

The New X-Ray Rules Have Passed

The new x-ray rules are effective August 10, 2008.
Following are highlights of the changes:

1. Spine

The Spine license will now include the **Full Spine**, rather than just AP/PA & Lateral of the Lumbar Spine. (*See more information below*)

2. Skull/Sinus

The existing certificates/licenses that are now designated *Skull-AP/PA and Lateral Skull Only and Sinuses* shall automatically be converted to the designation *Skull and Sinus*, *without any further action by the holder* of such limited certification. The Board will *automatically* send you a new certificate/license with the new words.

3. Class Hours:

	OLD	New
Chest	10	10 (<i>no change</i>)
Extremities	10	40
Spine	10	30
Skull/Sinus	10	10 (<i>no change</i>)

4. Clinical Hours:

	OLD	New
Chest	60	30
Extremities	60	80
Spine	60	80
Skull/Sinus	60	30

5. Continuing Education (CE):

Two (2) hours of the required twenty (20) biennial Continuing Education hours now must be pertaining to appropriate statutes, rules and regulations, and other subjects that would be directly related to compliance with, and/or penalties for non-compliance with the statutes, rules and regulations.

This course must include content pertaining to the ARRT Standards of Ethics if the licensee is *fully certified* (an RT with a state license).

All RT's who work in a Physician's Office **must** obtain a state license.

Spine Certificate Update

INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPGRADING:

1. There is a required [form](#) to be sent to the Board.
2. You **must** meet the requirements and have the required documentation for having successfully completed the required classroom hours in the required spine subjects. (*see below*)
3. You must mail the form and supporting documents to the Board, at:
Board of Medical Examiners
Attn: X-Ray Certification Spine Update
227 French Landing, Suite 300
Heritage Place MetroCenter
Nashville TN 37243

There is no fee required. *Make a copy of each piece before mailing it.*

The exact language in the New Medical Board Rules:

Persons who now hold a limited x-ray license in or including “Lumbar Spine – AP and Lateral Lumbar Spine Only” may have their certification changed to reflect the expanded specialty area “Spine” **by submitting to the Board’s administrative office** on or before June 1, 2012 **documentation of having completed a course(s) that includes instruction in all of the following subject areas:**

1. Cervical Spine, including AP/PA, lateral, obliques, and open mouth odontoid
2. Thoracic Spine, including AP/PA, lateral, and swimmers
3. Lumbar, including AP/PA, lateral, spot lateral of L5-S1, and obliques

You must obtain this documentation from the Course Provider who taught your spine courses.

To see the entire Medical Board Rules, go back to our [home page](#), click on *Links*, then on *State X-Ray Rules*, then on *Board of Medical Examiners*, then on *Rules for X-Ray Operators (0880-5)*.