

STATE LICENSING AUTHORITIES RECOGNIZING AMT'S CERTIFICATION EXAMS FOR MT AND MLT

Currently, twelve (12) states have some form of personnel licensure or mandatory certification for clinical laboratory personnel. The great majority of states do not license lab techs but rely on the federal CLIA program to assure the quality of testing, including minimum personnel qualifications.

Eleven (11) of the states that require licensure or certification of laboratory personnel recognize AMT's examinations for Medical Technologist (MT) and/or Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) for purposes of satisfying state qualifications. Those states are listed below along with a citation to the pertinent licensing law or regulation:¹

- **California**² – <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/Approved-Certifying-Organization-Examinations.aspx>
- **Florida** – Fla. Admin. Code §§ [64B3-5.003](#), [64B3-5.004](#)
- **Georgia** – Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. § [111-8-10-.06\(4\)\(b\)](#), [-\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- **Hawaii** – Haw. Admin. Rules §§ 11-110.1-26, 11-110.1-31; [Approved Organizations Providing Certification Examination for State Licensure of Clinical Laboratory Personnel](#).
- **Louisiana** – La. Admin. Code, Title 46, § [3509.A & C](#).
- **Montana** – Mont. Admin. R. § [24.129.603\(2\)](#)
- **Nevada** – Nev. Admin Code §§ [652.420](#), [652.440](#), [652.4855](#).
- **North Dakota** – N.Dak. Admin. Code § 96-02-02-02; https://www.ndclinlab.com/download_resource.asp?id=600
- **Rhode Island** – R.I. Gen. Laws §§ [23-16.2-2\(8\)](#); [23-16.2-6](#).
- **Tennessee** – Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. §§ [1200-06-01-.08](#), [1200-06-01-.22](#) (Licensing Board [Guidelines, including Board Approved Certifying Agencies](#))
- **West Virginia** – W. Va. Code § [16-5J-10\(a\)](#); [W. Va. Code R. § 64-57-2.1](#)

The only "licensure state" that does not currently recognize AMT's exams is New York, which has a policy of contracting with a single vendor to administer exams for professional licensing. However, New York accepts the MT(AMT) for provisional licenses.

¹ South Dakota does not license clinical laboratory personnel; however, the South Dakota Department of Human Services recognizes AMT certification at the MT and MLT level for purposes of the State's rural healthcare facility recruitment assistance programs. [So. Dak. Rules § 44:71:01:01(2).]

² California has a restricted scope of practice for MLTs, and only the MT(AMT) exam is currently approved in that State. AMT has an application pending with the California Dept. of Public Health, Laboratory Field Services, to approve the MLT(AMT) exam for licensing purposes.