

CURRENCY HOURS REQUIREMENTS

Nova Scotia
Regulator of **MIRT**

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BACKGROUND

The NSRMIRT recognizes five separate licensing categories. A registrant may be licensed in more than one licensing category but must remain current in all licensing categories for which they are licensed.

POLICY

As a MIRTTP, a registrant must meet one of the following currency of practice options to be eligible for registration and/or licensure in Nova Scotia:

1. **Meet the minimum number of MIRTTP practice hours (NSRMIRT Bylaws 35.3):**

1200 hours in the first licensing category and 400 hours in the second licensing category for which an individual is licensed in the past five licensure years (example: for the 2027 license, the registrant worked required hours between January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026).

or

540 hours in the first licensing category and 180 hours in the second licensing category for which an individual is licensed in the last licensure year (example: for the 2025 license, the registrant worked required hours between January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026)

or

2. **Completed all program requirements in one of the following:**

- a. Nova Scotia MIRTTP program in the past three years
- b. an accredited Canadian MIRTTP program in the past three years
- c. an approved MIRTTP re-entry program within 18 months of application or
- d. an international MIRTTP program assessed as substantially similar within past three years

***Note:** registrants/applicants are required to retain a record of their MIRTTP practice hours for the past five licensure years.

For individuals that have not met the minimum practice hours qualifications, a period of supervised practice or formalized refresher program, as determined by the Registrar, is required prior to being eligible for registration in the licensing category.



Board policy provides that practice involves both clinical and technical aspects of the licensing category and **the Regulator treats hours of practice the same regardless of whether they are accrued during clinical or non-clinical work so long as the hours are related to the licensing category.**

Practice can be based in research, education, consultation, management, administration, information technology, industry, regulation and policy or system development that is relevant to the practices of the licensing category as described in the sections of the NSRMIRT Bylaws as listed below:

- **diagnostic medical sonography - section 24**
- **magnetic resonance technology - section 25**
- **nuclear medicine technology - section 26**
- **radiation therapy - section 27**
- **radiological technology - section 28**

RATIONALE

This policy provides clarity for registered MIRTPs on expectations concerning minimum hours of practice and maintenance of licensure in one or more licensing category. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that practicing health care providers are competent in their field/s in order to protect the public and uphold standards of the profession (1).

PROCEDURE

NSRMIRT reviews registrant files annually to ensure practice hour requirements are being met for all licensing categories of registration.

Rules for Calculating Practice Hours

The following rules apply when calculating practice hours:

- 1. The practice hour requirements can only be met if the practice hours fall within the definition of MIRTP services. If a registrant is unsure whether their position meets the definition of MIRTP services, the job description can be forwarded to info@nscmirtp.ca, attention Registrar, for review.**
- 2. Hours accumulated during the orientation period are considered MIRTP practice hours and should be included in the calculations.**
- 3. Only actual hours worked as a MIRTP can be counted and not hours paid while off on vacation, sick leave, long term sickness/injury or parental leave.**
- 4. When counting overtime hours worked, one overtime hour is only counted as one MIRTP practice hour, regardless of how the registrant was paid.**
- 5. Hours worked in one MIRTP licensing category cannot be counted toward another MIRTP licensing category (e.g., hours counted toward MRI practice hours cannot be counted toward radiological technology practice hours);**
- 6. Practice hours are calculated based on the NSRMIRT licensure year (between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31).**
- 7. Hours while on standby and not actually working as an MIRTP do not count towards currency hours.**



How to Change Reported Practice Hours

- If there is a miscalculation of a registrant's hours for the previous licensure years, please contact NSRMIRT at info@nscmirtp.ca with the corrected hours.

How to Re-Establish Currency of Practice

- If currency of practice is not met using the options listed above, a registrant must re-establish their currency of practice to become licensed in Nova Scotia. There are two ways this can be accomplished:
 - Successfully complete a MIRTP re-entry program
 - If an individual can demonstrate proof of inability to obtain access to required practice hours, you can apply to the Credentials Committee for an exception and determination of an alternative method to prove currency. Please see Policy C-19, Alternative Assessment of Currency Hours

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