

State	Sponsoring Organization - Umbrella Organizations in Red	License Level	Certification Requirement	Education Requirement	CE Requirement	Current Credential Needed for License Renewal	Scope of Practice	Student/Temporary License	References
Alabama	Alabama Board of Respiratory Therapy	CRT or RRT	Hold credentials as RRT or CRT as granted by NBRC (Chapter 27B Section 3)	Be a high school graduate or hold the equivalent of high school diploma (Chapter 27B Section 3)	24 contact hours per 2 year licensing cycle	No	Respiratory Therapy/Care is defined (Chapter 27B Section 2)	Board may issue a 6-month temporary license renewable once for an additional 6-month period to persons who have graduated from an approved ed program and who have applied for and are awaiting competency examination (Chapter 27B Section 7)	AL Certification, Education and Scope of Practice Alabama CE Requirements AL Temporary License
Alaska			No Licensure Law						
Arizona	Arizona State Board of Respiratory Care Examiners	RRT	Submit a copy of your passing RRT examination certificate or score sheet	Be a high school graduate or the equivalent and be a graduate of a respiratory therapy training program	20 hours of CEUs from approved list of providers per 2 year licensing cycle including at least 2 hours of Ethics CEUs. *Maximum of 15 online CEUs and 5 CEUs related to ACLS, NALS, NRP, or PALS	No	Several topics have been described as a part of the AZ Board of Respiratory Care Examiners Meeting Minutes	No temporary licenses as of 2015	AZ - Certification Requirements AZ - Education Requirements AZ - CE Requirements AZ - Scope of Practice AZ - Temporary License
Arkansas	Arkansas State Medical Board	CRT	Have passed the CRT exam	Be awarded HS diploma or equivalent and complete training in a respiratory care program which has been approved by AR Respiratory Care Examining Committee	12 CEUs per renewal period - Licenses renewed annually on or before last day of birth month	No	Respiratory Care is defined (AK Respiratory Care Act 17-99-102.5A-B Definitions)	In cases of emergency, Exec Director of AR State Medical Board may issue a temporary permit to persons not licensed in other states but who otherwise meet qualifications for licensure. Expires at the date of the next board meeting unless the board ratifies or extends the decision. (AK Respiratory Care Act 17-99-105 Temporary Permits)	AR - Certification Requirements AR - Education Requirements and Scope of Practice AR - Temporary License AR - CE Requirements
California	Respiratory Care Board of California	RRT	Have earned the RRT credential	Complete a respiratory care program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs	30 hours for license renewal per 2 year licensing cycle except first renewal which requires 15 hours. At least 2/3rds of must be directly related to clinical practice. 3 hours of ethics CE's provided by AARC or CSRC required every other cycle	No	Scope of Practice is defined	Respiratory care practitioner applicant* may work under the supervision of a CA-licensed RT if he/she has met educational requirements for licensure. In general, applicant may practice for 6 months following graduation but dates may be extended if applicant is unable to complete licensure application for reasons outside of his/her control	CA - Certification and Education Requirements CA - CE Requirements CA - Scope of Practice FAQs CA - Scope of Practice CA - Temporary License
Colorado	Colorado Office of Respiratory Therapy Licensure	CRT or RRT	Credentialed by a National Respiratory Therapy credentialing body as a CRT or RRT (CO Respiratory Therapy Practice Act 12-41.5-106.2b)	No discussion of education - Only certification requirements	Could find no CE requirements for renewal	Yes	Respiratory therapy is defined (CO Respiratory Therapy Practice Act 12-41.5-103.6 Definitions)		CO - Certification and Scope of Practice
Connecticut	Connecticut State Department of Public Health	CRT or RRT	Successfully completed either Entry Level or Advanced Practitioner Respiratory Care examination	Complete a respiratory care program that is accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, OR recognized by Joint Review Committee for Respiratory Therapy Education or Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care	Beginning 1/1/19, earn a minimum of 20 hours within previous one-year period, and include a minimum of at least five hours of real-time education	No	Respiratory care is defined (Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 381a, Section 20-162n. Definitions)	Temporary permit can be issued to a person who completed education and applied for licensure. Permit is valid until applicant takes examination. (Chapter 381a, Section 20-162o(c))	CT - Certification and Education Requirements CT - CE Requirements CT - Scope of Practice CT - Temporary License
Delaware	Delaware Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline	CRT or RRT	Credentialed as a CRT and/or RRT by NBRC (DE Administrative Code, Title 24, Section 1770 9.2.1.4)	Submit a copy of your Respiratory Care Practitioner diploma, and arrange for office to receive a verification of Respiratory Care Practitioner Education form from each program you attended	20 contact hours completed biennially. At least 10 in-person or using technology which allows attendee to interact with presenter. No more than 10 hours may be obtained in non-traditional, self-paced programs. (DE Administrative Code, Title 24, Section 1770 8.1.1)	No	Respiratory care, Standards of Practice for the Practitioner, Standards Related to Practitioner's Competence and Responsibilities, and Administration of Medications are defined (DE Administrative Code, Title 24, Section 1770 2-5)	A student temporary permit can be issued no more than 20 weeks prior to graduation from approved RC program. Ceases on graduation date or if student leaves program. (DE Administrative Code, Title 24, Section 1770 7)	DE - Certification and CE Requirements, Scope of Practice, Temporary Permit DE - Education Requirements
District of Columbia	DC Board of Respiratory Care		Receive a passing score on the National Board Examination developed and administered by NBRC (Municipal Regulations 7604)	Complete an educational program at an institution accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (Municipal Regulations 7602)	16 hours during the 2-year period preceding the expiration date. After 1/31/2019, applicant must complete 2 hours of ethics and 2 hours of LGBTQ continuing education (Municipal Regulations 7606)	No	Practice of Respiratory Care is defined (Health Occupations Board 3-1201.02 17A)	A student or applicant whose first application for licensure has been submitted to the Board may practice respiratory therapy under the direct supervision of a licensed RCP who collaborates with a licensed physician (Municipal Regulations 7608)	DC - Certification, Education, CE Requirements, and Temporary License DC - Scope of Practice
Florida	Florida Board of Respiratory Care	CRT or RRT	Hold the CRT or RRT credential issued by the NBRC or equivalent	No discussion of education - Only certification requirements	24 hours biennially	No	Practice of Respiratory Care and Respiratory Care Services are defined		FL - Certification Requirements FL - CE Requirements FL - Scope of Practice
Georgia	Georgia Composite Medical Board	CRT	Submit evidence of receiving a passing score on the entry level examination given by NBRC (GA Rule 360-13-.03)	No discussion of education - Only certification requirements	30 hours for license renewal per 2 year licensing cycle except first renewal for which there is no requirement. No more than 25% of hours can be related to BLS, ACLS, PALS, BTLs, NRP (GA Rule 360-13-.10)	Yes	Scope of Practice is defined	Temporary permit is available to individual licensed in another state or graduate of an approved program pending completion of all other requirements for certification for a period of 12 months. Temporary permits may not be renewed. (GA Rule 360-13-.03)	GA - Certification, CE Requirements, Temporary License GA - Scope of Practice
Hawaii	Hawaii Professional and Vocational Licensing	CRT or RRT	Have passed the CRT or RRT examination of the NBRC	Successfully completed a respiratory therapy training program at an accredited education institution approved by the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care or its successor (Chapter 466D-8)	Could find no CE requirements for renewal	No	Practice of respiratory care is defined (Chapter 446D-1)		HI - Education Requirements and Scope of Practice HI - Certification Requirements
Idaho	Idaho Board of Medicine	CRT or RRT	Has successfully completed the entry level examination and is a CRT and or has successfully completed the both the written and simulation exam and is an RRT (Title 54-4306 2.e.3)	Is a high school graduate or has earned the equivalent (Title 54-4306, 2.c)	Not less than 12 classroom hours of approved course work each annual renewal cycle (Chapter 54-4310)	Yes	Performance of respiratory care is defined (Chapter 54-4303)	Person who does not meet requirements for licensure and who is not exempt shall apply for a temporary permit. Authorized to practice under supervision of an RCP or physician for one year. Can be renewed one time for one additional year	ID - Certification and Education Requirements ID - CE Requirements ID - Scope of Practice ID - Temporary License
Illinois	Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation	CRT or RRT	Have proof of successful completion of the Entry Level CRT or RRT Examination(s) of the NBRC	Has completed a respiratory care training program approved by the department (225 ILCS 106 Section 50)	Complete 24 hours of CE relevant to the practice of respiratory care every 2 years (Title 68 Section 1456.110)	No	Basic respiratory care activities, Respiratory care, and cardiorespiratory care are defined (225 ILCS 106 Section 10)	A person may practice if they have applied for a license and have complied with all provisions except for the passing of an examination until the Department has made the decision that the applicant has failed to pass the next available examination or has failed without approved excuse to take the next available examination, but not to exceed 6 months. (225 ILCS 106 Section 50c)	IL - Certification Requirements IL - CE Requirements IL - Education Requirements, Scope of Practice, Temporary License

Indiana	Indiana Professional Licensing Agency		Successfully completes and submits an official credential report that verifies passing a respiratory care practitioner examination	School or program is defined as a program for the education of respiratory care practitioners. The IN Board has adopted the standards of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs . (844 IAC 13-1-2)	Complete 15 hours of CE over two year renewal cycle. No more than 7.5 hours of continuing education can be obtained through correspondence courses during the biennium.	No	Practice of respiratory care, practices considered tasks, and practices not considered tasks are defined (IC 25-34-5-1-6, 5-2-6.3, 5-2-6.2)	Temporary permit available for individuals currently licensed in other another state or recent graduates who will be required to take the examination within 6 months after graduation. If the applicant has a good cause for not taking the exam within 6 months, the committee may allow a renewal of the temporary permit. (IAC 13-3-2.1)	IN - Certification, Education Requirement, Temporary License IN - CE Requirements IN - Scope of Practice
Iowa	Iowa Department of Public Health	CRT	Have achieved a score on the TMC or CRT Examination which meets or exceeds the minimum passing score established by NBRC (Chapter 261.3 (3))	Have successfully completed a respiratory care education program accredited by, or under a letter of review from, CoARC or CAAHEP (Chapter 261.3 (3))	Complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education for a two-year renewal cycle. (Chapter 262.2(1))	No	Respiratory care as a practice and Performance of respiratory care is defined. (Chapter 152B.2(1)&(3))		IA - Certification and Education Requirements IA - CE Requirements IA - Respiratory Care as a Practice IA - Performance of Respiratory Care
Kansas	Kansas Board of Healing Arts	CRT or RRT	Examinations approved by the board are the examination developed by the NBRC for credentialing as a CRT and the examination developed by the NBRC for the RRT (Article 55, 100-55-301-2)	A list of approved educational programs in respiratory therapy shall be maintained by the board. In determining whether an educational program should be approved, accreditation by the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care may be considered by the board. (Article 55, 100-55-2)	Submit documented evidence of at least 12 contact hours of continuing education since April 1 of the previous year (Article 55, 100-55-7a)	No	Respiratory therapy is defined (Article 55, 65-5502.b)	Student permit available to those enrolled in approved school to practice under supervision of a licensed RT - expires 30 days after graduation. Temporary license available to applicants who meet the requirements for licensure except examination. Temporary licenses shall expire six months from date of issue or when licensure application is approved (Article 55, 65-5508.c&d)	KS - Certification, Education, and CE Requirements and Scope of Practice
Kentucky	Kentucky Board of Respiratory Care	CRT or RRT	Have held a RRT or CRT credential issued by NBRC or its equivalent (314A.110.1)	No discussion of education - Only certification requirements	Minimum of 24 CEUs shall be accrued during the 2-year certification period (201 KAR 29:050 Section 2)	No	Scope of Practice is defined (314A.100)	Temporary certificate may be issued to the graduate for a period not to exceed 6 months. Certificate expires after 6 months or upon failure of the entry level NBRC exam. (314A.110)	KY - Certification Requirements, Temporary License KY - Continuing Education Requirements KY - Scope of Practice
Louisiana	Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners	CRT or RRT	Holds current credentials as CRT or RRT granted by NBRC or equivalent (Title 37, Chapter 49 -3354.4)	Is a graduate of a respiratory therapy education program (Title 37, Chapter 49 -3354.3)	Shall have completed in the prior 12 months at least ten hours of CE courses that are approved by the Board in consultation with the Respiratory Care Advisory Committee (Title 37, Chapter 49 -3357.2)	No	Respiratory Therapy is defined (Title 37, Chapter 49, -3353.5)	Persons who have completed an ed program, applied for, and are waiting NBRC examination may receive up to 6-month temporary license.	LA - Certification, Education, Temporary License, CE Requirements and Scope of Practice
Maine	State of Maine Professional & Financial Regulation		Two levels of licensure - Currently credentialed by NBRC as CRT = Resp Care Tech, Currently credentialed by NBRC as RRT = RT (Chapter 311.C-2-3, D)	Submit an official academic transcript demonstrating completion of an education program for respiratory therapists which is accredited by CoARC or its predecessor (Chapter 311.C-2-3)	Could find no CE requirements for renewal	No	Respiratory care is defined (Title 32, Chapter 57 -9702.5)	Temporary license is available to individuals who can prove completion of an ed program and submit affidavit from a supervisor from proposed place of employment. (Chapter 3.1.2)	ME - Certification, Education Requirements, Temporary License ME - Scope of Practice
Maryland	Maryland Board of Physicians	CRT	Provide documentation of certification by the NBRC	Provide documentation of graduation from a respiratory care program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs or its successors	16 hours of approved Category 1 Continuing Education Hours relevant to the practice of respiratory care, earned during the 2-year period preceding the expiration of the license	No	Scope of practice is defined (Sec. 10.32.11.09)		MD - Certification, Education, and CE Requirements MD - Scope of Practice
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of Respiratory Care	CRT or RRT	Board may issue a license to applicant who has submitted verification of his/her certification as an RRT or CRT (261 CMR 3.04)	Board may issue a license to applicant who has completed a Board approved respiratory therapy program (261 CMR 3.04)	A total of 15 contact hours of CE, not more of which shall be in correspondence courses and not more than four of which shall be in a recertification examination are required for 2 year recertification cycle (261 CMR 5.02)	No	Respiratory care is defined (261 CMR 2.02)	Limited license is available to current student or graduate of approved ed program who is eligible to sit for the exam. Must be under supervision of licensed RT. Term of license is one year or when holder of license fails licensure examination or receives initial license. (261 CMR 3.07)	MA - Certification, Education Requirements, Temporary License MA - CE Requirements MA - Scope of Practice
Michigan	Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs	CRT or RRT	Pass the NBRC examination	Graduate from a respiratory therapist training program which is accredited by CoARC and obtain at least a 2-year associate's degree from an accredited college or university.	The public health code does not require continuing education for renewal of an RT license	No	Respiratory care services are defined (333-18701.2e)		MI - Certification and Education Requirements MI - CE Requirements MI - Scope of Practice
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Medical Practice	CRT or RRT	Submit a verified copy of valid and current credential issued by NBRC or equivalent as CRT, RRT or other entry or advanced level respiratory therapist (147C.15 Subdivision 1 (4)).	Applicant must successfully complete a respiratory therapy training program accredited by CoARC , CAHEA , or a successor agency.	Provide evidence every two years of a total of 24 hours of continuing education (147C.15 Subdivision 7)	No	Scope of practice is defined (147C.05)	Board may issue a temporary permit to an applicant if the application for licensure is complete, all applicable requirements have been met, and a nonrefundable fee has been paid. Permit remains valid until the Board makes a decision regarding the therapist's application. (147C.15 Subd 3)	MN - Certification, CE Requirements, Temporary License MN - Education Requirements MN - Scope of Practice
Mississippi	Mississippi State Department of Health	CRT or RRT	Hold a credential conferred by the NBRC or equivalent as a CRT and/or RRT (Title 15 Part 19 Subpart 60 Rule 9.4.3)	No discussion of education - Only certification requirements	20 clock hours to be accrued during the two-year licensing term (Title 15 Part 19 Subpart 60 Rule 9.7.2.1)	No	Respiratory Care, the Practice of Respiratory Care, and the Performance of Respiratory Care is defined (Title 15 Part 19 Subpart 60 Rule 9.1-3.4, 5, 6)	Board may issue a temporary permit for a period of 6 months to an applicant pending the compliance of the requirements for licensure. Applicant must be a student in an approved ed program who expects to graduate within 30 days of the application and who is eligible to sit for the examination (Title 15 Part 19 Subpart 60 Rule 9.4.3)	MS - Certification, CE Requirements, Scope of Practice, Temporary License
Missouri	Missouri Division of Professional Registration		Provide written evidence of credentials from the certifying entity	No discussion of education - Only certification requirements	Required to obtain 24 hours of CE with at least 12 coming from traditional programs (programs attended either in person or remotely by the use of telecommunication technology where the presentation is "live" and where the attendee can interact with and ask questions of the presenter)	No	Practice of Respiratory Care is defined (Title XXII, 334.850)	Student/temporary permit available to those enrolled in/graduated from approved school who complete the background check for up to six months after graduation date. Permit holders must provide care under supervision of licensed RCP. (Title XXII, 334.890)	MO - Certification Requirements and Scope of Practice MO - Temporary License MO - CE Requirements
Montana	Montana Department of Labor and Industry	CRT	Pass examination prescribed by Board. Board may use the entry-level exam written by NBRC (Title 37, Chapter 28 Part 2, 37-28-202)	Applicant must have completed high school or the equivalent and a respiratory care educational program accredited or provisionally accredited by the CAHEA (Title 37, Chapter 28 Part 2, 37-28-202)	Each practitioner must complete 24 continuing education units every 24 months (Rule 24.213.2101)		Respiratory care is defined (Title 37, Chapter 28 Part 2, 37-28-102)		MT - Certification and Education Requirements MT - CE Requirements MT - Scope of Practice
Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	CRT or RRT	Submit notarized copy of original CRT or RRT score report OR original TMC exam OR letter from NBRC verifying passing the national examination	Submit an official transcript for proof of completion of an approved respiratory care program.	Every two years, complete 20 hours of acceptable continuing education (Title 172, Chapter 162, 162-006.001)	Yes	Respiratory Care is defined (Title 172, Chapter 162, 162-002)		NE - Certification and Education Requirements NE - CE Requirements and Scope of Practice
Nevada	Nevada Board of	CRT or RRT	Pass the examination as an entry-level or advanced level practitioner of respiratory care administered by NBRC or its	A person who wishes to practice respiratory care must have a HS diploma or equivalent and complete an educational program for respiratory care which has been	Every two years, complete 20 hours, twelve of which must be directly related	Yes	Practice of respiratory care is defined	Any person who has earned HS diploma/GED and has completed an approved ed program	NV - Certification, Education Requirements, Scope of Practice, Temporary License

	Medical Examiners		provision of respiratory care supervised by NRS or its successor (NRS 630.277-1a,c, d)	approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its successor organization or CoARC (NRS 630.277 1a-b)	to respiratory care and which must be in the subject matter of ethics		provision of respiratory care or license	can practice as an intern for not more than 12 months after graduation (NRS 630.277)	NV - CE Requirements
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Office of Licensed Allied Health Professionals		Successfully passing a national credentialing examination	Successful completion of approved academic and fieldwork requirements	Continuing education requirements are dependent on initial and ongoing timelines of licenses	No	Respiratory care is defined		NH - Certification and Education Requirements NH - CE Requirements NH - Scope of Practice
New Jersey	New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs	RRT	Has passed the RRT examination offered by the NBRC or successor (C.45:14E-15)	Applicants for licensure must show evidence of having earned a HS diploma or its equivalent and successfully completed a respiratory care program accredited by the Council on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or its successor	Each license holder must complete thirty (30) CEU credits before the expiration date for the biennial renewal of licenses. At least 1 CEU in each of the following: infection control, patient safety/medical errors, ethics; 20 hours in other respiratory care clinical practices, and any remaining in any health care related field	No	Respiratory care is defined (45:14E-3c)	New graduates who are only waiting to take the examination can apply for a temporary license. Holder may take examination as many times as needed during the six month period. The temporary license is valid for six months and not renewable unless holder can demonstrate undue hardship to the Board.	NJ - Certification and Education Requirements NJ - CE Requirement and Temporary License NJ - Scope of Practice
New Mexico	New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department	RRT	Show proof of passing the national board exam resulting in credentialing of a RRT and maintaining a current RRT credential (Title 16 Chapter 23, 16.23.3.9C)	Provide verification of successful completion of an accredited respiratory care education program (Title 16 Chapter 23, 16.23.3.9B)	20 clock hours are required per renewal cycle. The department will approve a maximum of 8 hours per cycle of the following: any hospital/organization in-service, RC related science courses taken in an academic setting received toward RRT credentialing, CPR certification, infection control certification, hazardous materials certification, and ALS.	No	Respiratory care and the practice of respiratory care is defined (Chapter 61, Article 12B-3C,D)	The department may adopt rules for issuance of temporary permits to students and graduates of approved training programs to practice limited respiratory care under the direct supervision of a licensed RCP or physician. (Chapter 61, Article 12B-9B)	NM - Certification, Education Requirements, Scope of Practice, Temporary License NM - CE Requirements
New York	New York State Education Department - Office of the Professions		Two levels of licensure - Have passed the CRT = RT Tech, Have passed written and simulation examinations = RT	Must have graduated from high school or the equivalent and, completed an approved one-year certificate program in respiratory therapy or a respiratory program determined by the department to be equivalent = RT Tech; Must have graduated from high school or the equivalent and completed an approved associate degree program in respiratory therapy or another degree program in respiratory therapy determined by the department to be equivalent = RT	Respiratory therapists are required by law to take 30 contact hours of continuing education in each three-year registration period; RT Techs must take 24 hours of continuing education in each triennium. Informal self-study must not constitute more than half of the total hours.	No No No	Practice of respiratory therapy is defined (Article 164, -8501)	You may apply for a limited permit if you meet all other requirements for licensure in NY state except the licensing examination. Limited practice must be under supervision of a registered NY RT or physician. Limited permits expire one year from the date of issuance of upon notice that your application for licensure has been denied, or 10 days after you have been notified that you failed the licensing examination.	NY - Certification Requirements, Temporary License NY - Education Requirements NY - CE Requirements NY - Scope of Practice
North Carolina	North Carolina Respiratory Care Board	CRT	Pass entry level examination given by the NBRC (Respiratory Care Practice Act -90-653.a5)	Submit written evidence that the applicant has successfully completed the minimal requirements of a respiratory care education program as approved by the Commission for Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs, or the Canadian Council on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy Education (Respiratory Care Practice Act -90-653.a3)	During the preceding renewal cycle, complete a minimum of 12 hours of Category I CE activities related to the licensee's practice of respiratory care and approved by the Board, the AAC, or the ACCME. Six contact hours shall be obtained each reporting year from workshops, panel, seminars, or symposiums that provide for direct interaction between speakers and participants	Yes	Practice of Respiratory Care is defined (Respiratory Care Practice Act -90-64.8.10)	Upon application and payment of the required fees, the Board may grant a temporary license to a person who, at the time of application, submits required items while awaiting official copies of the items from the issuing agency. Temporary license shall be valid for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of application. (-90-654)	NC - Certification and Education Requirements, Scope of Practice, Temporary License NC - CE Requirements
North Dakota	North Dakota State Board of Respiratory Care		Two levels of licensure - Submit copy of certifying exam scores or NBRC certificate = CRT and Submit copy of registry and CSE scores or NBRC certificate = RRT (Chapter 43-42-03.1,2)	The board shall require evidence that the applicant has successfully completed a bona fide respiratory care training program (Chapter 43-42-03.1,2)	Licenses must present proof, at the time of annual licensure renewal, of having attended or aquired a minimum of 30 clock hours of continuing education approved by the board	No	Respiratory care and Respiratory care practice is defined (Chapter 43-42-01, 43-42-04)		ND - Certification, and Education Requirements, and Scope of Practice ND - CE Requirements
Ohio	State Medical Board of Ohio	RRT	Successfully completed both portions of the RRT examination (Chapter 4761-5-01-A1.a.ii)	The board approves respiratory care educational programs that have been issued provisional, initial, continuing or other accreditation status conferred by CoARC or their successor and require a minimum of an associate degree with a major in respiratory care (Chapter 4761-4-01-A,B)	Applicant for license renewal shall complete 20 contact hours of CE every two years; 1 contact hour of OH respiratory care law or ethics, and at least 15 must include content relating to the provision of clinical respiratory care (Chapter 4761-9-01-C)	No	Scope of care is defined (Chapter 4761-7-03)		OH - Certification Requirements OH - Education Requirements OH - CE Requirements OH - Scope of Practice
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Medical Board	CRT or RRT	Hold credentials as respiratory therapist conferred by NBRC	No discussion of education - Only certification requirements	Licenses are renewed biennial with continuing education requirements, not to exceed 12 clock hours biennially as a condition for renewal of license. (Title 59 Section 2037, F)	Yes	Practice of Respiratory Care is defined (Title 59, Section 2027, 2)	Provisional licenses are available to a person licensed in another state OR a graduate of an approved ed program who has applied to take the examination. Licenses are issued for 6 months under the supervision of a consenting licensed RCP or physician.	OK - Certification Requirements, Temporary License OK - CE Requirements and Scope of Practice
Oregon	Oregon Health Authority	RRT	Submit satisfactory evidence of having an active credential through NBRC as RRT	Applicants for licensure must submit proof of having a HS diploma or equivalent and have completed a respiratory care education program approved by the AMA in collaboration with the Joint Review Committee for Respiratory Therapy Education or their successors	To maintain licensure, an RT must complete a minimum of 7 continuing education hours every licensure year. CE credits are no longer given for CPR, BLS, ACLS, PALS, NRP certification. At least 2.5 hours must be related to the clinical practice of respiratory care.		Respiratory care is defined (2017 ORS 688.800.5)		OR - Certification and Education Requirements OR - CE Requirements OR - Scope of Practice
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine	CRT	Has passed the entry level credentialing examination as determined by the NBRC (Subchapter F, -18.307)	Has graduated from a respiratory care program approved by the CoARC (Subchapter F, -18.307)	An applicant for biennial renewal or reactivation of licensure is required to complete a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education; at least 10 hours shall be obtained through classroom lecture, clinical presentation, or other live sessions where a presenter is involved; one hour shall be completed in medical ethics and one hour shall be completed in patient safety (Subchapter F, -18.309a)	No	Functions of respiratory therapists are defined (Subchapter F, -18.305)		PA - Certification, Education and CE Requirements, and Scope of Practice

Rhode Island	Rhode Island Department of Health	CRT or RRT	Has successfully passed the NBRC entry-level examination and holds an active certificate as a CRT or RRT by the NBRC (216-RICR-40-05-16.4.2)	No discussion of education - Only certification requirements	Applicants for biennial licensure renewal shall attest to completion of 12 hours in discipline-specific offerings. Two hours shall be in the area of ethics. No more than six hours shall be online courses (216-RICR-40-05-16.8)	Yes	Respiratory care is defined (216-RICR-40-05-16.3)	Every graduate of an approved ed program who has filed an application for licensure may upon receiving graduate permit from the Department, perform as an RCP under the supervision of a licensed RCP. Valid for 90 days. (216-RICR-40-05-16.6)	RI - Certification and CE Requirements, Scope of Practice, Temporary License
South Carolina	South Carolina Dept of Labor, Licensing and Regulation	CRT	Passed the entry level examination given by the NBRC (Title 40, Chapter 47, Article 5, 40-47-600)	No discussion of education - Only certification requirements	Must complete at least 30 hours of continuing education in the biennial renewal period	Yes	Practice of respiratory care is defined (Title 40, Chapter 47, Article 5, 40-47-510-4)	The board may issue a temporary license if all licensing requirements have been met. (Title 40, Chapter 47, Article 5, 40-47-625)	SC - Certification Requirements, Scope of Practice, Temporary License SC - CE Requirements
South Dakota	South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners	CRT or RRT	Actively certified or registered by the NBRC (Chapter 36-4C-10-2)	The SD State Board of Examiners website is under construction and limited information is available	Each therapist and assistant must complete 12 hours of approved continuing education every calendar year; at least 5 hours must pertain to the clinical practice of respiratory care or to research relating to the cardiopulmonary system, 1 hour must pertain to patient safety, 1 hour must be a course focused on ethics (Rule 1330-01-12-1a)	Yes	Respiratory care is defined (Chapter 36-4C-2)	Board may grant temporary permit to a graduate respiratory care practitioner. A temporary permit is nonrenewable and terminates 3 months from the date when the applicant becomes eligible to take the licensure exam or upon applicant's failure to pass the exam, whichever occurs first (Chapter 36-4C-8)	SD - Certification Requirements, Scope of Practice, Temporary License
Tennessee	Tennessee Department of Health		Two levels of licensure - Submit verification of passage of the advanced level practitioner exam by NBRC - RRT, Submit verification of passage of the entry level practitioner provided by NBRC - CRT (Rule 1330-01-05-2a3, 2b3)	Both RRT and CRT - Applicant shall submit proof of completion of academic and clinical preparation in a respiratory care program approved by CAAHEP in collaboration with CoARC or their successor (Rule 1330-01-05-2a1,2b1)	Each RC practitioner is required to complete 24 contact hours of approved CE every 2 years as a condition of certificate renewal; at least 12 hours must be in traditional courses, at least 2 hours must be in ethics. (Title 22, Part 9, Chapter 186, Rule -186.10a)	Yes	Practice of respiratory care is defined (Title 63, Chapter 27, 63-27-202-4)	Temporary license is available to applicants who have filed their application with the Board and whose application file includes all required documentation except proof of their examination passage. A temporary license can be issued not to exceed a cumulative period of 6 months (Rule 1330-01-14)	TN - Certification and Education, CE Requirements, Temporary License TN - Scope of Practice
Texas	Texas Medical Board		Hold a valid and current certification issued by NBRC (Title 22, Part 9, Chapter 186, Rule -186.4.4a)	An individual applying for a certificate must successfully complete an approved 4-year high school course of study or the equivalent, and successfully complete an educational program for respiratory care practitioners accredited by CoARC or other accrediting body (Title 22, Part 9, Chapter 186, Rule -186.4.4a)	Each RC practitioner is required to complete 24 contact hours of approved CE every 2 years as a condition of certificate renewal; at least 12 hours must be in traditional courses, at least 2 hours must be in ethics. (Title 22, Part 9, Chapter 186, Rule -186.10a)	No	Respiratory care is defined (Title 22, Part 9, Chapter 186, -186.2.2g)	Board shall issue temporary permit to applicant who 1) meets all qualifications and has signed an Agreed Order/Remedial Plan but is waiting for the next meeting of the Board for the Order/Plan to be approved, 2) seeks to temporarily substitute for an RCP and is licensed in another state, 3) has graduated from an accredited ed program. Temporary permit is valid for not more than 12 months and applicant must be supervised by licensed TX RCP (Title 22, Part 9, Chapter 186, -186.7)	TX - Certification, Education, CE Requirements, Scope of Practice, Temporary License
Utah	Utah Dept of Commerce - Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing	CRT or RRT	Pass an examination approved by the division. (Title 58, 58-57-4f) The approved examination is the NBRC exam for Entry Level RTs (CRT) or NBRC Registry exam for Advanced RTs (R156-57-302a)	An applicant seeking licensure shall possess a HS education or its equivalent and have completed a respiratory care practitioner educational program. (Title 58, 58-57-4d,e) A respiratory care practitioner educational program is accredited by CoARC (R156-57-302b)	Could find no CE requirements for renewal	No	Practice of respiratory care is defined (Title 58, 58-57-2.3)		UT - Certification and Education Requirements - Rules UT - Certification and Education Requirements - Laws UT - Scope of Practice
Vermont	Vermont Secretary of State - Professional Regulation		Submit official verification of NBRC certification	To be eligible for licensure as a respiratory care practitioner, an applicant shall have completed a respiratory care educational program accredited by CoARC or CAAHEP or their successor organizations (Title 26, Chapter 091 -4701.10, -4707.1)	Licenses shall be renewed every two years provided the person completes at least 12 hours of CE requirements (Title 26, Chapter 091 -473)	No	Practice and Performance of respiratory care is defined (Title 26, Chapter 091 -4701.7)	A temporary license without examination may be issued to a person who applies for the first time and meets all other qualifications. License may only be issued to allow qualified applicant to practice until applicant takes examination. Duration of license is a fixed period of time to be determined by Director and shall not be renewed. (Title 26, Chapter 091, -4710.)	VT - Certification Requirements VT - Education and CE Requirements, Scope of Practice, Temporary License
Virginia	Virginia Department of Health Professions	CRT	Submit evidence that the applicant has passed the NBRC entry level examination (18 VAC 85-40-50)	An applicant for licensure shall be a graduate of an accredited educational program for respiratory therapists (18 VAC 85-40-45)	In order to renew an active license, a licensee shall attest having completed 20 hours of continuing education within the last biennium (18 VAC 85-40-66)	No	Scope of Practice is defined (18 VAC 85-40-70)	An RT who held a license that has expired or become inactive may be issued a restricted volunteer license to practice w/o compensation. (18 VAC 85-40-67)	VA - Certification, Education, CE Requirements, Scope of Practice, Temporary License
Washington	Washington State Department of Health	CRT	Taken and passed the NBRC entry level examination (WAC 246-928-540)	An applicant must be a graduate of a two-year respiratory therapy educational program accredited by CoARC or CAAHEP (WAC 246-928-520)	All licensed practitioners shall acquire 30 credit hours of continuing education every two years. A minimum of 10 credit hours must be earned in courses approved by the AARC. (WAC 246-928-442)	No	Scope of Practice is defined (RCW 18.89.040)	An individual who has completed an approved ed program is eligible for temporary practice. Individual must submit application and sit for the examination within 90 days of graduation and be under the supervision of a licensed RCP. (WAC-246-928-530)	WA - Certification Requirements WA - Education Requirements WA - CE Requirements WA - Scope of Practice WA - Temporary License
West Virginia	West Virginia Board of Respiratory Care		Passed a certification or registration examination (Article 34 -30-34-8a2)	Has completed an approved respiratory care educational program (Article 34 -30-34-8a1)	A licensee shall accrue a minimum of 20 continuing education units every two years. (Article 34 -30-34-3.1)	No	Practice of respiratory care is defined (Article 34 -30-34-2d)	Board may issue a temporary permit for a period of 6 months to an applicant who is currently practicing in another state/territory/county and is completing requirements for licensure in this state. (Article 34 -30-1-3)	WV - Certification, Education, and CE Requirements, Scope of Practice, Temporary License
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services	CRT	Pass the NBRC CRT examination (Med 20.04.1)	An applicant must submit satisfactory evidence that the applicant is a graduate of a school with a course of instruction in respiratory care approved by CAAHEP (Med 20.03.1f)	Could find no CE requirements for renewal	No	Respiratory care is defined (448.015.2)	Applicant certified to practice in another state may apply to the board for a temporary certificate for a period not to exceed 3 months and cannot be renewed (Med 20.055)	WI - Certification, Education Requirements, Temporary License WI - Scope of Practice
Wyoming	Wyoming State Board for Respiratory Care	CRT or RRT	Have passed the CRT or RRT exam administered by the NBRC (Chapter 3 Section 1.e)	Have graduated from high school or have completed an equivalent education and have successfully completed a respiratory care educational program from an accredited program sponsored by CAAHEP in collaboration with CoARC or their predecessor or successor organizations (Chapter 1 Section 6a, Chapter 3, Section 1.d)	A licensee shall earn a minimum of 8 hours of continuing education every year, with no more than 4 hours of training in ACLS, PALS, NRP or any combination thereof (Chapter 5, Section 1b)	No	Scope of Practice is defined (Chapter 6, Section 1)	Board may issue a temporary permit to applicant currently licensed in another jurisdiction or the applicant meets licensure requirements, is currently enrolled in an approved ed program and is expected to graduate within 30 days of application. Permit is valid for 6 months and may be renewed only once for an additional six months. Temporary permit shall be revoked upon notification that student has failed to successfully complete ed program. (Chapter 3, Section 3)	WY - Education Requirement WY - Certification Requirement and Temporary License WY - CE Requirements WY - Scope of Practice