

Department of Health

The Respiratory Therapy Licensure Process, Minus the Pitfalls



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Application Process (Board Role)

To assist you in obtaining a Florida Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) or Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) license, the following steps are required(Completing these steps in the order listed will facilitate licensure):

- ❖ Request verification of your National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC) credential to be sent to the Board office.
- ❖ Request verifications for each state license held to be sent to the Board office;
- ❖ Complete the licensure application online at: www.flhealthsource.gov.



Credentialing Process (NBRC Role)

The National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC) is the entity that provides the credentialing examination. You must contact NBRC (www.NBRC.org) to:

- ❖ Request to sit for an examination.
- ❖ Request verification of your credential(s); and
- ❖ Renew your credential, if expired. **You must Hold an active credential to be licensed.**



Helpful information

- ❖ The NBRC credential renewal and Florida license renewal are two separate processes.
- ❖ An applicant will not be licensed until the Board office receives their NBRC credential.
- ❖ It is the applicant's responsibility to contact NBRC and request a verification of their credential to be submitted to the Board office.
- ❖ It is best practice to request your verification before submitting your licensure application.



Continuing Education Process (CE Broker)

CE Broker is the official continuing education tracking system of the Florida Department of Health.

All licensees must ensure their continuing education credits are submitted to CE Broker.

A licensee will be unable to renew their license unless all required CEs are submitted to their CE Broker transcript.



Other Key Information

Renewals:

All licensees are required to complete 24 hours of continuing education, including two (2) hours of medical errors and two (2) hours on the Florida Laws and Rules and three (3) hours on HIV/AIDS course. *(For the 3-hour HIV/AIDS course, this is a first renewal only requirement)*

Live courses- though not mandatory- are accepted, available, and unlimited.



Florida Laws and Rules

All licensees are responsible for knowing the laws and rules of respiratory care.

For a copy of the Florida Laws please visit:

<https://floridasrespiratorycare.gov/resources/>



Other Key Information Continued...

Florida License Verifications:

Florida license verifications are completed through Medical Quality Assurance licensure services unit, not the Board office.

You may request a verification of your Florida license by visiting:

www.flhealthsource.gov



The Board of Respiratory Care

The Board licenses and regulates Registered Respiratory Therapists and Certified Respiratory Therapists in Florida.

Visit our website to learn more!

<https://floridasrespiratorycare.gov/>

The Florida Board of Respiratory Care and the NBRC are separate entities, each with different roles. The Board, not NBRC, is the entity responsible for licensure and regulation of respiratory therapists in Florida.

