

# Maintaining a TN X-Ray License

## **When do I have to start obtaining Continuing Education (CE) credits?**

Medical, Osteopathic, and Podiatry x-ray operators need to start obtaining CE credits as soon as you get your license. Your license will have an expiration date. You need to have your required CE credits completed within the 2 years pre-ceding the licensure renewal year.

Chiropractic x-ray operators start obtaining CE credits in the year following the year of licensure.

## **What CE is required by the Medical and Osteopathic Boards for ALL state license holders?**

A Medical or Osteopathic x-ray operator licensed in Tennessee is required to complete twenty (20) hours of radiological related CE courses during two (2) calendar years (January 1 – December 31) that precede the licensure renewal year. Two of the required hours must pertain to appropriate statutes, rules and regulations of your Board.

If the holder is fully certified (RT/ARRT), the course must also include content pertaining to the ARRT's Standards of Ethics. *These two (2) special credits offered by X-Ray News are now approved for 2.0 Category A ARRT CE credits by AHRA*

## **What CE is required by the Chiropractic Board?**

A Chiropractic x-ray operator licensed in Tennessee is required to complete six (6) hours of Board-approved CE courses every year, and send proof of completion to the Board no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

In the first year of certification, a two (2) hour Board-approved course in risk management, sexual/professional boundaries, and TN statutory and regulatory chiropractic jurisprudence is required *in addition to* the six (6) hours of CE.

On January 12, 2012, several changes to the General Rules Governing Chiropractic X-Ray Technologists became effective, but the one big change that effects how you can acquire continuing education (CE) is

*No continuing education credit shall be awarded for multi-media hours or courses.*

This means you can no longer use X-Ray News Direct Readings or any other kind of multi-media to satisfy your CE credit requirement without special permission from the Board.

Even though you can no longer use X-Ray News to satisfy your CE requirements, you can attend our live Radiology Education Seminars (RES) x-ray classes.

At [www.radiologyeducationseminars.com](http://www.radiologyeducationseminars.com) you can print off an Enrollment Form and Schedule for RES x-ray courses being held in Nashville, Knoxville, and Chattanooga.

## **What CE is required by the Podiatry Board?**

A Podiatry x-ray operator licensed in Tennessee is required to complete four (4) hours of radiological related CE courses during two (2) calendar years (January 1 – December 31) that precede the licensure renewal year.

**How do I renew my license?**

The state Board that holds your license sends out your renewal approximately 6 weeks before your renewal date. If you have moved within your two year period, it is important that you change your address with your state Board. The renewal is sent to the address on file and will *not* be forwarded. You can also renew online by going to [License Renewal & Address Update](#)

**How can I change my name or address connected to my x-ray license?**

You can call the appropriate Board or go online to [License Renewal & Address Update](#)

**What's the difference between letting my license lapse and retiring it?**

The main difference is the cost. It will cost a lot less to reinstate a retired license than an expired license. To reinstate an expired license, you have to submit documentation of all required CE credits for all the years you did not renew and pay all past due fees plus a reinstatement fee. To reinstate a retired license, you only have to obtain 20 CE credits and pay a reinstatement fee. In the event that your license has been inactive for more than 2 years, the Board might request additional requirements to establish current levels of competency.

**How do I retire my license?**

Call the appropriate Board or go online to [Affidavit of Retirement From Practice in Tennessee](#). Print the form, fill it out, and then send it to your Board.

**How do I reinstate my *expired* or *retired* license?**

Call the appropriate Board or for a medical or osteopathic license download: [Medical or Osteopathic: Application Instructions for Licensure Reinstatement](#). If you have a chiropractic or podiatric license, download: [Chiropractic or Podiatric: Health Related Boards Reinstatement Application](#). Print the form, fill it out, and then send it to your Board.