

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

Policy No. RC-09-03

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Requirements for Initial Licensure as a
Respiratory Therapist When an Applicant Holds
an Expired Out-of-State RT License

Policy No. RC-09-03 sets forth the requirements established by the Board of Respiratory Care (Board) for initial licensure as a Respiratory Therapist (RT) when an applicant for licensure holds an RT license issued by a licensing entity in another jurisdiction that has expired.

OUT-OF- STATE LICENSE EXPIRATION PERIOD	REQUIREMENTS	STATUTORY AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY
A. Out-of-state license expired for 90 days or less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ completed and signed license application including all required documentation ▪ payment of application fee ▪ be of good moral character (see Policy No. RC-09-02) ▪ verification of license status from all jurisdictions in which the applicant holds, or has held, <i>any</i> professional license, submitted directly from the licensing entity to the Board ▪ additional activities as may be determined by the Board (see below) 	<p>MGL c. 112, § 23S MGL c. 112, § 23U 261 CMR 2.03(1), (2) 261 CMR 5.06</p>
B. Out-of-state license expired for more than 90 days and less than two MA renewal periods (4 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ completed and signed license application including all required documentation ▪ payment of application fee ▪ be of good moral character (see Policy No. RC-09-02) ▪ submission of a resume documenting applicant's work history since out-of-state license expiration and at minimum providing information identifying: names and addresses of employer(s), 	<p>MGL c. 112, § 23S MGL c. 112, § 23U 261 CMR 2.03(1), (2) 261 CMR 5.06</p>

	<p>dates of employment, position(s) held, employment duties and responsibilities, and any educational programs completed and academic degrees earned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ verification of license status from all jurisdictions in which the applicant holds, or has held, <i>any</i> professional license, submitted directly from the licensing entity to the Board ▪ additional activities as may be determined by the Board (see below) 	
<p>C. Out-of-state license expired for two MA renewal periods (4 years) or more</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ completed and signed license application including all required documentation ▪ payment of application fee ▪ be of good moral character (see Policy No. RC-09-02) ▪ submission of a resume documenting applicant's work history since out-of-state license expiration and at minimum providing information identifying: names and addresses of employer(s), dates of employment, position(s) held, employment duties and responsibilities, and any educational programs completed and academic degrees earned ▪ verification of license status from all jurisdictions in which the applicant holds, or has held, <i>any</i> professional license, submitted directly from the licensing entity to the Board ▪ additional activities as may be determined by the Board (see below) 	<p>MGL c. 112, § 23S MGL c. 112, § 23U 261 CMR 2.03(1), (2) 261 CMR 5.06</p>

Additional activities that the Board may require as a condition of licensure as a Respiratory Therapist when the applicant's out-of-state RT license is expired include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Where the Board determines that the documentation submitted by an applicant does not demonstrate that the applicant has relevant, current experience in the field of respiratory care, the Board may require that the applicant complete additional continuing education acceptable to the Board in areas identified by the Board as a condition of licensure.

2. Where the Board determines that the documentation submitted by an applicant does not demonstrate that the applicant has relevant, current experience in the field of respiratory care, the Board may require that the applicant retake and pass the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC) Entry Level CRT Examination as a condition of licensure.
3. Where the applicant's out-of-state license had been disciplined by the out-of-state licensing entity before its expiration, the applicant shall have completed all requirements for reinstatement of the out-of-state license and shall arrange for the out-of-state licensing entity to provide documentation directly to the Board that the applicant's license is in good standing or is eligible for renewal. In addition, the Board may require as a condition of licensure that the applicant agree to engage in a period of supervised respiratory care practice under the terms of a probation agreement between the applicant and the Board.