§ 8504. Requirements for licensure as a respiratory therapist. To qualify for a license as a respiratory therapist, an applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:

1. Application: file an application with the department;

2. Education: have received an education, including completion of an approved associate degree program in respiratory therapy or in a program determined by the department to be the equivalent;

3. Experience: have experience satisfactory to the board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations;

4. Examination: pass an examination satisfactory to the board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations;

5. Age: be at least eighteen years of age;

6. Character: be of good moral character as determined by the department; and

7. Fees: pay a fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars to the department for admission to a department conducted examination and for an initial license; a fee of eighty-five dollars for each re-examination; a fee of one hundred fifteen dollars for an initial license for persons not requiring admission to a department conducted examination and a fee of one hundred fifty-five dollars for each triennial registration period commencing on and after June first, nineteen hundred ninety-three.