



## **Position Statement on Limited Scope Radiographers in Louisiana**

The Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists is the premier entity for medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals in the state. The Society is a nonprofit organization, formed in 1957, whose purpose is to advance the professions of radiation and imaging specialties, to maintain high standards of education, to enhance the quality of patient care, and to further the welfare and socioeconomics of radiologic technologists. The LSRT represents the interests of over 7,000 Louisiana technologists.

The LSRT recognizes the critical importance of maintaining high-quality healthcare services and ensuring accessibility for patients in Louisiana. Considering the current reported staffing crisis affecting access to care for medical imaging procedures and in agreement with the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, the LSRT does not oppose the implementation of a limited-scope radiographer to enhance overall patient care. The ongoing shortage of qualified radiologic technologists has reduced the availability of diagnostic imaging services, later compromising timely and efficient patient care. This staffing crisis poses a significant threat to our state's health and well-being, as delays in diagnosis and treatment can have severe consequences. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, the LSRT believes that the incorporation of limited-scope radiographers is a viable solution to address this crisis and improve access to essential healthcare services.

In considering the role of the limited-scope radiographer, the LSRT advocates for the requirement of a limited-scope radiographer to pass the American Registry for Radiologic Technologists Limited X-Ray Machine Operator exam. Proving competency through a nationally recognized exam will ensure that patients in the state of Louisiana are having procedures performed safely by individuals who have demonstrated satisfactory knowledge and skills required for practice.

In supporting the implementation of a certified and registered limited-scope radiographer, the LSRT aims to bolster the delivery of high-quality diagnostic imaging services, reduce wait times for patients, and ultimately improve overall access to care within our community. We urge stakeholders to collaborate in implementing this solution as part of our collective commitment to ensuring the health and well-being of those we serve.

## General Definitions:

**ARRT credentials.** Qualifications of an individual who has met the education, ethics, and exam requirements of the ARRT and who has the eligibility to use the term Registered Technologist and the abbreviation R.T. with their name. These individuals are required to maintain their certification and registration annually.

<https://www.arrt.org/pages/earn-arrt-credentials/ongoing-requirements>

**State Licensure.** Licenses and or permits are required by some state entities (a board or a licensing agency) to practice radiography within the state.

- For example, the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (LSRTBE)  
<https://lsrtbe.org/>

**Limited Scope of Practice in Radiography exam.** An exam developed and administered by the ARRT specifically for *state licensure*. <https://www.arrt.org/pages/about-the-profession/state-licensing>

**Limited Scope X-ray Machine Operator (LXMO).** An individual other than a radiologic technologist who performs diagnostic x-ray procedures on selected anatomical sites.

<https://www.asrt.org/educators/asrt-curricula/lxmo/lxmo-curriculum>

- LXMOs received a *license* to practice limited-scope radiography in a state. Depending on each state's requirements, the state license is usually received after the applicant takes the Limited Scope of Practice in Radiography Exam from the ARRT.

**Private Radiologic Technician (PRT).** A person who is authorized in Louisiana to perform radiological examinations or treatment or both in the private office of a physician or in clinics in which a physician practices and under the direct supervision of a physician.

<https://a.storyblok.com/f/150540/4ac605eeaf/radiologic-technicians.pdf>

- PRTs are certified by the Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners for private practice in the state of Louisiana. Requirements for the PRT can be found at  
<https://a.storyblok.com/f/150540/4ac605eeaf/radiologic-technicians.pdf>

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