

# NMTCB REPORT

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A record number of candidates (446) were confirmed to take the June 1992 registry examination at 41 test sites. Applications for the forthcoming September examination and requests for information are being processed at a brisk pace.

The NMTCB thanks Shirley Ledbetter, CNMT, Miriam Miller, CNMT, and Martha Pickett, CNMT, for their leadership and participation at the Educators Forum and the Item Writers Workshop in Los Angeles.

The practice of a growing number of state licensing agencies and various professional credentialing boards of requiring continuing education experiences to maintain professional certification has come under increasing discussion by nuclear medicine technologists. This issue has been discussed within the NMTCB and the National Council of the SNM-TS. Representatives from the NMTCB and the SNM-TS leadership met in Los Angeles to discuss the feasibility and methods of using VOICE program credits as a part of the future annual certification renewal process. The National Council supported a feasibility study and requested a report of the study at the 1993 mid-winter meeting. Follow-up discussions between the NMTCB and SNM are under way.

The possibility of professional continuing education as a requirement to maintain annual renewal raises many questions for which answers must be found: To be or not to be? If required, under what guidelines? Who will police the new guidelines? How? When would guidelines be implemented? To explore these possibilities, technologists will need to become familiar with new terms and definitions related to professional continuing education credit.

**Examination Dates**  
**The Nuclear Medicine  
Technology  
Certification Board**  
**1992-1994**

Year	Exam Date	Application Deadline
1992	September 26	July 18
1993	June 26	April 17
1993	September 25	July 17
1994	June 25	April 16

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**Academic Course:** A course of study offered by an accredited post-secondary educational institution.

**Active Status:** Technologist who maintains certification renewal and is actively employed in the profession.

**Biennium:** The two-year period in which to accomplish the required continuing education credits.

**Inactive Status:** Technologist who maintains certification but is not actively working in the profession.

**Probational Status:** Technologist who is not in full compliance with continuing education requirements and is allowed a specific timeline to complete requirements.

**Professional Development:** A plan of growth in a manner in keeping with one's profession.

Other questions to be considered include the following: What courses are eligible for credit? What is a continuing education category? What are various credit categories that are

needed? How many hours per category? Are non-patient care issue lectures accepted? Will inactive status require the same continuing education credits as active status? Will these requirements become a national standard and replace state licensure requirements?

From a practical standpoint, technologists would like to reach and maintain a high level of professionalism; they are concerned about their continuing education, compliance with regulations, and they are interested in providing quality care in their daily activities, says Paul Christian, CNMT, a 1989-1990 Technologist Section trustee. This statement summarizes the goal of the SNM-TS and the NMTCB to pursue activities that promote and influence the practice of nuclear medicine technology and to provide leadership and action that will have a positive impact on the way nuclear medicine technologists are viewed professionally and their influence on patient care.

The fall NMTCB board meeting will return to Atlanta the week of November 4th. The discussion of continuing education will continue at this meeting. The election of board members for the 1993-1996 term and the election of board officers will be held at this meeting, in addition to examination development and the work of the standing committees.

The NMTCB relies upon and continues to appreciate the support of each technologist who participates through item writing assignments and especially those CNMTs who support our profession by volunteering four years of their life to serve as a NMTCB board director. These services represent a tremendous commitment and contribution to the profession, for which I sincerely thank each of you.