

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR SCRQSA

ARTICLE I. CERTIFICATION

Section 1.01 General. The South Carolina Radiation Quality Standards Association (SCRQSA) shall establish qualifications for certification in radiography, nuclear medicine technology, radiation therapy and emerging modalities, in which ionizing radiation is applied to humans shall evaluate applicants for certification using these qualifications, and shall duly certify individuals meeting these SCRQSA qualifications.

Section 1.02. Definition of Certification. Individuals having satisfied the basic requirements for certification described in the Rules and Procedures will be awarded a certificate renewable biannually signifying they are, certified by the SCRQSA.

Section 1.03. Certification Examinations. The SCRQSA provides access to certification examinations in limited general radiography, limited chest radiography and limited podiatric radiography, limited chiropractic radiography, nuclear medicine technology and radiation therapy. The SCRQSA recognizes certification by the ARRT for general radiography, nuclear medicine technology and radiation therapy and NMTCB for nuclear medicine technology, and the ISCD for bone densitometry, and awards certificates to individuals certified by those entities.

Section 1.04. General Qualifications. Certification requires that the applicant agree to comply with the SCRQSA Rules and Procedures and the Standards of Ethics. Make sure these are developed by SCRQSA and not merely adopted from elsewhere because you should not try to enforce ethical standards of other bodies.

Section 1.05. Designating SCRQSA Certification. A certificate shall be issued to those who have met all qualifications and are otherwise eligible. Individuals registered by the ARRT are advised to use the symbol (ARRT) in connection with the "R.T." to avoid confusion with certification from any other source and to indicate the specific category or categories for which registration is held. The individual will be responsible for providing documentation of ARRT certification to the SCRQSA and pay the appropriate fee in order to receive a certificate from the SCRQSA in order to practice in the state of South Carolina. For individuals who are not registered by the ARRT, the certificate confers upon the applicant the right to use the title Certified Radiographer (CR), Certified in Nuclear Medicine (NM-SC), Certified Radiation Therapy Technician (CRTT), Certified Limited Practice Radiographer - General (CLR-G), Certified Limited Practice Radiographer - Chest (CLR-C), Certified Limited Practice Radiographer - Podiatric (CLR-P), Certified Limited Practice Radiographer - Chiropractic (CLR-Ch), Certified Bone Densitometrist (CBD), or Certified Peripheral Bone Densitometrist (CBD-P) in connection with his or her name so long as the certificate shall be in effect.

Any certificate issued by the SCRQSA shall be in effect for a two-year period from the effective date of issue. Each certificate or card issued by the SCRQSA remains the property of the SCRQSA, and shall be returned to the SCRQSA upon its request. A certificate holder may

indicate certification by the SCRQSA by: (a) displaying any such certificate or card in the certificate holder's place(s) of employment as a Radiologic Technologist; and (b) a factual statement on stationery, in advertisements, and in resumes, biographical sketches and the like, using the name of the SCRQSA or a recognizable abbreviation of the name. The name of the SCRQSA and/or the logo of the SCRQSA shall not be used by or for any certificate holder on any other certificate or material displayed, prepared, or distributed by or for the certificate holder, or on any other sign or display used by or for the certificate holder, without the SCRQSA's prior written permission.

ARTICLE II. QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

Section 2.01 General. An applicant for certification by the SCRQSA must:

- (a) be a graduate of an approved educational program or course appropriate to the certificate being sought.
- (b) comply with Article I Section 1.04.
- (c) pass an examination approved by the SCRQSA in the category for which certification is being sought.

The Board of Trustees shall have the right to reject the application of any person for certification if the Board determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that the person does not meet the qualifications for certification.

Section 2.02. Professional Educational Requirements. Applicants for certification must meet the following appropriate educational requirements depending on the area of practice:

Radiography.

(1) General. Applicants must have successfully completed a formal educational program accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT and have successfully passed the ARRT examination.

OR

(2) Applicants must have successfully met the requirements of the SCRQSA for special eligibility for Radiography.

OR

(3) Limited (General, Chest, Podiatric, Chiropractic and Bone Densitometry). Applicants must have successfully completed an educational course or program that meets the requirements of the SCRQSA.

Nuclear Medicine Technology.

(1) Applicants must have successfully completed a formal educational program accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT or NMTCB and have successfully passed

the ARRT or NMTCB examination.
OR

(2) Applicants must have successfully met the requirements of the SCRQSA for special eligibility for Nuclear Medicine Technology.

(c) Radiation Therapy.

(1) Applicants must have successfully completed a formal educational program accredited by a mechanism acceptable to the ARRT and have successfully passed the ARRT examination.
OR

(2) Applicants must have successfully met the requirements of the SCRQSA for special eligibility for Radiation Therapy Technology.

Emerging Modalities.

Applicants must meet the qualifications adopted by the SCRQSA for examinations developed in emerging modalities in which ionizing radiation is applied to humans.

Section 2.03. Clinical Experience Requirements. The examinations for certification have competency-based clinical experience requirements which must be met to establish eligibility for certification.

Section 2.04. Examinations. Applicants for certification must pass an examination developed, adopted, approved and/or administered by the SCRQSA after having met all other qualifications for certification. The examinations shall assess the knowledge and cognitive skills underlying the competent performance of the tasks typically required of radiologic technologists practicing within the respective scopes of practice.

ARTICLE III. CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Section 3.01. Application for Certification. Applications shall be filed with the SCRQSA on forms or copies provided by the SCRQSA, together with a fee established by the Board of Trustees may fix. All applicants shall furnish such information as the Board of Trustees shall request. Applications for certification in radiography, nuclear medicine technology or radiation therapy shall be accompanied by a copy of the ARRT or NMTCB certificate to demonstrate successful completion of national certification examination.

Applications for certification in limited radiography shall be endorsed by the program director or SCRQSA-approved instructor of an approved educational program and shall include a signed copy of the competency checklist for the appropriate category of certification examination.

Section 3.02. Agreement of Applicants. Applicants for the SCRQSA certification must agree to comply with the following statement and must indicate agreement by signing the application

form

"I hereby apply to the SCRQSA for certification in the practice of limited radiography (general/chest/podiatric/chiropractic/radiation therapy/nuclear medicine/bone densitometry) indicated elsewhere on this application and examination relative to that certification in accordance with and subject to the Rules and Procedures of the SCRQSA. A full and complete copy of the Standards of Ethics and Rules and Procedures of the SCRQSA is available to me upon request, and I understand that the Rules and Procedures are available for review on the SCRQSA web site or upon request. By signing this document and filing it with the SCRQSA, I understand and agree that I am and at all times have been in compliance with the Standards of Ethics and that the SCRQSA may confirm the information contained in the application and may also request information relating to my education, training, employment, and personal history. I further agree to be legally bound by and to abide by all the terms and conditions of this Application and Agreement and the Rules and Procedures and Standards of Ethics. I agree that upon the issuance to me of a certificate, shall become bound by the Bylaws of the SCRQSA and shall remain bound by the Rules and Procedures of the SCRQSA and Standards of Ethics, including, without limitation, provisions thereof pertaining to the denial or rejection of an application for renewal of certification, the revocation or suspension of a certificate, and the censure of a certificate holder.

I hereby certify that the information given in this application is true, correct, and complete, that any photographs enclosed are recent photographs of me, and that I have read and accept the terms and conditions set forth in the SCRQSA's Rules and Procedures and Standards of Ethics. I understand and agree that eligibility for the SCRQSA's examinations is determined by, and that each examination will be supervised by persons who are responsible to, and are empowered by, the SCRQSA to ensure that the examination is conducted ethically and in accordance with the Rules and Procedures of the SCRQSA.

I understand and agree that (i) any misrepresentation in this application or in any other document or other information I submit to the SCRQSA (including the verification of my identity when I submit this application and when I take the examination), or (ii) any offer of financial benefit to a trustee, officer, employee, proctor, or other agent or representative of the SCRQSA in order to obtain a right, privilege or benefit not usually granted by the SCRQSA to similarly situated candidates, or (iii) any irregular behavior during the examination, such as copying or recording questions or answers, sharing information, using notes, or otherwise giving or obtaining any unauthorized information or aid, evidenced by observation, statistical analysis of responses, or otherwise, on any portion of the examination will be reported to the SCRQSA and will constitute grounds for the SCRQSA to bar me permanently from all future examinations, to terminate my participation in the examinations, to invalidate the results of my examinations and any prior examinations, to withhold my scores or certificate, to revoke or suspend my certificate, to deny or reject my application for renewal of certification or otherwise to refuse to renew certificate, to censure me, and/or to take any other appropriate action, and that the SCRQSA's decision on any such matter is final.

I also understand and agree that the SCRQSA may withhold my scores and may require me to

retake one or more portions of an examination if the SCRQSA is presented with evidence demonstrating to the SCRQSA, in its sole discretion, that the security of those portions of the examination has been compromised, notwithstanding the absence of any evidence of my personal involvement in the compromising activities. I recognize that the examination and related materials utilized in the SCRQSA's examinations are copyrighted and must not be removed from the test area or reproduced in any way and that reproduction of copyrighted material, in whole or in part, is a federal offense and may subject me to the sanctions listed above. I understand and agree that the decision as to whether my grades and other performances on the SCRQSA's examinations qualify me for a certification rests solely and exclusively in the SCRQSA, and that its decision is final.

I understand that if I am certified by the SCRQSA and/or if the certification is renewed by the SCRQSA, the SCRQSA may issue to me one or more forms of printed certificate or card to evidence such certification. I understand and agree that each such form of printed certificate or card remains the property of the SCRQSA and shall be returned to the SCRQSA upon its request. I understand and agree that I may indicate my certification by the SCRQSA by (a) displaying any such certificate or card in my place of practice as a Radiologic Technologist, and (b) a factual statement on stationery, in advertisements, and in resumes, biographical sketches and the like, using the name of the SCRQSA or a recognizable abbreviation of the name. I further understand and agree that the name of the SCRQSA and the logo of the SCRQSA shall not be used by me on any other certificate or material displayed, prepared, or distributed by or for me, or on any other sign or display used by or for me, without the SCRQSA's prior written permission.

I hereby waive and release, and shall indemnify and hold harmless, the SCRQSA and persons in their capacities as the SCRQSA's trustees, members, officers, committee members, employees, and agents from, against, and with respect to any and all claims, losses, costs, expenses, damages, and judgments (including reasonable attorney fees) that arise or are alleged to have arisen, from, out of, with respect to, or in connection with any action which they, or any of them, take or fail to take as a result of or in connection with this application, any examination conducted by the SCRQSA which I apply to take or take, the grade or grades given me on the examination, and, if applicable, the failure of the SCRQSA to issue to me a certificate or to renew the certificate previously issued to me, the SCRQSA's revocation of any certificate previously issued to me, or the SCRQSA's notification of legitimately interested persons of such actions taken by the SCRQSA. I understand and agree that in the event of my breach of or default in any provision of this Application and Agreement in any respect whatsoever, the SCRQSA shall have the absolute right, in its absolute discretion, to revoke or suspend any certificate issued to me, refuse to issue to me any certificate and/or cancel my certificate with the SCRQSA, and to provide information regarding such circumstances to all legitimately interested persons without restriction.

I also authorize the SCRQSA to identify me and to report the fact of my certification or non-certification to prospective employers, universities, colleges, schools, federal, state and local agencies, hospitals, health departments and similar organizations and agencies."

Section 3.03. Scheduling of Examinations. The SCRQSA shall examine applicants for certification, at such times and places as shall be designated by the Board of Trustees.

Section 3.04. Failure to Appear for Examination. If an applicant fails to appear for examination as assigned by the SCRQSA, and no rescheduling of the same has been authorized by the SCRQSA, the applicant will be assigned to a subsequent examination date only at the request of the applicant and upon payment of an additional fee.

Section 3.05. Cancellation of Scores. Applicants for certification who are not eligible at the time of examination administration will have scores canceled and scores will not be available for later reporting. Fees will not be refunded for canceled scores.

Section 3.06. Re-Examination. An applicant who has failed an examination may be permitted to reapply for subsequent examination upon payment of an additional fee. Applicants will be limited to three attempts to pass certification examination, and must complete the three attempts prior to the expiration of the temporary certificate. Individuals failing the third attempt will forfeit the temporary certificate, and may only regain eligibility by completing and graduating from an approved educational program.

ARTICLE IV. QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

Section 4.01 General. Upon meeting the qualifications for certification, and being duly certified by the SCRQSA, an individual is certified with the SCRQSA through the expiration date. The certificate is renewable biannually thereafter as long as the applicant remains qualified.

The Board of Trustees shall have the right to reject the application for renewal of certification of any person if the Board determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that the person does not meet the qualifications for certification.

Section 4.02 Qualification for Renewal of Certification
An applicant for renewal of certification by the SCRQSA must:

- (a) have complied and agree to continue to comply with the SCRQSA Rules and Procedures and Standards of Ethics; and
- (b) fulfill the continuing education requirements as set out in full in the SCRQSA document entitled Continuing Education Requirements for Renewal of Certification. Copies of this document will be made available on the web or upon request.

ARTICLE V. CERTIFICATION RENEWAL PROCESSES

Section 5.01 Application for Renewal of Certification

Applications for renewal of certification shall be filed with the SCRQSA on forms provided by the SCRQSA, together with a fee established by the Board of Trustees. Applications for renewal will be sent 60 days prior to expiration. All applicants shall furnish such information as the Board of Trustees shall request. Applications must be signed by the applicant. Applications may be investigated by the Board of Trustees to determine compliance with the SCRQSA Rules and Procedures and Standards of Ethics and other qualifications of the applicant for renewal. Fees and applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline. Penalties will be assessed after this date.

Section 5.02. Agreement of Applicants for Renewal of Certification.

Applicants for renewal of certification of a SCRQSA certificate must agree to comply with the following statement and must indicate agreement by signing the application form.

"I hereby apply to the SCRQSA for renewal of certification in the discipline of radiologic technology indicated elsewhere on this application in accordance with and subject to the Rules and Procedures of the SCRQSA. A full and complete copy of the Standards of Ethics, Rules and Procedures, and Bylaws of the SCRQSA (hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Governing Documents") is available to me upon request.

"By signing this document and filing it with the SCRQSA, I understand and agree: that I am and at all times since the date of my initial application for examination have been in compliance with the Governing Documents;

? that the SCRQSA may confirm the information contained in the application and may also request information relating to my employment and relevant personal history;

? that I am legally bound by and shall abide by all the terms and conditions of this Application and Agreement and the Governing Documents; and

? that upon the issuance to me of a renewal of certification, I shall be and remain bound by the Governing Documents.

"I hereby certify that the information given in this application is true, correct, and complete, and that I have read and accept the terms and conditions set forth in the Governing Documents. I understand and agree:

? that any misrepresentation in this application or in any other document or other information I submit to the SCRQSA will constitute grounds for the SCRQSA to revoke or suspend my certificate, to deny or reject my application for renewal of certification or otherwise to refuse to renew the certification, to censure me, and/or to take any other appropriate action; and

? that the SCRQSA's decision on any such matter is final and binding on me.

I understand that if certification is renewed by the SCRQSA, the SCRQSA may issue to me one or more forms of printed certificate or card to evidence such certification. I understand and agree:

that each such form of printed certificate or card remains the property of the SCRQSA

and shall be returned to the SCRQSA upon its request; that I may indicate my certification by the SCRQSA by displaying any such certificate or card in my place of practice as a Radiologic Technologist, and by a factual statement on stationery, in advertisements, and in resumes, biographical sketches and the like, using the name of the SCRQSA or a recognizable abbreviation of the name; and that the name of the SCRQSA and the logo of the SCRQSA shall not be used by me on any other certificate or material displayed, prepared, or distributed by or for me, or on any other sign or display used by or for me, without the SCRQSA's prior written permission.

I hereby waive and release, and shall indemnify and hold harmless, the SCRQSA and persons in their capacities as the SCRQSA's trustees, members, officers, committee members, employees, and agents from, against, and with respect to any and all claims, losses, costs, expenses, damages, and judgments (including reasonable attorney fees) that arise or are alleged to have arisen, from, out of, with respect to, or in connection with any action which they, or any of them, take or fail to take as a result of or in connection with this application, any examination conducted by the SCRQSA which I apply to take or take, the grade or grades given me on the examination, and, if applicable, the failure of the SCRQSA to renew the registration of a certificate previously issued to me, the SCRQSA's revocation of any certificate previously issued to me, or the SCRQSA's notification of legitimately interested persons of such actions taken by the SCRQSA. I understand and agree that in the event of my breach of or default in any provision of this Application and Agreement in any respect whatsoever, the SCRQSA shall have the absolute right, in its absolute discretion, to revoke or suspend any certificate issued to me, refuse renewal of certification, censure me, and/or cancel my certification with the SCRQSA and to provide information regarding such circumstances to all legitimately interested persons without restriction."

Section 5.03. Failure to Renew Certification. Failure to apply for renewal of certification, or failure to meet the qualifications for renewal of certification, or failure to supply all required information by the stated deadline shall result in the revocation of the certificate. Penalties will be assessed after that date. The SCRQSA does not permit the display of a certificate that is not current with the SCRQSA.

Section 5.04. Change of Address. A certificate holder shall promptly notify the SCRQSA in writing of any change in their mailing address. Any notices given by the SCRQSA to a certificate holder or applicant pursuant to these Rules and Procedures shall be given by first class or certified or registered mail, postage-prepaid, to his or her last known address appearing in the records of the SCRQSA, and shall be deemed to have been given on deposit in the United States mail.

Section 5.05. Resignation or Withdrawal. A certificate holder may submit a resignation or application to withdraw from certification at any time, but such resignation shall not be effective unless accepted by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall be under no obligation to accept a resignation or application for withdrawal, and may institute any proceedings for revocation of a Certificate, or for other sanction in respect to the certificate-holder as it deems appropriate, and impose such sanctions at any time prior to accepting such resignation or

application for withdrawal.

ARTICLE VI. REINSTATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

Section 6.01 General. The certificate issued by the SCRQSA that is not current may be reinstated if the applicant for reinstatement of certification meets all qualifications for reinstatement.

The Board of Trustees shall have the right to reject the application for reinstatement of certification of any person if the Board determines, that the person does not meet the qualifications for certification.

Section 6.02. Qualifications for Reinstatement of Certification. An applicant for reinstatement of certification issued by the SCRQSA must:

- (a) have complied and agree to continue to comply with the SCRQSA Rules and Procedures and Standards of Ethics;
- (b) fulfill the continuing education requirements as set out in full in the SCRQSA document entitled Continuing Education Requirements for Renewal of Certification. Copies of this document will be made available on the web or upon request.

ARTICLE VII. CERTIFICATION REINSTATEMENT PROCESS

Section 7.01. Application for Reinstatement of Certification. Applications for reinstatement of certification shall be filed with the SCRQSA on forms provided by the SCRQSA, together with a fee as the Board of Trustees may set. All applicants shall furnish such information as the Board of Trustees shall request. Applications must be signed by the applicant. Applications may be investigated by the SCRQSA to determine compliance with the SCRQSA Rules and Procedures and Standards of Ethics, and other qualifications of the applicant for reinstatement.

Section 7.02. Agreement of Applicants for Reinstatement. Applicants for reinstatement of an SCRQSA certificate must agree to comply with the certification agreement included in Article V, Section 5.02 and must indicate agreement by signing the application form.

ARTICLE VIII. STANDARDS OF ETHICS

The Board of Trustees shall promulgate, annually review and adopt changes it considers necessary or appropriate in a Standards of Ethics document, and evaluate its relevance and application to Certified Radiologic Technologists and applicants for examination and certification and for renewal or reinstatement of certification. Adherence to the Standards of Ethics shall not be construed to prevent the Board of Trustees from promulgating additional rules for the conduct of Certified Radiologic Technologists, or from making determinations as to the types of conduct that the Board deems unethical, improper, or of a nature which may bring discredit to the profession.

ARTICLE IX.
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Section 9.01 General. The Board of Trustees, in accordance with the Rules and Procedures and Standards of Ethics, may reject or deny an application for certification, refuse the renewal of certification, or revoke a certificate, whether currently certified or not, of any individual who does not meet or who does not continue to meet the qualifications of certification set forth in the Rules and Procedures or in the Standards of Ethics. The Board of Trustees shall also have the right to suspend a certificate for such period of time as it deems appropriate.

Section 9.02. Denial of Application for Renewal of Certification. An application for the renewal of a certificate previously issued may be denied if the Board of Trustees determines that the applicant has not met or does not continue to meet the qualifications for certification specified in the Rules and Procedures or in the Standards of Ethics. The certification of an individual whose application for renewal has been denied shall be deemed to remain in effect during the period in which such individual contests the action of the SCRQSA, in respect to its refusal to renew the certificate.

Section 9.03. Revocation or Suspension of Certificate; Censure of Certificate Holder. The Board of Trustees may revoke or suspend a certificate issued by it, or censure a certificate holder, if it determines that the certificant:

- (a) has violated or refused to comply with, any of the terms of the Agreement signed at the time of application for certification or renewal of certification, or reinstatement of certification or any of the Rules and Procedures or the Standards of Ethics; or
- (b) has in any other manner cease to meet the qualifications for certification specified in the Rules and Procedures.

ARTICLE X.
AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND PROCEDURES AND THE STANDARDS OF ETHICS

Section 10.01 General. Any person, group or representatives of groups or associations may register their names with the SCRQSA to receive notice of proposed or amended Rules and Procedures or amended Standards of Ethics.

Section 10.02 Amendment Procedures. Rules and Procedures or amendments thereto, or amendments to the Standards of Ethics, hereinafter collectively referred to as a "proposed rule," may be proposed, considered or adopted in the following manner:

- (a) Notice of a proposed rule shall be given by mail to each member of the Board of Trustees at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.
- (b) A proposed rule must be approved by majority vote of the Board of Trustees prior to adoption.
- (c) The proposed rule shall be distributed for publication in appropriate professional and

educational publications and distributed for comment by members of the societies and organizations represented by the Board, and such other societies and organizations registered with or deemed appropriate by the SCRQSA.

(d) All interested persons who desire to comment on any proposed rule shall make such comments in writing and direct them to the Executive Director of the SCRQSA at the offices of the SCRQSA, at least 30 days prior to the date at which the Board of Trustees is to take action on the proposed rule. Copies of such written comments shall be made available to any interested persons requesting to review the same and shall be distributed to each member of the Board of Trustees who will act upon and consider the proposed rule or regulation. All such comments shall be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at the meeting at which consideration of adoption of proposed rule takes place.

(e) At the request of an interested party, and with the consent of the President of the SCRQSA, any person may appear before the Board of Trustees at a date and time scheduled by it, to speak in respect to any proposed rule.

(f) At any meeting of the Board of Trustees at which a proposed rule or regulation is considered, the Board of Trustees shall determine affirmatively that facts exist establishing the need for, and reasonableness of, the rule or regulation proposed for adoption. Upon such affirmative showing, and approval of the proposed rule by a majority of the Board of Trustees, the proposed rule shall become effective immediately, unless a later effective date is established by resolution of the Board of Trustees, or unless such rule is republished as provided in Subparagraph (g) of this article.

(g) At the meeting of the Board of Trustees at which adoption of the proposed rule is considered, after due consideration of public comment, the Board of Trustees may adopt the proposed rule and make such changes, amendments or modifications to the proposed rule as it shall determine appropriate. In the event, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, the rule as adopted contains any substantive and material changes from the form of proposed procedures as previously published, the proposed rule, as amended, shall be republished, noting the changes which have been made. In absence of substantive and material changes being made to the proposed rule, the SCRQSA shall not, unless the Board of Trustees so directs, be obligated to republish or redistribute any rule or regulation so adopted. The Board of Trustees shall determine whether a substantive or material change has been made to a proposed rule and its determination on such matter shall be conclusive. If the Board of Trustees adopts a proposed rule that it requires to be republished, such rule shall become effective 60 days after the publication of the rule by the SCRQSA or on such later date as the Board of Trustees shall specify.

(h) Nothing herein shall prevent the Board of Trustees, without prior publication of any proposed rule or regulation, or circulation of the same to interested parties, from considering and adopting any rule or regulation determined by it to be appropriate on an interim basis to deal with any emergency condition, event, or situation or any circumstance of hardship; provided, however, that such rule or regulation shall expire one year after its adoption, unless adopted as a rule or regulation in the manner prescribed by these Rules and Procedures.

(i) Notwithstanding anything apparently or expressly to the contrary contained in these Rules and Procedures, the Standards of Ethics of the SCRQSA, as adopted by the Board of Trustees, shall become effective upon the date of adoption and shall remain in full force and effect unless and until amended as provided for herein.

