# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-34-5

**§30-34-5. Board responsibilities.**

The board shall:

(a) Provide public notice to all state hospitals and to all persons currently practicing as respiratory care practitioners that a license shall be required to continue practicing as a respiratory care technician or respiratory therapist, after June 30, 1996;

(b) Examine, license and renew the licenses of duly qualified applicants;

(c) Maintain a current registry of persons licensed to practice respiratory care under this article which shall contain information on the licensee's place of employment, address, license number and the date of licensure;

(d) Cause the prosecution of all persons violating this article, incurring any expenses necessary;

(e) Keep a record of all proceedings of the board and make it available to the public for inspection during reasonable business hours;

(f) Conduct hearings on charges that subject a licensee to disciplinary action and on the denial, revocation or suspension of a license;

(g) Maintain an information registry of persons whose licenses have been suspended, revoked or denied. The information shall include the individual's name, social security number, type and cause of action, date of board action, type of penalty incurred and the length of penalty. This information shall be available for public inspection during reasonable business hours and supplied to similar boards in other states upon request;

(h) Establish rules pursuant to the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of this code regarding relicensure and continuing education requirements. Continuing education requirements shall be established pursuant to a recognized continuing respiratory care education program such as, but not limited to, the program established by the american association for respiratory care;

(i) Maintain continuing education records; and

(j) Approve the training, continuing education and competency evaluation methods for respiratory care practitioners to perform entry level and advanced procedures in the art and techniques of respiratory care.

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