

Existing law defines "radiologic technologist" as any person who is a radiographer, a radiation therapy technologist, or a nuclear medicine technologist licensed under existing law who under the direction and supervision of a licensed practitioner applies radiation to humans upon prescription of a licensed practitioner.

New law adds a fusion technologist to the list of occupations that fall under the definition of "radiologic technologist".

Prior law required the La. Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (board), for administrative purposes, to meet in Baton Rouge, La., at least every three months and at such other times as may be necessary.

New law changes the meeting location from Baton Rouge to a time and place to be fixed by the board.

Prior law required each applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist to have successfully completed a course of study in radiography, radiation therapy technology, or nuclear medicine technology or fusion technology approved by the board in accordance with standards promulgated by the board.

New law makes a technical change.

Prior law required each applicant for licensure to pass a license examination designated and approved by the board.

New law changes the required examination from a license examination to a certification examination.

Prior law required the board to hold an examination at least every six months at such times and in such localities within the state of La. as the board considered necessary and appropriate.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law allowed an applicant who failed to pass the examination to reapply for the examination if the applicant complied with the regulations established by the board.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law required each application for examination for licensure to be accompanied by the fee prescribed by the board.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law authorized the board, upon receiving an application for examination for initial licensure, to issue a working permit to any graduate of an approved school who met the qualifications for licensure pending results of the first licensing examination scheduled by the board following the applicant's graduation.

New law authorizes the board, upon receiving an application and payment for examination for initial licensure, to issue a working permit to any graduate of an approved school who meets the qualifications for licensure pending results of the first certification examination following the applicant's graduation.

Prior law authorized the board, upon receiving an application for licensure, to issue a temporary permit, valid for a period not to exceed 90 days, to any person who held a certificate from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, the American Society of Clinical Pathology, (NM) or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board issued on the basis of an examination satisfactory to the board, provided that standards of the issuing body were at least as stringent as those established by the board.

New law adds the requirement that the applicant pay the applicable fees for licensure prior to the issuance of the temporary permit.

Prior law required the board to issue a license to each applicant who successfully passed the board examination or was otherwise qualified under the provisions of prior law and to authorize the use of the title "Licensed Radiologic Technologist".

New law requires all fees to be paid by the applicant prior to the issuance of the license and makes technical changes.

Prior law provided for the following fee schedule:

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| (1) | Examination and initial license fee | \$ 50.00 |
| (2) | Duplicate license | 25.00 |
| (3) | Renewal of license | 50.00 |
| (4) | Temporary working permits | 10.00 |

New law repeals prior law and requires the board to establish by administrative rule a reasonable fee schedule for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of any license or permit, for administration of examinations for licensure, or for any other administrative function provided for in new law. New law authorizes the fee schedule to be modified from time to time as deemed necessary by the board.

Prior law required all fees collected to be paid to the secretary-treasurer of the board and disbursed for the purpose of administering prior law.

New law makes technical changes.

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