining to a current or inactive licensee: \$10.00.

D. Temporary licensure: \$50.00.

[20.3.20.603 NMAC - N, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.604 FEE CONDITIONS:

A. Notwithstanding the various areas of specialization of examinations applied for, only one application fee will be levied.

B. The examination fee described above shall be charged for each assigned test window.

C. Notwithstanding the various areas of specialization for which a person has qualified, only one renewal fee shall be applicable to each biennial renewal.

D. Failure to pay the renewal fee on or before the certification expiration date will cause the certification to expire. An expired certification may be reinstated upon the submission of evidence demonstrating that all renewal requirements have been met and that the fee for the current biennium and a reinstatement fee of \$25.00 have been paid. Reapplication [~~and recertification~~]for initial licensing pursuant to this part (20.3.20 NMAC) will be required for certificates of licensure that have [~~lapsed~~]expired for more than one year.

E. Notwithstanding a biennium license period may be reduced to match ARRT continuing education biennium at the same biennial licensure fee listed above.
[20.3.20.604 NMAC - N, 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.605 - 20.3.20.699 [RESERVED]

20.3.20.700 SEVERABILITY: If any provision or application of this part (20.3.20 NMAC) is held invalid, the remainder, or its application to other situations or persons, shall not be affected.
[20.3.20.700 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 3.2.VII.700 - VII.704]

20.3.20.701 AMENDMENT AND SUPERSESION OF PRIOR REGULATIONS: This part (20.3.20 NMAC) shall be construed as amending and superseding the Regulations on the Practice of Radiologic Technology, EIB/MRHS 1, filed January 11, 1988, as amended. All references to the regulations on the practice of radiologic technology in any other rule shall be construed as a reference to this part (20.3.20 NMAC).
[20.3.20.701 NMAC - N; 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.702 SAVING CLAUSE: Supersession of the regulations on the practice of radiologic technology, medical imaging or radiation therapy shall not affect any administrative or judicial enforcement action pending on the effective date of this part (20.3.20 NMAC) nor the validity of any license, certificate or certificate of limited practice issued pursuant to the regulations on the practice of radiologic technology, medical imaging or radiation therapy.
[20.3.20.702 NMAC - N; 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.703 CONSTRUCTION: This part (20.3.20 NMAC) shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purpose of the Act.
[20.3.20.703 NMAC - N; 8/31/2005]

20.3.20.704 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER REGULATIONS: Compliance with this part (20.3.20 NMAC) does not relieve a person from the obligation to comply with other applicable state and federal regulations.
[20.3.20.704 NMAC - N; 8/31/2005]

HISTORY OF 20.3.20 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the commission of public records - state records center and archives. EIB/MRHS 1, Regulations on the Practice of Radiologic Technology, 11/11/1988.

History of repealed material: 20 NMAC 3.2, Radiologic Technology Certification, (filed 12/15/95), repealed 08/31/2005.

Other History:

EIB/MRHS 1, Regulations on the Practice of Radiologic Technology (filed 11/11/1988) was renumbered, reformatted and amended as 20 NMAC 3.2, Radiologic Technology Certification, effective 01/14/96. 20 NMAC 3.2, Radiologic Technology Certification, (filed 12/15/95) was replaced by 20.3.20, Radiologic Technology Certification, effective 08/31/2005.