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Nuclear Medicine Technologist and Radiation Therapist "Grandfathering" Procedure

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Purpose

The purpose of this program advisory letter is to inform individuals about the procedures for the "grandfathering" of nuclear medicine technologists and radiation therapists pursuant to 410 Indiana Administrative Code [IAC] 5.2.

Background Information

On September 20, 2006, the Executive Board of the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) adopted a revision to radiology licensing rules. The revised rules are codified at 410 Indiana Administrative Code 5.2. The proposed rules completed the promulgation process and became effective December 27, 2006.

The Radiology Licensing Rule, 410 IAC 5.2, requires that Nuclear Medicine Technologists and Radiation Therapists must be licensed. The Radiology Licensing Rule exempts those seeking a nuclear medicine or radiation therapy license from education and certification requirements if they have been functioning as Nuclear Medicine Technologist or Radiation Therapist for at least one (1) year before the effective date of the rule (December 27, 2006). Specifically the Radiology Licensing Rule reads:

> 410 IAC 5.2-7-1(d) "An individual who provides written proof to the department that he or she was actively employed as a radiation therapist for at least one (1) year prior to the effective date of this rule is exempt from section (c) and will be granted a radiation therapist license upon completion of requirements under 410 IAC 5.2-4."
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> 410 IAC 5.2-8-1(d) "An individual who provides written proof to the department that he or she was actively employed as a nuclear medicine technologist for at least one (1) year prior to the effective date of this rule is exempt from section (c) and will be granted a nuclear medicine technologist license upon completion of requirements under 410 IAC 5.2-4."

Procedures for the "Grandfathering" of Nuclear Medicine Technologists and Radiation Therapists

A Nuclear Medicine Technologist or Radiation Therapist seeking licensure who believes that they qualify for the exemption under the rule must do the following:

1. Obtain and complete the *Application for Radiographer License or Permit* form (*Application*) [State Form 27068].
   a) In the section of the *Application* entitled "Approved Educational Program" enter the word "Exempt" under the "Name of School".
   b) The next section of the *Application* entitled "Professional Information" should be left blank as the section will not apply.

2. Obtain a letter from the individual's employer(s) verifying that the individual has been actively employed as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist or Radiation Therapist for at least one (1) year prior to December 27, 2006. The letter must include the following:
   a) The dates of employment as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist or Radiation Therapist;
   b) A statement verifying that the individual is competent in the procedures that they are expected to perform; and
   c) The letter must be signed by the individual's employer on the employer's letterhead.

3. Submit the *Application,* the signed letter, and the license fee of $60.00 to: Indiana State Department of Health, ATTN: Cashier's Office, P.O. Box 7236, Indianapolis, Indiana 46207-7236.

4. The ISDH will process the *Application*. Once the application is approved, the applicant will receive the license in the mail. Verification of license status may be found online via the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency's *My License* system. The *My License* system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at https://extranet.in.gov/WebLookup/Search.aspx.

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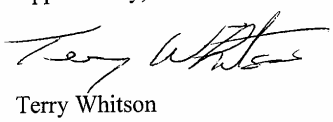

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