

STATES LICENSURE REGULATIONS FOR LABORATORY PROFESSIONS

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New York	YES	YES	2006	\$175	3 years	\$175	YES (through the Reagents and Education Departments, Office of the Professions)	YES (Law becomes effective 1 Sep 2006)	Effective 1 Sept 2006: Chapter 755, Article 165 of the NY laws of 2004, "The Clinical Laboratory Technology Practice Act" at http://www.op.nysed.gov/chapter755.htm	* Baccalaureate degree * Completion of accredited training program *Completion of national certifying examination (accepts ASCP) *Pass state exam *Grandfather clause will expire 01 Jan 2006	To be determined	YES	Grants reciprocity- will recognize licenses from state with same or more stringent licensing standards
California	YES	YES	2005	\$148	2 years	\$148	NO	NA	March 2005: Chapter 3, Division 2, "Business and Professions Code" and Chapter 2, Title 17, California Code of Regulations	*Official transcript of all college credits (60 semester hours required; 36 sciences; 6 bio and 6 chem) *Copy of certificate of training *Verification of CP(ASCP) Board of Registry certification *Hours spent reading and number of slides read daily, if currently employed in CA	12 hours annually	Currently unclear	State examination is not required for CT's. In March 2004, CA assembly introduced a bill (AB 2456) for the state to recognize ASCP's certification and other national certifications as it does for cytotechnologists (ASCP). License can be denied if ever convicted of a crime; acted dishonestly, fraudulently or deceitfully; had a license suspended or revoked
Florida	YES	YES	1968; amended 2004	\$205 (\$105 for license and \$100 application fee)	2 years	\$136	NO	NA	Florida Title XXXII, Chapter 483; "Clinical Laboratory Personnel"	*Requires ASCP certification *Baccalaureate degree including 16 hr science, board approved cyto training program	24 hrs every 2 years	YES: Chapter 64B3-10, section 12, Florida Administrative Code: Restrictive; process and interpret cellular material from the human body; interpretation of GYN and screening of NONGYN with final review by path	Required CE includes HIV/AIDS training (1 hr), Preventing Medical Errors training (2 hr), and Laws and Rules (1 hr); will issue temporary permit for only one year until passing ASCP registry. Requires special General Laboratory Supervisor license to perform CT QC screening and 4 hour home study course on laboratory management. Temporary license for up to 1 year possible, if qualified.
Georgia	NO	NO	2001	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	Legislation: Chapter 22, Title 31 Official Code of Georgia Annotated Georgia Rules of Department Of Human Resources, Office of Regulatory Services, Chapter 290-9-8: Licensure of Clinical Laboratories (passed 14 Nov 2001)	*Requires certification "by an agency approved by the Department" *Baccalaureate degree including 16 hr science, board approved cyto training program	None	YES: "in the limited specialty a technologist is restricted to the laboratory such as aides, clerks, etc. These persons may assist the laboratory technical staff, but do not themselves qualify as technical staff, perform patient testing or operate clinical analyzers."	Georgia regulations and legislation currently apply to laboratories and not specifically to technologists, except as specified by requirements which generally mirror CLIA: " No person may perform laboratory tests within a licensed laboratory unless they qualify as a trainee, technician, technologist, supervisor, or director as defined in these rules. Other personnel may be employed in the laboratory such as aides, clerks, etc. These persons may assist the laboratory technical staff, but do not themselves qualify as technical staff, perform patient testing or operate clinical analyzers."

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Hawaii	YES	YES	1972; regulations revised in 2002	\$40	2 years	\$30	NO	NA	Hawaii Public Health Regulation, Title 11 Chapter 110; (adopted 3 Sep 2002); "Clinical Laboratories and Laboratory Personnel"	ASCP Registry Examination	None		
Louisiana	YES	YES	1993	\$50	Annual	\$50.00	NO	NA	Law: Clinical Laboratory Personnel- Chapter 15, Part II: R.S. 37:1311-1329; Rules: Title 46, Vol 45, Chapter 35 & 111	*BS and completion of CT school *ASCP or IAC certification required	12 hours annually	Not specified	Photograph; notarized application; copies of all college degrees and criminal background check
Montana	YES	YES	1993	\$100	Annual	\$60 (add \$50 late fee)	NO	NA	"Clinical Laboratory Science Practice Act", Sec. 1, Ch. 345, L. 1993. 2003 Montana Code Annotated (MCA) Title 2, Chapter 15 Part 15 (Board); Title 37 Chapter 34 (Clinical Lab Science Practitioners)	ASCP Registry Examination; Baccalaureate degree with at least 36 semester or 54 quarter hours in physical and biological sciences;	14 hours annually	Follows CLIA practice guidelines	CT qualifies as a "clinical laboratory specialist"; temporary licenses possible if qualified (\$25); accepts reciprocity from other states (no exam required)
Nevada	NO	NO	1967	\$75	2 years	\$50	NO	NA	Nevada Administrative Code, Chapter 652, "Medical Laboratories" (NAC 652.080; 652.425)	Certification by accredited agency; 2 years in an accredited college or university with at least 12 semester hours in science, (8 hours in biology) and at least 12 months of training in an accredited school of cytotechnology, and pass a national examination for certification approved by the Board; (b) Successfully complete 6 months of formal training in an accredited school of cytotechnology and 6 months of full-time, supervised experience in cytotechnology in a laboratory whose director is a pathologist, and pass a national examination for certification approved by the Board; or (c) Pass the examination for cytotechnologists given by the Department of Health and Human Services	10 hours annually	Follows CLIA practice guidelines	In NV, application requires statement of child support
North Dakota	YES	NO	1991, amended 2002	\$80 (increases to \$90 in 2006)	2 years	\$70	NO	NA	Clinical Laboratory Practice Act, Chapter 43-48 of the North Dakota Century Code: "Clinical Laboratory Personnel"	*BA or BS *Accepts ASCP national certifying exam	20 hours every 2 years (biennial)	NO	cytotechnologists from the definition of "clinical laboratory technologist (CLT)". However, CTs could have qualified as "clinical laboratory specialists" and it is specifically against the law to practice without a license if you perform any medical testing. Will consider
Puerto Rico	YES	NO	1939	\$50	3 years	\$50	NO	NA		Certification by national accrediting agency	member, PRCMT		Uncertain if PR requires certification or licensure

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Rhode Island	YES	YES	1992; revised 1999	\$50	2 years	\$50	NO	NA	R23-16.3 CLS (General Laws of Rhode Island, 23-16.3)	Certification by accredited agency BA/ BS with 20 semester hours biological sciences, 8 semester hours chemistry, 3 semester hours mathematics and successful completion of accredited CT program; OR qualified under CLIA (March 14, 1990 requirements)	30 hours every 2 years (biennial)	"Health care professional specializing in cancer detection; responsible for diagnostic testing and may also be involved in management, education and research."	RI temporary license for 90 days granted if application is filed, have a current license in another state, or are certified.
Tennessee	YES	YES	3 May 1995 for CTs- (MTs have had licensure since 1964); revised Dec 2004	\$60	2 years	\$90	NO- accepts all nationally recognized certifying agency examinations	NA	Regulations: Chapter 1200-6-1, "General Rules Governing Medical Laboratory Personnel" Section 1200-6-1.23 www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/	Possession of baccalaureate degree from accredited university/college; official college transcripts graduation from accredited training program; national certification; CT training from CAHEA/CAAHEP accredited school (prior to 1 Aug 1988); proof of prior clinical laboratory experience (all employers); passport photo	24 hours every 2 years	YES: Detailed and may leave room for modification (good model for other legislation)	Tennessee HB2706: Requires CTs to have 24 hrs CE every 2 years; late renewal fee is \$60 (passed 5/2/05). Medical Laboratory Board Personnel and Education Committee has one CT on board.
West Virginia	YES	YES	1997	\$25	Annual	\$25	NO	NA	WV Division of Health Legislative Rule, Clinical Laboratory Technicians and Technologist Licensure and Certification (64 CSR 57)	*Accepts ASCP registry; requires certification and graduation from accredited school of cytotechnology	10 hours annually	Follows CLIA practice guidelines	May perform testing as a trainee but not for over 1 year.