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**TEXAS LASER HAIR REMOVAL  
TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION MANDATES  
JUNE 30TH "GRANDFATHERING" DEADLINE**

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**DISCLAIMER:** Our nonprofit Medical Education organization is NOT directly involved with vocational or licensing issues on a State by State basis. The information that we're listing here is valid to the best of our knowledge, **BUT IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE READER TO VERIFY THIS INFORMATION THEMSELVES WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS, AND TO NOT RELY UPON US FOR THIS INFORMATION.** Having said that, if you determine the requirements for your specific circumstance, then both our training programs and the NCLE National Laser Certifications can help you meet these requirements. Should an individual or business purchase training programs or pay for Certifications then our standard refund policies (posted on the website) will apply. If you later determine that your purchase or action does not meet State requirements there will be no provision for refunds outside of our normal refund policy. It is up to the individual or business to first determine your own requirements prior to purchasing courses or paying for Certifications. If you want to contact a consulting group that can answer your specific State by State licensing questions then contact BOSTON MEDTECH ADVISORS at <http://www.bmtadvisors.com> .

Texas has a June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline date (complete by June 30<sup>th</sup> but submit by end of August) for people grandfathering under either the training or the National Certification requirement for Hair Removal Professionals.

In addition to the specific Laser Hair Removal requirements, Texas also requires formal Laser Safety Officer (LSO) training and the appointment of at least one LSO per facility.

I have spoken personally with the Environmental Specialists and Supervisors in the Texas Dept of State Health Services regarding these issues and they confirm that my assessment is essentially correct. It's up to you though to confirm everything.

You'll find contact information for the State of Texas and a listing of their rules at these links:

- COPY OF REGS: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/radiation/laserhair.shtm>
- CONTACT NAMES & NUMBERS FOR Texas DSHS:  
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/radiation/laser.shtm>

**1. If you have been performing procedures for some time, and are to meet the Grandfather requirement for National Certification by the June 30<sup>th</sup> Deadline:**

Texas requires at least one of the highest level providers – the Certified Laser Hair Removal Professional – at each facility. You can take an exam through either SCMHR or our own NCLE (National Council on Laser Excellence) if you otherwise qualify. I can address the NCLE here and list links for further information available from the website at <http://www.LaserCertification.org> :

- COPY OF THE CERTIFICATION HANDBOOK WITH REQUIREMENTS: <http://www.lasercertification.org/Library/0904NCLECandidateHandbook.pdf>
- APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED LASER HAIR REMOVAL PROVIDER: <http://www.lasercertification.org/Library/ApplicationFormCLOHR-0904.pdf>
- SUBMISSION FORM FOR THE REQUIRED 20 CASES: <http://www.lasercertification.org/Library/CaseSubmissionFormCLHRP.pdf>
- FREE STUDY GUIDE/REVIEW FOR THE CERTIFICATION EXAM: <http://www.lasercertification.org/Library/LaserCertificationReviewCLHRPMar26,2011.pdf>
- COPY OF TEXAS APPROVAL LETTER FOR NCLE CERTIFICATIONS <http://www.lasercertification.org/Library/TexasNCLEApproval10224.pdf>

***In a nutshell regarding the NCLE Certifications (Read the Handbook):***

Some of the requirements for Texas are different than the NCLE requirements to take the exam, so you have to follow Texas when you submit to them. These are NCLE's:

- NCLE will require a Certificate from a formal laser training program of 16 hours or more, and the hours must be on that certificate. If it doesn't then you can get a letter on letterhead from the provider indicating the length of the course in hours. If you have no such formal documentation then you can attend anyone's course to obtain one, or you can still use our Computer Based Learning programs.
- You'll need to submit 10 directly supervised and 10 indirectly supervised laser cases. (Note – Texas will want you to separately submit up to 200 cases to them, but our understanding is that until June 30<sup>th</sup> you can submit an "attestation" form rather than the actual cases.
- There is a \$50 application fee and \$235 testing fee for the exam.
- Your Certification is active for a 3 year period and is renewed for \$95.
- You can schedule an exam at your convenience at any of over 755 locations worldwide after you've first been approved by the NCLE. To review locations go to <http://www.lasercertification.org/Exam%20Locations/default.html>.

- We also offer the exam at the end of most of our training courses, and prior to the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline we'll be in Plano Texas on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> where you can take it as well and see results before you leave.

## **2. FOR PREVIOUS STUDENTS TAKING OUR HOME-STUDY PROGRAMS: (Computer Based Learning)**

1. Our understanding is that the State of Texas will still accept these courses up to June 30<sup>th</sup> (they previously accepted all of them prior to this new legislation) if we send a letter verifying that it covered specific topics they list. We've already sent a few of these letters out so if you need one please contact us.

## **3. FOR THOSE STILL NEEDING A 40 HOUR COURSE PRIOR TO THE JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> DEADLINE:**

2. This can apply to those seeking the NCLE Laser Certification but not having had formal education, or others where the 40 hour class can apply. You'll find a listing of the Laser Hair Removal Course in our Catalog available at <http://www.lasertraining.org/Administrative/Library/PDF%20E-Brochures/LaserCourseCatalogue1012.pdf> , and a Registration page available at <http://www.lasertraining.org/FormOnlineRegistration.htm>
3. You can register for one of the **State approved courses we conduct in partnership with Rockwell Laser Industries, that will apply either before or after the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.** These include the CPR training requirement as well. After June 30<sup>th</sup> you have to attend a State approved course such as these. Information on the Texas programs is available at <http://www.lasertraining.org/Seminars-Aesth/TXAesthCourseOutlineRLI.pdf> , and you can review schedules and cities on our page at <http://www.lasertraining.org/SeminarSchedules/default.html>.

## **4. LASER SAFETY OFFICER (LSO) TRAINING:**

Texas does require that at least one LSO be appointed per each facility and that they are required to have documentation of 8 hours or more of formal LSO education. (They also offer alternatives to the formal training – see their requirements) These courses do not have to be pre-approved, and our Computer Based Learning programs will continue to meet these requirements. You have two choices for obtaining this training:

- Attend a Live Seminar – These are listed on the Seminar Schedules page of our website at <http://www.lasertraining.org/SeminarSchedules/default.html>,

- Complete our Computer Based Training program at work or home. The Medical LSO course is listed in the Catalog at <http://www.lasertraining.org/Administrative/Library/PDF%20E-Brochures/LaserCourseCatalogue1012.pdf> . Price is \$495 for one person, \$795 for two, and only \$125 each for up to 5 additional people.

I know this gets confusing. I've talked to the people working that department in Texas and things are a little confusing there too – since it's all new to everyone and they're working it out too. I'll give them credit though for being helpful to everyone so far and trying to make this as easy as they can on everyone. Call them if you have specific questions about State requirements.



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