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MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

All applicants shall pass the national board for respiratory care CRT examination as well as an open book examination on Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code. An applicant **may** be required to complete an oral examination if he/she:

1. has a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits the applicant's ability to practice respiratory care with reasonable skill and safety;
2. uses chemical substances so as to impair in any way the applicant's ability to practice respiratory care with reasonable skill and safety;
3. has been diagnosed as suffering from pedophilia, exhibitionism or voyeurism;
4. has within the past 2 years engaged in the illegal use of controlled dangerous substances;
5. has been subject to adverse formal action during the course of respiratory care education, postgraduate training, hospital practice, or other respiratory care employment;
6. has been disciplined or had licensure denied by a licensing or regulatory authority in Wisconsin or another jurisdiction;
7. has been convicted of a crime the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of respiratory care;
8. has not practiced respiratory care for more than 1200 hours during the last 3 years prior to application;
9. has been graduated from a respiratory care school not approved by the board.

An applicant who meets any of the above criteria 1-9 shall be reviewed by the Respiratory Care Practitioner Council to determine whether an applicant is required to complete an oral examination. If the applicant review panel is not able to reach a unanimous agreement on whether an applicant is eligible for certification without completing an oral examination, the application shall be referred to the Medical Examining Board for a final determination.

All examinations shall be conducted in the English language. Where both written and oral examinations are required, they shall be scored separately and the applicant must achieve a passing grade on both examinations to qualify for a license.

An applicant who fails to receive a passing score on the CRTT and/or the Wisconsin statutes exam three times must submit a remedial education plan to the board for approval prior to re-scheduling the exam. An applicant for an oral examination may reapply twice at not less than 4 month intervals.

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If you are selected to appear for an oral examination, you will be advised of the date upon completion of your application.

TEMPORARY CERTIFICATES

An applicant for certification may apply to the board for a temporary certificate to practice respiratory care if the applicant meets one of the following categories:

A. Graduate of Respiratory Care (new graduate):

- 1) has submitted to the board the application and documents required under sec. MED 20.03 Wis. Admin. Code, and remits fee specified;
- 2) is a graduate of an approved school and is scheduled to take the National Certification Examination for Respiratory Care or has taken the National Certification Examination for Respiratory Care and is awaiting results; and
- 3) **IS NOT REQUIRED** to take an oral examination;
- 4) Practice during the period of the temporary certificate shall be in consultation, at least monthly, with a respiratory care practitioner or a physician who shall at least once a month endorse the activities of the person holding the temporary certificate;
- 5) A temporary certificate will expire 90 days after the date of issuance or upon notification of failure of CRT examination whichever is sooner by sec. MED 20.04(1), Wis. Admin. Code;
- 6) The application and required documents for regular certification and the application for temporary certification prior to regular certification will be reviewed by two members of the council to determine eligibility. The board, acting through the council, may issue a temporary certificate prior to regular certification as a respiratory care practitioner to an applicant who meets the requirements of MED 20.05(1), Wis. Admin. Code.

B. Certified Practitioners (individuals who hold a license in another state):

- 1) has submitted to the board the application and documents required under sec. MED 20.055 Wis. Admin. Code, and remits fee specified;
- 2) is a graduate of an approved school and has taken and passed the National Certification Examination for Respiratory Care;
- 3) verification that the applicant is certified to practice respiratory care in another state;
- 4) A temporary certificate will expire 90 days after the date of issuance and may not be renewed.