

**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS’  
TENNESSEE POLYSOMNOGRAPHY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

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**POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING BRPT CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
LICENSURE AS A TENNESSEE POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST**

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The Board of Medical Examiners’ Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee (the “Committee”) is aware that the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists (the “BRPT”) offers two types of certification: a Registered Polysomnographic Technologist (“RPSGT”) certification, and a Certified Polysomnographic Technician (“CPSGT”) certification.

According to the BRPT, the RPSGT certification is an internationally recognized credential for polysomnographic technologists representing the highest certification in the field of the health care professionals who clinically assess patients with sleep disorders. The CPSGT is an entry-level certification for polysomnographic technicians earned by individuals new to the sleep field. The CPSGT certification is time-limited: certificate holders must earn the RPSGT credential within three years or lose the CPSGT designation.

Tennessee Code Annotated § 63-31-101(7) defines a polysomnographic technologist as a person who is credentialed by the BRPT and who is licensed by the Committee to engage in the practice of polysomnography under the general supervision of a licensed physician.

Tennessee Code Annotated § 63-31-106(b) requires that a person seeking licensure as a polysomnographic technologist must meet several requirements, including educational requirements, passing the national certifying examination given by the BRPT, and being credentialed by the BRPT.

The Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Committee and recorded in the *Official Compilation Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee* outlines the Qualifications for Licensure in Rule 0880-14-.03. Rule 0880-14-.03 states that a requirement for an applicant to be eligible for licensure as a polysomnographic technologist is that the applicant must complete and obtain a passing score on the national certifying exam given by the BRPT within twelve months of applying for initial licensure, and the applicant must be credentialed by the BRPT.

In interpreting these statutes and rules concerning the requirements for licensure as a Tennessee polysomnographic technologist, the Committee takes the position that an applicant must be certified by the BRPT as a Registered Polysomnographic Technologist, or RPSGT, to be eligible for licensure as a Tennessee polysomnographic technologist. Accordingly, an applicant who is certified as a Certified Polysomnographic Technician (“CPSGT”) does not satisfy the eligibility requirements for licensure as a Tennessee polysomnographic technologist.

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