



**IDFPR**

Illinois Department of  
Financial and Professional Regulation

Division of Professional Regulation

# Qualifications for Licensure:

## RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER 194

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## READ FIRST

The Division of Professional Regulation hopes that you will find the following information useful in applying for a license in the State of Illinois. Carefully review this information as it will assist you in applying for your license and eliminate any processing delays.

An application is active for three years from the date of receipt by the Department.

- Before contacting the Department, please review our FAQ for answers to most questions. <http://www.idfpr.illinois.gov/About/FAQ.html>
- If your question is not addressed in our FAQ, please contact the department at 1-800-560-6420.

## METHOD OF LICENSURE

Method of licensure will determine which materials you will need for your application.

- **Acceptance of Examination:** For a first-time respiratory care practitioner applicant who has met all the requirements of [68 ILCS 1456.30](#).
- **Endorsement:** For an applicant who holds licensure as a respiratory care therapist in another jurisdiction and meets all the requirements of [68 ILCS 1456.60](#).

## LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

### Education

- Completion of a respiratory care program accredited by the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care Education (CoARC) or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

### Examination

- The examination required for licensed respiratory care practitioners is the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) of the National Board for Respiratory Care. In place of the CRT, the Department will accept the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT).  
Examination

## REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

### For Acceptance of Exam-

#### 1. Education

- A copy of your NBRC credential as a CRT or RRT will provide evidence of meeting the education requirement.

## **2. Examination**

- A copy of your NBRC credential as a CRT or RRT will provide evidence of meeting the education requirement.

### **For Endorsement**

In addition to the documents required for Acceptance of Exam, you must provide certification of licensure for the first jurisdiction in which you were licensed as a respiratory care therapist and for any current jurisdiction(s) in which you are licensed. Acceptable documentation includes:

- Copy of a certified/primary source document from a public licensing portal that includes name, issue and expiration date, and disciplinary information (if any); **or**
  - Verification (copy of email or receipt) that you have requested certification of licensure.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ONCE LICENSED**

- All Respiratory Care licenses expire on October 31 of each odd-numbered year, regardless of issuance date. You are not required to submit Continuing Education credits until your first full renewal cycle, which will be the two years after your first expiration date.
- It is your responsibility to update your contact information, including email address, with the Department to ensure that you receive all courtesy renewal email reminders and other notifications.