§ 8606-a. Requirements for certification as a histotechnician. For certification as a histotechnician under this article, an applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:

1. Application: file an application with the department;

2. Education: have received an education, including an associate's degree from an approved histotechnician program registered by the department or determined by the department to be the substantial equivalent, or have received an associate's degree that includes a minimum number of credit hours in the sciences and received appropriate clinical education in a histotechnician program approved by the department or a program to be determined by the department to be the substantial equivalent or a histotechnician program accredited by a national accrediting organization acceptable to the department;

2-a. Alternatives to education: in lieu of requirements specified in subdivision two of this section the department may accept:

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

(b) histotechnician licensure in a jurisdiction acceptable to the department.

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

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

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

6. Fees: pay a fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars for an initial certification and a fee of one hundred twenty dollars for each triennial registration period.