

Medical Radiation Technologist (MRT)

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Medical Radiation Technologists (MRTs) work in health-care facilities, including hospitals, clinics and cancer centres. There are four specialties within the profession: radiography, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy and magnetic resonance.

In New Brunswick, medical radiation technology is a regulated profession. You must complete all requirements of the foreign qualification recognition process to work as a MRT and you must be registered with both the New Brunswick Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (NBAMRT) and the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT).

To practise in New Brunswick, you must undergo an assessment of your education credentials, language fluency and work experience by CAMRT. Following this, you must apply to write the national certification exam. After you have passed this exam, you may apply to the NBAMRT for full membership.

Founded in 1942, the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists is the national assessment and certifying body for most MRTs in Canada. Currently, there are 12,000 registered members of CAMRT.

Foreign qualification recognition is the process of verifying that the knowledge, skills, work experience and education obtained in another country are comparable to the standards established for Canadian professionals and tradespersons.

As key members of the health-care team, MRTs gather critical information for diagnosis and treatment; and serve as advisors to radiologists, radiation oncologists and other health-care providers. They also serve as educators, technical and therapy specialists, and interdisciplinary consultants.

How do I get my credentials recognized?

Step One: Credential Assessment

You may start your application abroad; however, you must write the certification exam in Canada.

Although NBAMRT is the regulatory body in the province, the foreign qualification recognition process is conducted by CAMRT. For more information on qualification assessment, visit www.camrt.ca.

Step Two: Language Fluency

In order to practise as a medical radiation technologist in New Brunswick, you must demonstrate proficiency in one of the two official languages, English or French. The following tests, with passing marks, are accepted.

For written fluency:

- Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (iBT). Passing mark: 73;
- Paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Passing mark: 500;
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) General Training (GT). Passing mark: 6;
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic (AC). Passing mark: 6; and,
- Michener English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB). Passing mark: 7 (writing), 8 (reading), and 8 (listening).

For spoken fluency:

- Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (iBT). Passing mark: 21;
- Test of Spoken English (TSE). Passing mark: 40;
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic (AC). Passing mark: 6;
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) General Training (GT). Passing mark: 6; and,
- Michener English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB). Passing mark: 8.

Step Three: Work Experience

CAMRT evaluates your previous work experience which must be within the past five years in the discipline in which you are applying:

- magnetic resonance
- nuclear medicine
- radiation therapy
- radiological technology

You must also submit a letter confirming your employment from your most recent or current employer. This letter must be written on the letterhead used by the institution and must confirm your last date of employment, number of practice hours and a reference regarding your work as a medical radiation technologist.

Step Four: Professional Certification Exam

CAMRT develops and administers national certification exams for the disciplines of magnetic resonance, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy and radiological technology.

To be eligible to write the CAMRT national certification exam on the date of your choice, you must submit your application at least six months before the initial deadline.

If you are eligible to write the exam, you must apply and pay the appropriate fees. Eligible candidates are permitted four attempts to successfully complete the exam within a five-year period.

The exam is offered three times a year at locations across Canada.

You do not have to live in Canada to take the exam, but you must come to Canada to write it.

After you have passed the exam, you receive a CAMRT certificate. There are four professional designations for a certified technologist:

- Registered Radiography Technologist (RRT);
- Registered Radiation Therapist (RRT);
- Registered Magnetic Resonance Technologist (RTMR); and,
- Registered Nuclear Medicine Technologist (RTNM).

Once you have received a CAMRT professional designation, you will need to contact NBAMRT to register.

There are many resources available to help you find employment in New Brunswick, including immigrant-serving agencies and job banks. Visit www.gnb.ca/immigration.

Finding a job in New Brunswick

There is a need for MRTs in various communities across the province and in both official languages.

You should take time to research job requirements and develop a plan for finding work. There are many resources that you can access before coming to New Brunswick and after you arrive.

Additional resources

Horizon Health Network
www.horizonnb.ca

Vitalité Health Network
www.santevitalitehealth.ca

New Brunswick Immigration Portal
www.gnb.ca/immigration

Citizenship and Immigration Canada
www.cic.gc.ca

Service Canada
www.servicecanada.gc.ca

Foreign Credentials Referral Office
www.credentials.gc.ca

Service New Brunswick www.snb.ca

NB Jobs www.nbjobs.ca

Working in New Brunswick Tool
www.gnb.ca/immigration

IEHP Atlantic Connection
www.atlanticcanadahealthcare.ca

Before you arrive

While you are waiting to come to New Brunswick, there are many important things you can do to improve your chances of success. You can find valuable information on the CAMRT website (www.camrt.ca). You can learn about documents that you will be required to submit for accreditation and confirm that you have collected all required documentation before moving to Canada.

The Foreign Credentials Referral Office (www.credentials.gc.ca) is an organization of the Government of Canada that provides helpful resources. The Government of New Brunswick also has specially designed tools to help you make Canada your home. Visit www.gnb.ca/immigration.

New Brunswick is a bilingual province. You might need to prove, or be tested on, your language skills in English or French. You can find information at www.language.ca. If you need to improve your language skills, start before you come to Canada.