§ 8605. Requirements for a license as a clinical laboratory technologist or cytotechnologist. To qualify for a license as a clinical laboratory technology practitioner under one of the titles defined in subdivision two of section eighty-six hundred one of this article, an applicant shall fulfill the particular requirements of a subdivision of this section applicable to the license and title sought by the applicant:

1. Licensure as a clinical laboratory technologist.

(a) Application: file an application with the department;

(b) Education: have received an education, including a bachelor's degree in clinical laboratory technology from a program registered by the department or determined by the department to be the substantial equivalent or a clinical laboratory technology program accredited by a national accrediting organization acceptable to the department, or have received a bachelor's degree that includes a minimum number of credit hours in the sciences and received appropriate clinical education in an accredited clinical laboratory technology program or a program to be determined by the department to be the substantial equivalent;

(b-1) Alternatives to education:

(i) In lieu of requirements specified in paragraph (b) of this subdivision the department may accept:

(1) current clinical laboratory technology certification by a national certification organization acceptable to the department; or

(2) clinical laboratory technology licensure in a jurisdiction acceptable to the department;

(ii) In lieu of requirements specified in paragraph (b) of this subdivision the department may accept, a bachelor's degree in a natural science or a clinical laboratory science and coursework acceptable to the department and:

(1) two years' experience in a clinical laboratory while licensed as a clinical laboratory technician in New York or another jurisdiction acceptable to the department; or

(2) two years' experience in a clinical laboratory while certified as a clinical laboratory technician by a national certification organization acceptable to the department.

(c) Examination: pass an examination satisfactory to the board and in

accordance with the commissioner's regulations;

(d) Age: be at least eighteen years of age;

(e) Character: be of good moral character as determined by the department; and

(f) Fees: pay a fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars for an initial license and a fee of one hundred seventy dollars for each triennial registration period.

2. Licensure as a cytotechnologist.

(a) Application: file an application with the department;

(b) Education: have received an education, including a bachelor's degree in cytotechnology from a program registered by the department or determined by the department to be the substantial equivalent, or have received a bachelor's degree that includes a minimum number of credit hours in the sciences and received appropriate clinical education in an accredited cytotechnology program or a program determined by the department to be the substantial equivalent;

(b-1) Alternatives to education: in lieu of requirements specified in paragraph (b) of this subdivision the department may accept:

(i) current cytotechnology certification by a national certification organization acceptable to the department; or

(ii) cytotechnology licensure in a jurisdiction acceptable to the department.

(c) Examination: pass an examination acceptable to the board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations;

(d) Age: be at least eighteen years of age;

(e) Character: be of good moral character as determined by the department; and

(f) Fees: pay a fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars for an initial license and a fee of one hundred seventy dollars for each triennial registration period.