

FAQ x-ray operator qualification rules

Is the x-ray operator required to obtain a license to work in Michigan?

No, a license is not required, and a licensing program is not anticipated. Such a program would be overseen by another department, The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Will the operator be in violation if they do not meet the rules.

No, the item of noncompliance is on the facility, not the individual operator.

What information does the written statement of assurance need to include?

The statement of assurance must state that the operator is competent to apply machine produced ionizing radiation to human beings. It must state the nature of the equipment and procedures the individual is competent to utilize. The statement of assurance must be signed and dated by a licensed practitioner in the facility. This statement must be kept on file and made available for inspection by the department.

Does the written statement of assurance need to be signed by a licensed practitioner?

Yes.

Does the written statement of assurance need to be dated.

Yes

Does the written statement of assurance need to be sent to the department?

No. The written statement of assurance must be kept on file at the facility and made available for inspection by the department. Any copies of the written statement of assurance received by the department will be returned.

If an operator moves to a new facility within 3 years of the effective date of the rules, can they bring a copy of the written statement of assurance from the previous employer to the new employer?

Yes. The copy of the written statement of assurance must be maintained by the new employer and made available for inspection by the department.

Can the credential documents be made available electronically?

Yes.

What does an in-house 40 hour training program need to include?

All 40 hour training programs must include training in a) fundamentals of healthcare, b) medical terminology, c) Patient care and management, d) Human anatomy and physiology, e) Imaging production and evaluation, g) radiation protection and radiobiology. In addition to these items, the training program must include training in the specific limited radiography topic of the training. For example, a limited chest radiography program must include training on chest radiography procedures. The training must include both clinical and didactic components and must be competency based.

What items does the 40 hour training program certificate or completion document need to include?

It needs to include the dates of the training, the name of the student, the name, qualifications and signature of the instructor, the topics included in the training and the amount of time spent on each topic.

I have not completed my 40 hours training yet. I have a written statement of assurance. At what point will I need to complete continuing education?

Your continuing education requirement will start when you complete your 40 hours training. You will have 24 months from that date to obtain 12 continuing education credits. You must complete the 40 hours training before March 13, 2027.

Who is the department?

The department is The Department of Labor and Economic Development. The inspections will be conducted by Radiation Safety Section, a group within that department.