USER GUIDE FOR: INDUSTRIAL RADIOGRAPHER CERTIFICATION



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Introduction

Purpose

This user guide is to aid industrial radiographer certification applicants with the application process for the several types and forms of certification applications and applying to take a certification exam.

Definitions

RAS-VO – This user guide is to aid industrial radiographer certification applicants with the application process for the several types and forms of certification applications and applying to take a certification exam.

Overview

Industrial radiographers work with large activities of radioactive materials that can be dangerous to people if they are not handled and stored properly. The certification process is used to ensure that industrial radiographers have had adequate training and experience to safely use these radioactive materials.

Welcome to the online certification portal to getting started in the exciting career of Industrial Radiography.

You can find more information about the Industrial Radiographer Certification program on our website: <u>Texas Radiation Control | Texas DSHS</u> <<u>https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-control</u>>.

Requirements

The requirements for Industrial Radiographer certifications are identified in 25 TAC §289.255(e) Requirements for Qualifications of Radiographic Personnel.

There are three levels of certification for industrial radiographers. These levels are Radiographer Trainee, Radiographer, and Radiographer Trainer.

See the specific sections below for the type of application you are submitting. The application types below are for:

• Industrial Radiographer Trainee (online application)

- Schedule an Industrial Radiographer exam (offline application)
- Industrial Radiographer certification card (offline application)
- Radiographer Trainer certification (offline application)
- Certification Renewal (offline application)
- Replacing a missing certification card (offline application)
- Out of state Industrial Radiographer reciprocity (offline application)

Rules about Refunds

The applications that require a fee are non-refundable.

Upcoming Changes to Online Licensing Services for Industrial Radiographer

Certifications

Only the Industrial Radiographer Trainee applications may be submitted online at this time. The applications and payment methods for the other applications are scheduled to be added for online submissions. The "offline" applications are available from our web page.

Please refer to the <u>Division for Consumer Protection Online Licensing - Eligibility by</u> <u>License Type webpage</u> for more information about license and application types supported by the <u>Division for Consumer Protection Online Licensing System</u>.

Online Services Account

Create your Online Licensing Services Account

See the Online Services instructions and help on the web page at <u>Online Services</u> (state.tx.us) <<u>https://vo.ras.dshs.state.tx.us/datamart/login.do.</u>>

Log In to your DSHS Online Account

See the Online Services instructions and help on the web page at <u>Online Services</u> (<u>state.tx.us</u>) <<u>https://vo.ras.dshs.state.tx.us/datamart/login.do</u>.>.

Change your DSHS online Password

See the Online Services instructions and help on the web page at <u>Online Services</u> (state.tx.us) <<u>https://vo.ras.dshs.state.tx.us/datamart/login.do</u>.>

Exam Information

Getting Started

The exam application process currently must be completed offline. You will need to download a copy of the application form RC 255-3 "Application for Industrial Radiography Examination."

You may obtain a copy of the form on our website at:

Texas Radiation Control | Texas DSHS < https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-control>

<u>Applications and Forms | Texas DSHS</u> <<u>https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-</u> control/applications-forms-radiation-control-program>.

The instructions for completing the form, and the payment information are listed on the form.

If you need to have a special accommodation for taking the exam, download and complete the application form RC 255-1 "Request for Disability Accommodation for Industrial Radiography Examination." You can get a copy of the form at the "Applications and Forms" link above.

Prepare for the Exam

The exam covers the topics and rules listed below, and your training course. The following are what you should study and know.

The required training course topics outlined in 25 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section (§) 289.255(x)(1).

The following six resources are used in developing each exam. They may be used for study purposes:

- 25 TAC §289.255
- 25 TAC §289.201 (b), (g), (n)(1), (o) for RAM EXAMS ONLY
- 25 TAC §289.202 (c), (e), (f), (j)(1), (l)-(p), (q)(1), (r), (s), (t), (y), (z), (aa)-(ee), (II)-(pp), (rr), (ss), (uu)-(yy), (aaa), (bbb) for RAM EXAMS ONLY

- 25 TAC §289.231 (c), (k), (l), (m)(1), (2), (4), & (5), (o), (p), (r)-(z), (bb)-(jj), (ll)(1) for X-RAY EXAMS ONLY
- 25 TAC §289.205 (a), (b), (h)-(j), (k)(1) & (3), (m)(1), (3), (4) & (6), (n)
- Working Safely in Gamma Radiography, (previously published by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission as NUREG/BR-0024); available from: The American Society for Nondestructive Testing, 1-800-222-ASNT, request #232

Where to take the Exam

The exams are online exams administered at Pearson Vue testing centers, or at one of their contracted testing centers. You will need to bring a government-issued photo identification in order to take the exam.

Exam Payment

See the exam payment instructions on the application form RC 255-3 "Application for Industrial Radiography Examination."

Next Steps

Upon receipt of the exam application and payment, we will review the information and payment for any missing information. When we approve you to take the exam, we will notify you and Pearson Vue that you are eligible to take the exam. Pearson Vue will email you instructions on how to select and schedule the most convenient testing center location and time for you. Please note at this time Pearson VUE will assess a \$50.00 exam sitting fee that you will be able to pay online.

After you complete the exam, we will review your exam results and notify you of your score.

Renew Industrial Radiographer Certification Application

Getting Started

To renew your industrial radiographer certification, you will need to retake and pass the exam applicable to your certification.

The exam application process currently must be completed offline. You will need to download a copy of the application form RC 255-3 "Application for Industrial Radiography Examination." On the form, select the check box that is for a "recertification exam".

You may obtain a copy of the form on our website:

Texas Radiation Control | Texas DSHS < https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-control>

<u>Applications and Forms | Texas DSHS</u> <<u>https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-</u> control/applications-forms-radiation-control-program></u>

The instructions for completing the form, and the payment information are listed on the form.

Apply for your Industrial Radiographer Certification Renewal

Follow the instructions above for Exam Information.

Pay for your License

See the payment instructions on the application form.

Next Steps

Upon receipt of the exam application and payment, we will review the information and payment for any missing information. When we approve you to take the exam, we will notify you and Pearson Vue that you are eligible to take the exam. Pearson Vue will email you instructions on how to select and schedule the most convenient testing

center location and time for you. Please note at this time Pearson VUE will assess a \$50.00 exam sitting fee that you will be able to pay online.

After you complete the exam, we will review your exam results and let you know your score. If you successfully pass the exam, we will issue you a new Industrial Radiographer card.

Industrial Radiographer Trainee Application

Getting Started

Please have an electronic copy of the training certificate you received after completing the 40-hour industrial radiography course. You will be asked to attach a copy of the training certificate. By rule, the training course must have covered the topics identified in 25 TAC §289.255(x)(1).

Apply for your Industrial Radiographer Trainee card

After you have created an account for yourself, submit your online application at <u>Online</u> <u>Services (state.tx.us)</u> <<u>https://vo.ras.dshs.state.tx.us/datamart/login.do</u>.>

When you have logged into your account, you will be taken to a page "Quick Start Menu". On the page locate the option shown below. For the pull-down option <Choose Board> select "Radioactive Materials Programs. Then under <Choose Application> select "Initial Application for Trainee". Then press "Select".

S	Start a New Application or Take An Exam	
What	are you applying for?	
[<choose board=""></choose>	
ŀ	<choose application=""> 🗸</choose>	Select

You will then be taken to the application page as pictured below.



On the left-hand side there are tabs to quickly move around the application if needed. The top tab "Introduction" displays the Introduction. Select "Next" to go to the next tab "Function Suitability" The "Function Suitability" page is pictured below. Answer the Yes/No questions. These questions verify that the application is appropriate for what you are applying for. Then select "Next" to continue with the application. If your answers are different than what is pictured below, you will get an error message and will need to contact us at IndRadCertification@dshs.texas.gov for assistance.

Introduction Function Suitability Name and Personal Details Contact Information	Initial Application for Trainee - Function Suitability Answer the questions below to ensure that you have selected the correct online transaction. Answer the questions and press "Next". Press "Previous" to return to the previous section. Press "Cancel" to cancel this application and return to the main menu.			
Select Attributes	Question	Answer		
Radiographer Online Questions	Are you attempting to renew an existing license/registration/permit?	○ Yes ● No		
Attachments	Do you currently hold an Industrial Radiographer Certification ID Card with a certifying entity?	O Yes		
Application Summary		No		
	Have you completed 40 classroom hours of training on the topics outlined in 25 TAC $289.255(x)(1)$?	Yes		
	Are you seeking a Replacement Trainee Qualification Card?	O Yes		
		Previous	Next	Cancel

The next application section, under the tab "Name and Personal Details" is pictured below.

Introduction	Initial Application for Trainee - Name and Personal Details You must be at least 18 years old to obtain a license.
Tunction Suitability	Enter your personal details and press "Next" to continue.
Name and Personal Details	Press "Previous" to return to the previous section.
Contact Information	Press "Cancel" to cancel this application and return to the main menu. If Return to Summary Button is available. Press "Return to Summary" to return to the summary.
Select Attributes	
Radiographer Online Questions	Title:
Attachments	First Name:
Application Summary	* Second Name:
	Last Name:
	Suffix:
	* Social Security Number: (No Dashes)
	* Confirm Social Security Number: (No Dashes)
	* Birthdate: (mm/dd/yyyy)
	Previous Next Cancel

Fill in your personal information. If you do not have a second name enter "n/a". Then select "Next".

The next page of the application is "Contact Information". Enter the information for your residential contact information.

Introduction	Providure" to return to providure page
Function Suitability	Press Flevious to return to previous page.
Name and Personal Details	Press "Cancel" to Cancel application and go back to Quick Start Menu
ontact Information	If Return to Summary Button is available. Press "Return to Summary" to return to the summary.
Select Attributes	If Delete Button is available. Press "Delete" to delete the address.
Radiographer Online Questions	If Copy Button is available. Press "Copy" to copy a previously entered address.
Attachments	Press "Zip Lookup" after entering the zip code to populate the U.S. city, state and county.
Application Summary	Select an address type and press "Add" to add a new address.
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	Street Number:
	* Address:
	Zip Code: 😡
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	Occurry.
	Phone Number: (999-999-9999)
	Extension:
	E-mail:
	Add Another Contact
	Contact Type: Add

If you are working for a company, at the bottom of the page, under the section "Add Another Contact" select "Employer Address" from the pull-down list. Then select the "Add" button. Enter your employer information in the "Employer Address" section.

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Delete	
Street Number:	
* Address:	
Zip Code: 😡	
City:	
State: 🔞	Texas 🗸
County:	v
Country:	United States
Phone Number:	
Extension:	
E-mail:	
Title:	
 First Name: 	
Second Name:	
★ Last Name:	
Or	
★ Organization Name:	
	Previous Next Cancel

After you have entered all the information, select "Next" to go to the next part of the application under the tab "Select Attributes" pictured below.

Under "Attribute Type" select "Both (RAM & X-RAY)" then select 'Next'.

Introduction	Initial Application for Trainee - Se	elect Attributes				
Function Suitability	Please select Trainee Online below	and press "Next" to conti tes you may add or delete	nue.			
Name and Personal Details	Please select/de-select the desired	attribute and press "Next	" to continue.			
Contact Information	Press "Previous" to return to the pre-	evious section.				
Select Attributes	Press "Cancel" to cancel this applic	ation and return to the ma	ain menu.			
Radiographer Online Questions	If Return to Summary Button is ava	ilable. Press "Return to S	ummary" to return to	the summary.		
Attachments	Attribute Type:	Category				
		Exists On License				
Application Summary	Attributes:			Reciprocity State		
	Attribute Type:	Type of Business (please select only one)				
		Exists On License	Request To Add			
	* Attributes:		Q	Both (RAM & X-Ray)		
			0	XRAY Designatio		
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	Attribute Type:	Qualification				
		Exists On License				
	Attributes:			Trainer		
	Attribute Type:	Specialty				
		Exists On License	Request To Add			
	* Attributes:			Trainee		
	Attribute Type:	Military Status				
		Exists On License				
	Attributes:			Military Spouse		
				Military Service Member		
				Military Veteran		
				Previous	Next	Cancel

The next section of the application is the tab "Radiographer Online Questions" pictured below.

	Initial Application for Trainee - Information		
Introduction	Previous" to return to previous page		
Function Suitability			
Name and Personal Details	Press "Next" to go to next page.		
Contact Information	Press "Cancel" to Cancel application and go back to Quick Start Menu.		
Select Attributes	If Return to Summary Button is available. Press "Return to Summary" to return to the summary.		
Radiographer Online Questions	If Save Button is available. Press "Save" to save the information and return to the summary.		
Attachments	Radiographer Online Questions		
Application Summary	Enter training information.		
	* Completion Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) Date must be in the format mm/dd/yyyy		
	* Instructed by:		
	* State:		
	* Email:		
	* RSO Name:		
	* RSO Email:		
	Previous Next Cancel		

Enter the training information for the required 40-hour industrial radiographer safety course, and the company's Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) name and email.

If you do not have the course provider's email, enter the course instructor's name.

Then select "Next" to go to the "Attachments" page pictured below.

Introduction	Initial Application for Trainee - Attachments				
Function Suitability	Index 500 B and no more than 300 MB total may be uploaded. Each document must have less than 30 characters (including spaces) in the ilename. Locate a file with the "Browse" button and press "Attach" or "Remove" as is required.				
Name and Personal Details					
Contact Information					
Select Attributes	Press "Previous" to return to the previous screen.				
Radiographer Online Questions Press "Cancel" to cancel this application and return to the main menu.					
Attachments					
Application Summary	File Name: Choose File No file chosen				
	Notes:				
	Attach Previous Next Cancel				

Upload a copy of your 40-hour course certificate. Select "Choose File" and select the file to upload from your computer. Enter a descriptive name for the file. You need to select "Attach" for the file to upload to the application. Add additional documents as needed.

When you add the attachments, a list of the files uploaded with their description will be listed on the page. You can choose to view the documents to ensure you uploaded the correct one, or you could remove the document before submitting your application if you uploaded the wrong file.

Files Uploaded			
abcdef.pdf bcdef.pdf	training course certificate copy of course agenda	<u>View</u> <u>View</u>	<u>Remove</u> <u>Remove</u>
Total Size of Attached Files	353308		
File Name:	Choose File No file chosen		

When you have finished attaching your documents, select "Next" to go to the next tab to review your application information under the "Application Summary" tab.

If you find any errors in the application, or other changes that need to be made, select the "Edit" button to return and edit that part of the application.

Once you have confirmed your information, select "Submit". You will be asked to attestation that the information entered is correct.

Introduction Function Suitability	Initial Application for Trainee - Attestation Press "Previous" to return to the previous section. Press "Next" to continue.						
Name and Personal Details	Press "Cancel" to cancel this application and return to the main menu.						
Contact Information	Policy states that on the job training hours may begin on the date this form is submitted						
Select Attributes							
Radiographer Online Questions	Only the trainee is required to certify the classroom training it this training was received pror to employment.						
Attachments	I certify the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.						
Application Summary	O Yes O No						
	Previous Submit Cancel						

After pressing "Submit", the following Fee and Summary Report page will appear.



It is important that you select "View PDF Summary Report", then print and save a copy of the PDF file. This is the proof of your application that allows you to start working for 30 days before receiving your Industrial Radiographer Trainee card.

Pay for your Industrial Radiographer Trainee card

There is no fee for the Industrial Radiographer Trainee application.

Next Steps

After you submit your application, we will review the information provided. We will contact you if we have any questions on the information submitted or need additional information. Upon completion of our review, we will email you a copy of your Industrial

Radiographer Trainee certification card. The card is a letter with a paper card that may be cut out.

Initial Industrial Radiographer On-The-Job (OJT) Application

Getting Started

The initial radiographer application process currently must be completed offline. Use Form RC 255-R "Radiographer Qualification Application OJT (hours)" if you are documenting your on-the-job training in hours.

Use Form RC 255-OS "Radiographer Qualification Application OJT (years)" if you are documenting your on-the-job training by dates.

In addition to meeting the on-the-job training, you must have completed the 40-hour training course covering the topics required in 25 TAC 289.255(x)(1) and passed the examination applicable to the types of use requested.

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<u>Applications and Forms | Texas DSHS</u> <<u>https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-</u> control/applications-forms-radiation-control-program></u>

The instructions for completing the form, and the payment information are listed on the form.

Apply for your License

Complete and submit the application form with your payment to the address listed on the form.

Pay for your License

See the payment instructions on the application form.

Next Steps

Upon receipt of the application and payment, we will review the information and payment for any missing information. After we review the information and do not have

any additional questions, we will send you your industrial radiographer certification card.

Industrial Radiographer Trainer Application

Getting Started

The industrial radiographer trainer application process currently must be completed offline. You will need to download a copy of the application form RC 255-T "Trainer Qualification Application"

You may obtain a copy of the form on our website:

Texas Radiation Control | Texas DSHS < https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-control>

<u>Applications and Forms | Texas DSHS</u> <<u>https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-</u> control/applications-forms-radiation-control-program></u>

The instructions for completing the form are listed on the form. There is no fee for the Industrial Radiographer Trainer application.

Apply for Industrial Radiographer Trainer

Download and complete the application form RC 255-T as indicated above. Send the completed Trainer application form by email to <u>IndRadCertification@dshs.texas.gov</u>.

Log In to your DSHS Online Account

See the Online Services instructions and help on the web page at <u>Online Services</u> (<u>state.tx.us</u>) <<u>https://vo.ras.dshs.state.tx.us/datamart/login.do</u>.>

Apply for your Industrial Radiographer Trainer certification

Follow the instructions on the download application form RC 255-T for completing and submitting the application.

Pay for your License

There is no fee for the Industrial Radiographer Trainer application.

Next Steps

After we have reviewed your application, we will issue you a new card.

Industrial Radiographer Reciprocity Application

Getting Started

The application process to obtain a reciprocity industrial radiographer recognition currently must be completed offline. You will need to download a copy of the application form RC 255 RC "Radiographer Reciprocity Qualification Application"

You may obtain a copy of the form on our website:

Texas Radiation Control | Texas DSHS < <u>https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-control</u>>

<u>Applications and Forms | Texas DSHS</u> <<u>https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-</u> control/applications-forms-radiation-control-program></u>

The instruction for completing the form is listed on the form.

Apply for Reciprocity to Texas

Download and complete the application form RC 255-RC as indicated above. Send the completed application form by email to <u>IndRadCertification@dshs.texas.gov</u>.

Pay Application Fee

There is no application fee for the reciprocal recognition of an out of state industrial radiographer card.

Next Steps

After we have reviewed the application, we will email you the results of our review.

Replacing an Industrial Radiographer Certification Card

Getting Started

The application process to replace an industrial radiography certification card currently must be completed offline. You will need to download a copy of the application form RC 255 IR-1 "Application for Industrial Radiography Replacement ID Card"

You may obtain a copy of the form on our website:

Texas Radiation Control | Texas DSHS < <u>https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-control</u>>

<u>Applications and Forms | Texas DSHS</u> <<u>https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-</u> control/applications-forms-radiation-control-program></u>

The instructions for completing the form, and the payment information are listed on the form.

Pay for your License

See the payment instructions on the application form.

Next Steps

After we have reviewed your information and received payment, we will issue you a replacement Industrial Radiographer Certification card.

Upcoming Changes to Online Licensing Services (RAS-VO)

This section describes changes to the Division for Consumer Protection Online Licensing System for the Industrial Radiographer Certification Program.

Initial Application

Initial license applications are moving online. The initial application is currently completed by paper application accompanied with the fee payment. This will change from a paper-based service to an online service in the future.

Renewal Application

Renewal license applications are moving online. The renewal license application is currently completed by paper application accompanied with the fee payment. This will change from a paper-based service to an online service in the future

Reciprocity Application

Reciprocity license applications are moving online. Reciprocal recognition is completed by either a paper application or email submission. This will change to an online service in the future.

Exam Application

Exam applications for licensing are moving online. Exams and the exam application are currently completed by paper application accompanied with the fee payment. This will change from a paper-based service to an online service in the future.

Address Change

Address changes are currently completed by paper or email to <u>IndRadCertification@dshs.texas.gov</u> but will be available to change online in the future.

Payments

Payments are currently submitted by mail as paper checks or money orders. Payments will change from a paper-based service to an online service in the future with the application.

Please refer to the <u>Division for Consumer Protection Online Licensing - Eligibility by</u> <u>License Type webpage</u> for information about license and application types supported by the <u>Division for Consumer Protection Online Licensing System</u>.

Resources

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Website

https://www.dshs.texas.gov/

This is the main website for the Texas Department of State Health Services. From this website, you can find different programs and services the state agency provides to the people of Texas.

DSHS Radiation Control Program Website

https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-control

This is the main website for the DSHS Radiation Control Program. The Industrial Radiographer Certification program, applicable rules and forms are available from this website address.

Eligibility by License Type

https://www.dshs.texas.gov/online-licensing-help-center-division-consumer-protection/eligibility-bylicense-type-online-licensing-help-center

This page contains information regarding license and application types supported by the Division for Consumer Protection Online Licensing System.

State Statute/Radiation Control Program Rules

https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-control

The Radiation Control Program website has links to applicable rules and forms.

DSHS Consumer Protection Division
dshs.texas.gov/business-compliance