

**Responses to Survey - Board of Radiologic Technologists**  
 4 were dual license holders)

Total responses: 24 (of which 1 out-of-state and

<p><b>Highest Compliment</b></p>	<p>Ability to monitor on behalf of licensees - 8                  Ability to keep profession from criticism because of bad actors - 1  <i>Other:</i> - Helena Lee has always been very helpful !!</p> <p>Ability to streamline Continuing Ed - 1                  None - 12</p>				
<p><b>Biggest Complaint</b></p>	<p>Licensing fees too high - 4      Lack of Information - 1      Board's response to unlicensed practice -                  Licensing renewal timelines too strict -      Regulations too strict - 1      None - 15</p> <p><i>Other:</i>--Allowing limited permit holder with minimal training(not in a regular RT school) -- Don't seem to do anything. We still have unregistered techs in Montana. -- Difficulty with the renewal website. -- Unnecessary when we are already licensed nationally, provides no more protection for patient , just \$. -- It unnecessary to pay as much as we do when we receive little to nothing from them other then a ton of regulations that they change for no apparent reason! -- This board does not apply rules equally. They require some technologists to maintain a national license yet allow others who have lost their national boards to continue to keep their Montana licenses. -- The state requirement for me is just an added expense. I already have to maintain my ARRT status, which is what MT adheres to. It makes it seem like it is for fund raising only. -- Need a clearinghouse approach to give us the sources for renewal. Board has been very flexible in acceptance of proposed credits. (comment from dual license-holder so not clear which board). -- Trying to make sure the education requirements are taken care of (comment from dual license-holder so not clear which board).</p>				
<p><b>Other reasons the board is important:</b> - Ensure that the technologist has had the proper education (not a 16 hour weekend course) and training to take quality x-rays using the latest and safest techniques. -- I think it forces the healthcare industry to see Radiologic Technologists as medical professionals and not button pushers. -- We need to make sure that qualified licensed professionals are doing x-ray exams on the public. These people are trained in proper machine usage, radiation protection for both themselves and patients. They provide quality exams for providers to diagnose patients. - It is good to regulate occupations but make it reasonable for price or offer something to the techs other then a bunch of regulation! -- Keeps us current on changes in the profession. Many would not do continuing ed if it wasn't required (comment from dual license-holder so not clear which board).</p>					
<p><b>Public Health -</b></p>	<p><b>Public Welfare - 1</b></p>	<p><b>Public Safety - 8</b></p>	<p><b>None of these- 6</b></p>	<p><b>All or combination - 9</b></p>	
<p><b>Scope of Practice:</b></p>	<p><b>Too Narrow - 3</b></p>		<p><b>Too Broad - 4</b></p>		<p><b>Just Right - 13</b></p>
<p><b>Problems with own or other professions' scope of practice</b> - None with own profession = 23    Yes. Board of Medical Examiners - 1                  -- <b>Comment regarding too broad a scope:</b> Permit Holders should NOT be allowed in our state. The training for RT's allows poor candidates in and if they are "book" smart they pass. Many of these student can't take an x-ray! Colleges won't allow for interviewing and the result is a disgrace to our profession. -- We have limited techs, that have limited education taking X-rays. -- The board is working to narrow it down but until the new standards are in place there are a lot of technologists that still are working without a license. -- It allows technologists who are not licensed in areas such as MRI to work in those areas without certification on the national level.                  -- <b>Comments regarding just right scope:</b> -- Governed by ARRT Don't need to go beyond the scope of practice for a board. Follow ARRT rules and regulations.</p>					
<p><b>What laws/regulations have caused the most problems?</b> -- I'd like to see the board be a bigger presence in our everyday work life. Right now the only time I hear or see anything is when it's time to send in my money. -- Just having one is unnecessary.-- The cost for nothing other than regulation. -- When there is a national license board that technologist must pass to get their Montana license what purpose does this board serve? Then they allow technologists who have lost their national board license to continue to work and maintain a Montana license. What a sham, that is simply discrimination for me to have to keep my national license while allowing others to lose their license and keep their Montana license. Would that be ok if a physician or nurse lost their national license but was able to keep their Montana license and continue to work in the state? How is that protecting patients?</p>					

<b>Consumer complaint filed?</b>	No = 21
<b>Nonlicensee comments</b>	Saying Board of Radiologic Technologists: Necessary for Public Health - 203, Public Safety - 130, Public Welfare - 112 Some respondents marked all or a combination.