Through a partnership with the American Society of Radiologic Technologist (ASRT), the American Association of Physician Associates (AAPA) established a Fluoroscopy Online Test Preparatory Course, a comprehensive educational program designed to prepare PAs and NPs for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT) Fluoroscopy exam. This course requires completion of online readings, modules, and post-tests as well as completion of clinical training. It is designed to satisfy up to 40 hours of didactic content, as required by ARRT. You will also be responsible for completing the 40 hours of clinical training requirement prior to taking the ARRT exam.

Therefore, and effective immediately, **Physician Assistants (PAs), Nurse Practitioners (NPs) and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs)** may be certified as a limited radiographer fluoroscopy by SCRQSA subject to the approved criteria and may perform fluoroscopy only under the direction and supervision of a licensed practitioner and as prescribed by a licensed practitioner. (See S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-64 § 4.2.2.3) and in accordance with all applicable regulations.

The pathway and criteria outlined herein will be published on the SCRQSA website and made available to stakeholder organizations.

Permanent Limited Practice Radiographer-Fluoroscopy certificate holders must submit a renewal application to SCRQSA every 2 years, confirming completion of a minimum of 8 CE hours for the renewal cycle, which must include 2 hours related to the clinical use of fluoroscopy and 2 hours related to radiation use and safety.

### Grace Period (Grandfather)

| Applicants who were licensed as a NP or PA or CRNAs in South Carolina before September 1, 2023 and who are currently performing fluoroscopic procedures will be granted a grace period of **one year** to become fully certified. |

### Temporary Certification

| Applicants who are licensed as a NP or PA or CRNAs in South Carolina after September 1, 2023 may perform fluoroscopy for **one year** after they have completed the AAPA’s 40-hour didactic training course and prepare to take the exam. |

### ARRT Fluoroscopy Exam

1. Applicant submits an ARRT Exam Application & fee to SCRQSA
2. Once processed by SCRQSA, the ARRT will send instructions directly to the applicant in the mail. Testing sites are available

### Permanent Certification

| Applicant submits the following to SCRQSA: |

1. Permanent Fluoroscopy Certification application & fee |
2. Proof of successful completion of... |

These applicants must submit the following to SCRQSA by March 30, 2024:

1. Temporary Fluoroscopy Certification application & fee to SCRQSA
2. Proof of training or equivalent experience within one year, and
3. Pass the state’s ARRT fluoroscopy exam by September 30, 2024.

These applicants must submit the following to SCRQSA:

1. Temporary Fluoroscopy Certification application & fee to SCRQSA
2. Proof of successful completion of the didactic portion of the AAPA Fluoroscopy Course & 40-hours of clinical training
3. The applicant will have up to 90 days to take and pass the exam.
4. The applicant will have 3 attempts and no more than 2 years to successfully pass the exam.

Pass the state’s ARRT fluoroscopy exam

Effective August 19, 2023  Modified February 24, 2024