



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
Bureau for Public Health
Office of Laboratory Services

Licensure Law and Penalty Fee Changes Effective June 1, 2017

July 1, 2017

Clinical Laboratory Practitioner Licensee and/or Laboratory Site Contact,

Amendments to the *Clinical Laboratory Technician and Scientists Licensure and Certification* Rule, 64CSR57, were approved by West Virginia Legislature and became effective as of June 1, 2017. These changes include:

1. The Medical Technologist (CLP-MT) license will now be called a Medical Laboratory Scientist (CLP-MLS) license. This change was made in order to remain current with the terminology used by the industry. (Licenses will be updated from MT to MLS as they renew their licensure.)
2. In order to qualify for a CLP-MLS license you must meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. Earned a bachelor's degree in medical technology/medical laboratory science **and** have passed a national certification exam (listed in subsection 2.1 of the rule).
 - b. Have earned a bachelor's degree in a chemical, physical or biological science **other than** medical technology/medical laboratory science **and** have at least one year of pertinent full-time experience or training.
 - c. Passed the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) exam between March 1, 1986 and December 31, 1987.
 - d. Be qualified under 42CFR493.1489(b)(5)(i) and performing high complexity testing before April 24, 1995.
 - e. Be licensed as a CLP-MT before the effective date of June 1, 2017 and have met all applicable requirements of rule sections 5.1.a through 5.1.d.
3. In order to qualify for a Medical Technician (CLP-MLT) license you must meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. Earned an associate degree in medical technology/medical laboratory science **and** have passed a national certification exam (listed in subsection 2.1 of the rule).
 - b. Have earned an associate's degree in a chemical, physical or biological science **other than** medical technology/medical laboratory science **and** have at least one year of pertinent full-time experience or training.
 - c. Have successfully completed 60 semester hours of academic credit including either 24 semester hours in medical laboratory science courses or 6 semester hours in

chemistry, 6 semester hours in biology and 12 semester hours in biology chemistry, or medical laboratory science in any combination plus 1 year of pertinent experience.

- d. On or before April 24, 1995 be a high school graduate and have either:
 - i. Graduated from an approved medical laboratory or clinical laboratory training program or
 - ii. Successfully completed an official US military medical laboratory course of at least 50 weeks and have held the enlisted occupational specialty of Medical Laboratory Specialist (Laboratory Technician).
 - e. On or before July 7, 1998, was performing, at least, moderate complexity tasks in a clinical laboratory.
 - f. Be licensed as a CLP-MLT before the effective date of June 1, 2017 and have met all applicable requirements of rule sections 5.1.a through 5.1.d.
4. The penalty fee for a non-licensed person found, during a CLIA survey, to be performing testing has been increased to \$100 per incident.

Licenses are responsible for completing and submitting their personnel licensure renewals to the Office of Laboratory Services licensure section **before** the due date. Submitting licensure renewals early will ensure that no additional penalty fees are applied and will prevent a lapse in licensure coverage. **If the CLP license is allowed to expire, you can no longer legally perform moderate or high complexity clinical testing until your license is renewed by this office.** In order to encourage compliance, the licensure, special handling and penalty fees are listed below. **These fees are cumulative and licensure renewals will not be processed until all fees are paid.** (Example: Expired license with same day processing = \$25 license fee + \$10 late fee + \$20 lapsed license fee + \$ 35 same day fee = Total Due \$90)

LICENSURE FEE	
Trainee License	No charge
Initial License/Renewal License	\$25
PENALTY FEES	
Late Fee – Renewal Post Marked After Due Date	\$10
Replacement License	\$20
Reinstatement of Lapsed License	\$20
Same Day (within 24 hours) License Processing and Issuance	\$35
Non-licensed or Lapsed License Testing Personnel Found During Inspection	\$100
SPECIAL HANDLING	
Issuing Official Licensure Source Verification	\$10
Practitioner License(s) Mailed to Laboratory Management in Lieu of the Licensee Home Address (charge per license)	\$10

If you have any questions, contact the Licensure Section at (304) 558-3530 ext. 2105 or 2106.

Thank you.