

TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

POLICY STATEMENT
FAILURE TO OBTAIN REQUIRED CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR X-RAY OPERATORS

Each x-ray operator certified by the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners is required to complete twenty (20) hours of continuing education biennially. The due date for proof of attendance and completion of the required continuing education hours is each certification holder's biennial renewal due date. All continuing education hours must be earned in the two (2) calendar years preceding the biennial renewal date (See TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. 0880-5-.09(1)(a) regarding continuing education requirements.) However, the Board of Medical Examiners recognizes that an x-ray operator may inadvertently fail to obtain the required hours of continuing education. As such, the Board has adopted the following procedures when the x-ray operator fails to obtain the continuing education hours for a calendar year:

X-ray operators who are short up to five (5) hours of continuing education will be given a thirty (30) day grace period following a continuing education audit to make up to five (5) continuing education hours. Proof of completion of the continuing education hours within thirty (30) days will be counted towards compliance with the continuing education requirements. Failure to provide proof of completion of any continuing education hours within thirty (30) days will result in these hours being counted toward the deficient hours of continuing education. X-ray operators who are short more than five (5) hours of continuing education will not be given the thirty (30) day grace period.

Should the x-ray operator fail to obtain the required continuing education hours in the two (2) years preceding licensure renewal, the following shall occur:

- 1. The x-ray operator must pay a civil penalty in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each hour missed. Payment must be rendered within sixty days of notification from the Board that the x-ray operator has been found to have failed to obtain the required continuing education hours.**
- 2. The x-ray operator must make up the amount of continuing education hours that he/she is lacking, in addition to completing the continuing education hours required for the current audit cycle. The deficient hours must be made up within ninety (90) days of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of the deficient hours obtained must be submitted to the Board upon completion.**
- 3. The x-ray operator must complete an additional ten (10) continuing education hours. This requirement is in addition to the requirement that the x-ray operator make up the continuing education hours that he/she is lacking, and in addition to the continuing education hours required for the current audit cycle. The ten (10) hours must be made up within ninety (90) days of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of completion of the deficient hours must be submitted to the Board upon completion.**

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action. Failure to respond to the Board request for documentation or to make up deficient continuing education hours after notification by the Board may also result in disciplinary action. The Board has authorized the use of an agreed citation for such disciplinary purposes. The agreed citation is reportable on the Department of Health's website and its monthly disciplinary action report.

Adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners on this the 19th day of May 2026.