



**IDFPR**  
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Division of Professional Regulation

QUALIFICATIONS FOR  
LICENSURE:  
  
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST  
(237)

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### **Important:**

- The qualifications for an Illinois surgical assistant registration are provided in 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1485.20 and 1485.30. Part 1485 is referred to as the surgical technologist rules. Links to the act and rules are available online at <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/surgtech.html> under Laws and Rules.

## LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduation from a nationally accredited surgical technology program approved by IDFPR or graduation from a United States Military Program that emphasizes surgical technology. Note: Surgical technology programs that satisfy eligibility requirements established by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting are considered approved by IDFPR.
- Successful completion of the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) certification examination for surgical technologists.
- Current certification as a Certified Surgical Technologist by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).
- Individuals applying for a license by endorsement must be actively licensed or registered as a surgical a technologist in another state or jurisdiction of the United States.

Please apply for licensure with the Division of Professional Regulation using the CORE licensing system online at <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/core.html>.