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## PROCESS TO OBTAIN A LIMITED FLUOROSCOPY PERMIT

1. *Oregon licensed physician assistant* completes in the AAPA/ASRT Fluoroscopy Educational Framework; the document is available at <https://www.aapa.org/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=2121>. Registration is through the AAPA: <https://www.aapa.org/threeColumnLanding.aspx?id=1585>.
2. PA passes the post-test for the fluoroscopy framework and is issued a certificate.
3. PA completes the clinical portion of the AAPA/ASRT framework, with clinical experience provided with *personal (in the room) supervision by either the PA's supervising physician, a licensed radiologic technologist, licensed radiologist or medical physicist*. Among the procedures completed, please make sure to include demonstration of the following:
  1. Patient dose reduction
  2. Occupational dose reduction
  3. Image recording
  4. Quality control of fluoroscopic equipment
4. PA applies to OBMI to take the ARRT fluoroscopy examination. The application must include:
  - a. Completed OBMI examination application form;
  - b. The certificate indicating successful passage of the AAPA/ASRT Fluoroscopy Educational Framework post-test;
  - c. Documentation of completion of the 40-hour clinical component of the Fluoroscopy Educational Framework, including:
    - i. Fluoroscopic Device Orientation Check-off; and
    - ii. Clinical Experience Documentation form, documenting all procedures completed during the clinical component.
  - d. Copy of current PA license issued by the Oregon Medical Board;
  - e. Nonrefundable exam fee -- \$195, by check or money order, payable to O.B.M.I.
5. Within a week or two after submitting an exam application with OBMI, the exam applicant will receive communication directly from ARRT, which will assign the applicant a 90-day examination window. The ARRT will also provide an examination handbook, explanation of the exam scheduling process, and the exam content specifications. (ARRT contracts with Pearson Vue to administer the computer-based exam at various sites.) If the applicant does not sit for the exam within this assigned 90-day window, the applicant will need to reapply to OBMI to take the exam, and pay the fee again.
6. OBMI's rules specify that the PA applicant has one year from the date on the fluoroscopy post-test completion certificate to pass the ARRT fluoroscopy examination. During the one-year period, the PA may take the exam no more than three times. After one year expires, or after failing to pass the ARRT exam three times, the PA would need to complete the entire AAPA/ASRT educational course again, before reapplying to take the ARRT exam.
7. After passing the ARRT exam, to obtain a fluoroscopy permit, a person must submit a completed OBMI fluoroscopy permit application, including:
  - a. Nonrefundable permit fee, by check or money order made out to O.B.M.I. To calculate initial permit fee, use OBMI's online fee calculator on the OBMI home page ([www.oregon.gov/obmi](http://www.oregon.gov/obmi)), or call OBMI.
  - b. Verification of current PA licensure in good standing from the Oregon Medical Board website.
  - c. Copy of active practice agreement signed by PA applicant's supervising physician.
  - d. Documentation of any past criminal history or license violations. A criminal background check will be performed upon initial permit application and application for renewal.
8. With an active permit, a physician assistant may perform fluoroscopy while the supervising physician is in the room, or else while a licensed radiographer is in the room and the PA's supervising physician is in the building.
9. Annual continuing education requirements for renewal – Four hours of OBMI-recognized CE credits *each year*, with two hours related to the clinical use of fluoroscopy and two hours related to radiation use and safety.