

Use of the Certificate from the Out-of-Province Medical Radiation Technology/Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Regulatory Authority Under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)

Background

Article 705 of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) provides that “any worker certified for an occupation by a regulatory authority of a Party shall, upon application, be certified for that occupation by each other Party that regulates that occupation without any requirement for any material additional training, experience, examinations, or assessments as part of that certification procedure”.

It is understood that a regulatory authority of a Party may, as a condition of certification for any worker referred to above, impose the following requirements on the worker as listed in the CFTA:

- *pay an application or processing fee;*
- *obtain insurance, malpractice coverage, or similar protection;*
- *post a bond;*
- *undergo a criminal background check;*
- *provide evidence of good character;*
- *demonstrate knowledge of the measures maintained by that Party applicable to the practice of the occupation in its territory; or*
- *provide a certificate, letter, or other evidence from the regulatory authority in which they are currently certified confirming that their certification in that territory is in good standing.*

Regulated Medical Radiation Technology and Imaging Technology Jurisdictions

Currently, the organizations listed below regulate the practice of medical radiation technology and medical radiation and imaging technology in their respective jurisdictions, and have the authority, set out under an Act of their province, to grant registration certificates in medical radiation technology and medical radiation and imaging technology in the disciplines/specialties indicated. (It is noted that the name of the profession changed from “medical radiation technology” to “medical radiation and imaging technology” as set out under the Act in two jurisdictions in 2020, i.e., ON and NS, as those jurisdictions now grant registration certificates in the discipline/specialty of diagnostic medical sonography.)

- Nova Scotia College of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals: radiological technology, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance and diagnostic medical sonography
- New Brunswick Association of Medical Radiation Technologists: radiological technology, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, and magnetic resonance
- Ordre des technologues en imagerie médicale, en radio-oncologie et en électrophysiologie médicale du Québec: radiodiagnostic (radiological technology that includes the practice of magnetic resonance and diagnostic medical sonography), nuclear medicine, and radiation therapy, and medical electrophysiology
- College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario: radiography (radiological technology), nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, and diagnostic medical sonography
- Saskatchewan Association of Medical Radiation Technologists: radiological technology, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, and magnetic resonance
- Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists: radiological technology, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, and magnetic resonance

Use of the Certificate from the Out-of-Province MRT/MRIT Regulatory Authority

The six MRT/MRIT regulatory authorities listed above have agreed to use a standard certificate, in cases where there exists a certificate of registration in the home jurisdiction that is equivalent to the certificate of registration being applied for in the receiving jurisdiction. The purpose of the Certificate from the Out-of-Province MRT/MRIT Regulatory Authority is to support each jurisdiction's obligations under Chapter Seven of the CFTA by providing a common form that attests to an individual being qualified to practice the profession of medical radiation technology or medical radiation and imaging technology and authorizes the individual to practice the profession, use a title or designation relating to the profession, or both. The Certificate is to be completed by the home jurisdiction and provided to the receiving jurisdiction as confirmation of a worker's "certification in good standing" for workers who hold present registration with another regulated jurisdiction, recognizing the following:

- The Certificate from the Out-of-Province MRT/MRIT Regulatory Authority does not guarantee automatic recognition of the worker by the receiving jurisdiction.
- If the worker does not currently hold a certificate of registration in good standing with the home jurisdiction, or the certificate of registration held by the worker is not equivalent to the certificate of registration being applied for in the receiving jurisdiction, then the worker must complete the normal application process of the receiving jurisdiction.
- The responsibility for obtaining the completed Certificate from the Out-of-Province MRT/MRIT Regulatory Authority lies with the worker who is seeking registration in the receiving jurisdiction.
- It is recognized that the Certificate from the Out-of-Province MRT/MRIT Regulatory Authority is a required document for the application process for workers and that home jurisdictions should respond to requests for the completion of the certificate without delay.

The six MRT/MRIT regulatory authorities listed above are all members of the Alliance of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists Regulators of Canada (Alliance), which was created by the regulatory authorities out of the Labour Mobility Consortium for Medical Radiation Technology which reviewed the obligations of the regulatory authorities under the Agreement on Internal Trade in 2009. The name of the Alliance of Medical Radiation Technologists Regulators of Canada was changed to the Alliance of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Canada on March 15, 2019, recognizing the regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers with medical radiation technologists. The Alliance reviews changes in the regulation of medical radiation technologists and medical radiation and imaging technologists in Canada, and makes the required amendments to the Certificate from the Out-of-Province MRT/MRIT Regulatory Authority and this document on a regular basis, including any provisions from the CFTA, enacted July 1, 2017. The chart below sets out which jurisdictions have equivalent certificates of registration in particular disciplines/specialties. This chart was created by the Labour Mobility Consortium for Medical Radiation Technology at its meeting in October 2009 and is reviewed annually and updated as needed.

Chart: Automatic Recognition Under CFTA for Medical Radiation Technologists and Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists in the Disciplines/Specialties of Radiological Technology (R), Radiation Therapy (T), Nuclear Medicine (N), Magnetic Resonance (MR), and Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS)						
Receiving Jurisdiction	Home Jurisdiction					
	AB	SK	ON	QC	NB	NS
AB		Yes: R, T, N, MR	Yes: R, T, N, MR	Yes: T, N	Yes: R, T, N, MR	Yes: R, T, N, MR
SK	Yes: R, T, N, MR		Yes, R, T, N, MR	Yes, T, N	Yes, R, T, N, MR	Yes, R, T, N, MR
ON	Yes: R, T, N, MR	Yes, R, T, N, MR		Yes: T, N	Yes: R, T, N, MR	Yes: R, T, N, MR, DMS
QC	Yes; R, T, N, MR	Yes: R, T, N, MR	Yes: R, T, N, MR		Yes: R, T, N, MR	Yes: R, T, N, MR
NB	Yes: R, T, N, MR	Yes: R, T, N, MR	Yes: R, T, N, MR	Yes: T, N		Yes: R, T, N, MR
NS	Yes: R, T, N, MR	Yes: R, T, N, MR,	Yes: R, T, N, MR, DMS	Yes: T, N	Yes: R, T, N, MR	

NOTE: BC, MB, PEI, NL do not regulate medical radiation and imaging technologists at this time and therefore are not subject to the CFTA

NOTE: QC regulates R, MR, and DMS in its radiodiagnostic discipline and therefore the certificates of registration to practice are not equivalent with those issued by the other regulators in those disciplines

NOTE: NS and ON are the only jurisdictions that currently issue certificates of registration in the discipline/specialty of DMS

The out-of-province certificate shall include the following information:

- Name of worker
- Registration status
- Type of certificate of registration including any the specialty(ies)/discipline(s)
- Any protected title worker is entitled to use
- Any terms, conditions or limitations on the certificate of registration
- Good character
 1. current referrals to the Discipline Process/Committee
 2. past findings of professional misconduct
 3. any other information relating to the worker’s competency, conduct, or character

Any other information relating to registration which the receiving jurisdiction may wish to receive may be obtained from the worker either as part of the application process (e.g. proof of language fluency), or after the worker has been issued a certificate of registration (e.g. proof of successful completion of an educational program in medical radiation technology and medical radiation and imaging technology or proof of successful completion of the approved examination).

Please see the following appendices for more information:

APPENDIX A: Chart: Automatic Recognition under CFTA for Medical Radiation Technologists and Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists – RADIOGRAPHY/RADIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY

APPENDIX B: Chart: Automatic Recognition Under CFTA for Medical Radiation Technologists and Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists – NUCLEAR MEDICINE

APPENDIX C: Chart: Automatic Recognition Under CFTA for Medical Radiation Technologists and Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists – RADIATION THERAPY

APPENDIX D: Chart: Automatic Recognition Under CFTA for Medical Radiation Technologists and Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists – MAGNETIC RESONANCE

APPENDIX E: Chart: Automatic Recognition Under CFTA for Medical Radiation Technologists and Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists – DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY (DMS)

APPENDIX F: Chart: PROVINCIAL SPECIALTIES

APPENDIX G: ACRONYMS

APPENDIX A: Chart: Automatic Recognition under CFTA for Medical Radiation Technologists and Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists RADIOGRAPHY/RADIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY						
Receiving Jurisdiction	Home Jurisdiction					
	AB	SK	ON	QC	NB	NS
AB		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
SK	Yes		Yes	No	Yes	Yes
ON	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes
QC	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
NB	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Yes
NS	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
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APPENDIX B: Chart: Automatic Recognition Under CFTA for Medical Radiation Technologists and Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists						

NUCLEAR MEDICINE						
Receiving Jurisdiction	Home Jurisdiction					
	AB	SK	ON	QC	NB	NS
AB		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SK	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
QC	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
NB	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
NS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

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**APPENDIX C: Chart: Automatic Recognition Under CFTA for Medical Radiation Technologists and
Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists
RADIATION THERAPY**

Receiving Jurisdiction	Home Jurisdiction					
	AB	SK	ON	QC	NB	NS
AB		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SK	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
QC	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
NB	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
NS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

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**APPENDIX D: Chart: Automatic Recognition Under CFTA for Medical Radiation Technologists and
Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists
MAGNETIC RESONANCE**

Receiving Jurisdiction	Home Jurisdiction					
	AB	SK	ON	QC	NB	NS
AB		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
SK	Yes		Yes	No	Yes	Yes
ON	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes
QC	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
NB	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Yes
NS	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	

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**APPENDIX E: Chart: Automatic Recognition Under CFTA for Medical Radiation Technologists and
Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists
DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY (DMS)**

Receiving Jurisdiction	Home Jurisdiction					
	AB	SK	ON	QC	NB	NS
AB		No	No	No	No	No
SK	No		No	No	No	No
ON	No	No		No	No	Yes
QC	No	No	No		No	No
NB	No	No	No	No		No
NS	No	No	Yes	No	No	

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APPENDIX F: Chart: PROVINCIAL SPECIALTIES

Province	Current Specialties to which labour mobility provisions may apply
AB	Radiography, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance
SK	Radiography, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance
ON	Radiography, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, diagnostic medical sonography
NB	Radiography, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance
QC	Nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, diagnostic medical sonography, and medical electrophysiology
NS	Radiography, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, diagnostic medical sonography

APPENDIX G: ACRONYMS	
AB	Alberta
AMRITRC	Alliance of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists Regulators of Canada (current name of the “Alliance”)
AMRTRC	Alliance of Medical Radiation Technologists Regulators of Canada (previous name of the “Alliance”)
BC	British Columbia
CFTA	Canadian Free Trade Agreement
DMS	Diagnostic medical sonography
MB	Manitoba
MR	Magnetic resonance
MRIT	Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologist
MRT	Medical Radiation Technologist
N	Nuclear Medicine
NB	New Brunswick
NL	Newfoundland and Labrador
NS	Nova Scotia
ON	Ontario
PEI	Prince Edward Island
QC	Quebec
R	Radiological Technology
SK	Saskatchewan
T	Radiation Therapy