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Regulation of the

**Department of Public Health**

Concerning

**Continuing Education for Electrologists**

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**May 12, 2025**

Approved by the Attorney General on

**March 17, 2025**

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**April 22, 2025**

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**May 5, 2025**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES**  
This form should be used only for regulations first noticed *on and after March 23, 2015*.

## Electronic Copy Certification Statement

*(Submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 4-172 of the Connecticut General Statutes)*

Regulation of the  
**Department of Public Health**  
Concerning  
**Continuing Education for Electrologists**


Approved by the Legislative Regulation Review Committee: **April 22, 2025**

eRegulations System Tracking Number: **PR2021-035**

**I hereby certify** that the electronic copy of the above-referenced regulation submitted herewith to the Secretary of the State is a true and accurate copy of the regulation approved in accordance with sections 4-169 and 4-170 of the *Connecticut General Statutes*.

**And I further certify** that in accordance with the approval of Legislative Regulation Review Committee, all required technical corrections, page substitutions and deletions, if any, have been incorporated into said regulation.

**In testimony whereof**, I have hereunto  
set my hand on **May 5, 2025**.



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Manisha Juthani, MD  
Commissioner  
Department of Public Health

State of Connecticut  
Regulation of  
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Continuing Education for Electrologists

Sections 20-275b-1 to 20-275b-7, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 20-275b-1. Definitions**

For the purposes of sections 20-275b-1 to 20-275b-7, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:

(1) "Active practice" means the treatment in Connecticut of one or more patients by a licensee during any given [registration] licensure period;

(2) "Certificate of completion" means a document issued to a participant by a provider which certifies that the participant has successfully completed a continuing education activity;

(3) "Contact hour" means a minimum of fifty minutes of continuing education activity, unless otherwise specified in [these regulations] sections 20-275b-1 to 20-275b-7, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(4) "Department" means the Department of Public Health;

[(5) "Face-to-face instruction" means in-person, live instruction which a participant physically attends, either individually or as a part of a group of participants;]

[(6) "Home study program" means continuing education activities, clearly related to maintaining skills necessary for the safe and competent practice of electrology that require the successful completion of a proficiency examination and are sponsored, endorsed or approved by the American Electrology Association or its affiliates;]

[(7)] (5) "Licensee" means an electrologist licensed pursuant to section 20-270 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

[(8)] (6) "License renewal due date" means the last day of the month of the licensee's date of birth;

[(9)] (7) "Participant" means a licensee who successfully completes a continuing education activity;

[(10)] (8) "Provider" means the individual educator or sponsoring organization conducting a continuing education activity; and

[(11)] (9) "[Registration] Licensure period" means the [one-year] two-year period for which a license has been renewed in accordance with section 19a-88 of the Connecticut General Statutes and is current and valid.

**Sec. 20-275b-2. Number of contact hours required**

(a) Each licensee applying for license renewal shall have completed a minimum of ten contact hours of qualifying continuing education during the preceding [registration] licensure period, at least two of which shall be in infection control, blood borne diseases, universal precautions or sanitation and sterilization, or any combination thereof.

(b) Continuing education contact hours completed in one [registration] licensure period shall not carry over to a subsequent [registration] licensure period.

(c) Each licensee applying for license renewal shall sign a statement attesting that the licensee satisfies the continuing education requirements specified in section 20-275b-1 to section 20-275b-7, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

### **Sec. 20-275b-3. Basic requirements for qualifying continuing education activities**

(a) [Qualifying continuing education activities are the following] The following activities qualify for continuing education contact hours:

(1) [courses] Courses offered or approved by the American Electrology Association or its affiliates;

(2) [hospital] Hospital or medical school sponsored educational offerings, provided the coursework [is related to] covers health [issues of practitioners] topics relevant to the practice of electrology;

(3) [post-graduate] Post-graduate coursework offered at electrology schools approved in accordance with section 20-269 of the Connecticut General Statutes [of Connecticut] for the purposes of licensure, either audited or [by credit] credit-bearing;

(4) [credit-bearing] Credit-bearing college courses and other post-graduate classes for continuing education credit offered at a regionally accredited academic institution, provided the coursework is [clearly] related to electrology theory, technical and clinical aspects of electrolysis, electrology research, ethical or legal aspects of practicing electrolysis or [health issues of electrologists] health topics relevant to the practice of electrology;

(5) A cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course given by [an] the American Heart Association, [or] the American Red Cross, [qualified instructor] the American Safety and Health Institute or an organization using guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiovascular care published by the American Heart Association and the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation;

(6) [presentation] A presentation by a licensee of an original paper, essay or formal lecture in electrology; or

(7) [original] An original paper published by a licensee in a professional journal.

(b) Continuing education activities shall meet the following requirements:

(1) [the activity involves face-to-face instruction or a home study program;] Continuing education activities may include courses or activities that are conducted online;

(2) [the] The provider [implements] shall implement a mechanism to monitor and document [physical] attendance [at such instruction or to verify licensee] and completion [in the case of a home study program] of the qualifying continuing education activities;

(3) [the] The provider [retains written] shall retain records of qualifying continuing education activities for a period of three years from the participant's [actual] successful completion of the activity, including but not limited to: content description; instructor; date of activity; location of activity; list of participants; participant's evaluation of instruction presented; and number of contact hours; and

(4) [the] The provider [issues] shall issue a certificate of completion after the participant's successful completion of the activity. Such certificate shall include the participant's name, the provider's name, the title or subject area of the activity, the date and location of attendance and the number of contact hours completed.

(c) Subject matter for qualifying continuing education activities shall reflect the scope of practice authorized under Chapter 388 of the Connecticut General Statutes, or as otherwise specified in these regulations.

(d) Activities which do not qualify for award of contact hours include: professional organizational business meetings; speeches delivered at luncheons or banquets; reading of books, articles, or professional journals; or correspondence courses and other mechanisms of self instruction[, except when used as a component of a home study program; and audio-visual materials, except when audio-visual materials are used as a component of a qualifying continuing education activity identified in subsections (a) and (b) of this section].

#### **Sec. 20-275b-4. Award of contact hours**

(a) Continuing education contact hours shall be awarded as follows:

(1) Courses, institutes, seminars, programs, clinics, conferences and teleconferences: one contact hour for each hour of attendance;

(2) [first] First presentation by licensee of an original paper, essay or formal lecture in electrology to a recognized group of fellow professionals at a scientific meeting: five contact hours;

(3) [original] Original paper published by licensee in a professional journal that accepts papers only on the basis of independent review by experts: six contact hours for the first publication of the material; and

(4) [post-graduate] Post-graduate coursework shall be credited at one contact hour for each hour of attendance. Audited courses shall have hours of attendance documented.

(b) Eight contact hours shall be the maximum continuing education hours granted for any one day's participation in the activities specified in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Successful completion of a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course given by [an] the American Heart Association, [or] the American Red Cross, [qualified instructor] the American Safety and Health Institute or an organization using guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiovascular care published by the American Heart Association and the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation shall be credited at a maximum of [three] four contact hours per [registration] licensure period.

(d) The licensee shall successfully complete a continuing education activity for award of any continuing education contact hours.

**Sec. 20-275b-5. Record retention by licensees**

(a) Each licensee shall obtain a certificate of completion from the provider of continuing education activities. Certificates of completion shall be retained by the licensee for a minimum of three years following the license renewal due date for which the activity satisfies license renewal requirements.

(b) The department may inspect such licensee records as it deems necessary. Certificates of completion shall be submitted by the licensee to the department only upon the department's request. The licensee shall submit such records to the department within [45] thirty days of the department's request.

(c) A licensee who fails to comply with the continuing education requirements of sections 20-275b-1 to 20-275b-7, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies may be subject to disciplinary action, pursuant to section 20-271 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**Sec. 20-275b-6. Exemptions from and waiver of the continuing education requirements**

(a) A waiver of the continuing education requirements may be extended to a licensee who is not engaged in active practice during a given [registration] licensure period provided the licensee submits, prior to the expiration of the [registration] licensure period, a notarized application on a form provided by the department. The application shall contain a statement that the licensee shall not engage in active practice until the licensee has shown proof of completion of the requirements specified in sections 20-275b-1 to 20-275b-7, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) The department may, in individual cases involving a medical disability or illness, grant waivers of the minimum continuing education requirements or extensions of time within which to fulfill the requirements. The application for waiver or time extension shall be accompanied by a verifying document signed by a licensed physician. Waivers of the minimum continuing education requirements or extensions of time may be granted by the department for a period not to exceed one (1) calendar year. If the medical disability or illness, upon which a waiver or time extension has been granted continues beyond the period of the waiver or extension, the licensee shall reapply for the waiver or extension.

(c) A licensee whose license is due to expire within twelve months of the effective date of sections 20-275b-1 to 20-275b-7, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, shall be exempt from continuing education requirements until such licensee's next [registration] licensure period.

(d) A licensee applying for license renewal for the first time is exempt from continuing education requirements.

**Sec. 20-275b-7. Requirements for return to active practice following waiver of the continuing education requirements**

A licensee who has received a waiver, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 20-275b-6 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, shall submit to the department evidence of successful completion of four contact hours of continuing education prior to returning to active practice,

which shall be applied to the [registration] licensure period during which the licensee was exempt from such continuing education requirements.

### **Statutory Authority**

The statutory authority for the proposed amendments is Section 20-275 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

### **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to update and clarify the continuing education requirements for electrologists licensed under Chapter 388. The proposed amendments remove inapplicable definitions and clarify that a minimum of fifty minutes is required for each qualifying contact hour of continuing education activities, and update Sec. 20-275b-3 to allow for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) courses from a range of qualified organizations, and states that qualifying activities may include online offerings. The proposed amendments to Sec. 20-275b-4 to allow up to four hours of qualifying CPR courses to be credited for continuing education requirements, to reflect current practices. The proposed amendments to Sec. 20-275-5 require a licensee to submit records to the department within thirty days of the department's request. Sections 20-275b-6 and 20-275b-7 are amended for technical corrections to replace "registration" period with "licensure" period.

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This form is to be used for proposed permanent and technical amendment regulations only and must be completed in full.

**AGENCY CERTIFICATION****Department of Public Health**

Proposed Regulation Concerning

**Continuing Education for Electrologists**

eRegulations System Tracking Number PR2021-035

**I hereby certify the following:**

(1) The above-referenced **regulation** is proposed pursuant to the following statutory authority or authorities: **Section 20-275 of the Connecticut General Statutes.**

*For technical amendment regulations proposed without a comment period, complete #2 below, then skip to #8.*

(2) As permitted by Section 4-168(h) of the *Connecticut General Statutes*, the agency elected to proceed without prior notice or hearing and posted the text of the proposed technical amendment regulation on eRegulations System website on \_\_\_\_\_.

*For all other non-emergency proposed regulations, complete #3 - #7 below, then complete #8)*

(3) The agency posted notice of intent with a specified comment period of not less than 30 days to the eRegulations System website on **July 24, 2024.**

(4) *(Complete one)*  No public hearing held or was required to be held. **OR**  One or more public hearings were held on:

(5) The agency posted notice of decision to move forward with the proposed regulation to the eRegulations System website on **October 8, 2024.**

(6) *(Complete one)*  No comments were received. **OR**  Comments were received and the agency posted the statements specified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of CGS Section 4-168(e) to the eRegulations System website on \_\_\_\_\_.

(7) The final wording of the proposed regulation was posted to the eRegulations System website on **March 3, 2025.**

(8) Subsequent to approval for legal sufficiency by the Attorney General and approval by the Legislative Regulation Review Committee, **the final regulation shall be effective**

*(Check one and complete as applicable)*

When posted to the eRegulations System website by the Secretary of the State.

**OR**  On \_\_\_\_\_

*(Date must be a specific calendar date not less than 11 days after submission to the Secretary of the State)*


**SIGNED**

*(Head of Board, Agency or Commission,  
or duly authorized deputy)*

**Commissioner**

OFFICIAL TITLE

**March 3, 2025**

DATE

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
REGULATION CERTIFICATION**

**Agency: Department of Public Health**

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***REGULATION NUMBER: PR2021-035***

**This Regulation is hereby APPROVED by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-169.**

**DATE: 3/17/2025**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

  
**Sean Kehoe**

***Associate Attorney General***

***Chief of the Division of Government Affairs***

***Duly Authorized***

# The Connecticut General Assembly

## Legislative Regulation Review Committee

Senator Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox  
Senate Chair



Representative Christie Carpino  
House Chair

### Official Record of Committee Action

April 22, 2025

Agency: Department of Public Health  
Description: Continuing Education for Electrologists  
LRRC Regulation Number: 2025-001A  
eRegulation Tracking Number: PR2021-035

The above-referenced regulation has been

### Approved with Technical Corrections

by the Legislative Regulation Review Committee in accordance  
with CGS Section 4-170.

Catherine M. Thomas  
Committee Administrator



State of Connecticut  
Office of the Secretary of the State

## Confirmation of Electronic Submission

Re: Regulation of the Department of Public Health concerning Continuing Education for Electrologists  
eRegulations System Tracking Number PR2021-035  
Legislative Regulation Review Committee Docket Number 2025-001A

The above-referenced regulation was electronically submitted to the Office of the Secretary of the State in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-172 on May 5, 2025.

Said regulation is assigned Secretary of the State File Number 6442.

The effective date of this regulation is May 12, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Thomas".

Stephanie Thomas  
Secretary of the State  
May 12, 2025

By:

/s/ Christopher R. Drake  
Christopher R. Drake  
Director, Business Services  
Division