

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Respiratory Care

(Amendment)

201 KAR 29:010. Activities under limited mandatory certification.

RELATES TO: KRS 314A.110, 314A.112

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 314A.112, 314A.205(3)

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: This is to certify that this administrative regulation complies with the requirements of 2025 RS HB 6, Section 8, because the amendments to this administrative regulation will not have a major economic impact.

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 314A.205 requires the board to evaluate the qualification of candidates for mandatory certification and to establish guidelines to make evaluations. This administrative regulation lists the qualifications for limited mandatory certification and clarifies requirements as well as the types of activities which are permissible by persons holding limited mandatory certification.

Section 1. To be eligible for limited mandatory certification as a respiratory care practitioner, the applicant shall:

- (1) Be actively enrolled in an accredited program as defined by KRS 314A.010(5);
- (2) Have documented competency in a minimum of six (6) of the following areas as it relates to KRS 314A.010(8):
 - (a) Oxygen therapy;
 - (b) Assessment of patients cardiopulmonary status;
 - (c) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
 - (d) Ethics of respiratory care and medical care;
 - (e) Humidity therapy;
 - (f) Aerosol therapy;
 - (g) Airway clearance techniques;
 - (h) Chest physiotherapy;
 - (i) Gas therapy; and
 - (j) Arterial puncture; and
- (3) Submit documentation of authorization of employment on the Application for Limited Mandatory Certificate by the director of the applicant's educational program and also by the appropriate supervisory personnel in the health care facilities in which the applicant intends to practice respiratory care.

Section 2. Upon completion of the accredited program, the holder of a limited mandatory certificate shall apply for a temporary mandatory certificate or a mandatory certificate by completing the Application for Mandatory Certification as a Respiratory Care Practitioner.

Section 3. As used in KRS 314A.110(3), "Continuous mechanical ventilatory support" means the establishment, management, or termination of mechanical ventilation, and "physiological ventilatory support" means bringing fresh air for gas exchange into the lungs and to allow for the exhalation of air that contains carbon dioxide. A person holding a limited mandatory certificate shall be prohibited from performing these functions, as well as blood gas analysis. Persons holding a limited mandatory certificate may perform any other respiratory care procedure or function for which they have received training, if they are done under the supervision of an individual holding mandatory certification by this board.

Section 4. A person shall not practice under a limited mandatory certificate if they have been previously approved by the board for a temporary certificate.

Section 5. Incorporation by Reference.

(1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

(a) "Application for Limited Mandatory Certificate", 4/17/2025; and

(b) "Application for Mandatory Certification as a Respiratory Care Practitioner", 4/17/2025.

(2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the Kentucky Board of Respiratory Care, 1714 Perryville Road, Suite 200, Danville, Kentucky 40422, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST. This material is also available at <https://kbrc.ky.gov/Pages/Applications-and-Forms.aspx#apps>. (201 KAR 029:010. 17 Ky.R. 2918; eff. 4-11-91; 27 Ky.R. 3130; 28 Ky.R. 68; eff. 7-16-2001; 29 Ky.R. 509; eff. 10-16-2002; 32 Ky.R. 2326; eff. 9-1-06; TAm 8-2-2013; Crt eff. 12-6-2019; 52 Ky.R. 461; eff. 1-22-2026.)

MARLENE MCKINLEY, RRT, Board Chair

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PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on October 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Kentucky Board of Respiratory Care, 1712 Perryville Rd, Suite 200, Danville, Kentucky 40422. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by October 21, 2025, five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through October 31, 2025. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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