

Board Certification for Radiation Safety Officers

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Current 10 CFR 35.900

RSO must be:

(a) certified by a board from list

OR

(b) training requirements

AND

**one year experience under
supervision of RSO**

New 10 CFR 35.50

RSO must be

**(a) certified by a specialty board
that includes (b) & (c)**

OR

(B) training requirements

AND

(C) preceptorship

Unintended Consequences

- **Increased burden on NRC staff**
- **Marginalize board certification**
- **Undermine effective industry standard**

Remedies

- **Short term: Accept health physics certification by ABHP, ABMP, ABR, and ABSNM**
- **Long term: Rulemaking to remove 35.50(b) as a board requirement**

BACKUP SLIDE:

The Problem (Examples)

- **ABHP: doesn't focus exclusively on medical, thus no medical preceptorship required**

BACKUP SLIDE: The Problem (Examples)

- **ABMP requires graduate degree without hours enumerated or written certification by preceptor RSO**

BACKUP SLIDE: Unintended Consequences

- **Reduced pool of qualified RSOs?**
- **Reduce quality of practice?**
- **Undermine public health?**

BACKUP SLIDE: Board Certification

- **Qualifications (examples):**
 - **ABHP: B.S. & 5 yrs experience similar to 35.50(b) + references**
 - **ABMP: M.S. & 6 yrs experience similar to 35.50(b) + references**

BACKUP SLIDE: Board Certification

- **Assess adequacy of judgment and knowledge to independently practice medical health physics**