

FAQs

Radioactive Materials:

How long is my license good for, and why do I need a completely new application for a renewal of a radioactive materials license?

Radioactive materials licenses are to be renewed every five years. However, the fees are due every year. A licensee must review (and document the review) their radiation protection program annually and review the possible changes to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC 459) and the Legislative Counsel Bureau at www.leg.state.nv.us/. The regulations will be enforceable as they are adopted, including prior to being codified. The complete application allows the Radiation Control Program to help licensees remain compliant as the regulations and license conditions change.

How long does it take to get my license or amendment?

This depends on the type of material, use and quality of the application. Medical radioactive materials license applications will take three to four months. New industrial radioactive material license applications (Fixed and portable gauges) you should anticipate three months for issuance. Manufacturing or broad scope licenses, that are more complex, may take six months or more.

Amendments also vary depending on the complexity, but generally are much quicker. If the amendment request is a single aspect and is complete, it is often less than ninety days. If the amendment is missing necessary information, we will issue a deficiency letter. If there is no response within thirty days, we will consider the action closed.

Your operations will be enforced by the conditions of your current license. You must wait until you have your amendment to make the requested changes.

How do I amend my Radioactive Materials license, and is there a fee?

Send the request in the form of a letter, on company letterhead, to our office. Please include the name and license number you wish to amend. An individual who is authorized to act on behalf of the licensee must sign all amendment requests. To prevent delays, the request must also include all accompanying paperwork needed to complete the request. There is no fee for amendments.

My radioactive materials license authorizes use and storage of licensed material at "Temporary Job Sites" with in Nevada. What qualifies as a "Temporary Job Site?"

A "Temporary Job Site" is defined relative to a "Permanent Site" where radioactive material is stored or used under the same license. The "Temporary Job Sites" are to be used less than 180 days during a twelve-month period. If material is stored or in use at a "Temporary Job Site" for more than 180 days during the twelve-month period, then that site is no longer considered temporary and an application must be filed for a separate radioactive material license. The storage and two tangible barriers regulations apply as they would with permanent storage.

How do I obtain reciprocity to bring radioactive material or radiation producing machines into Nevada? Is there a fee?

To enter Nevada in this manner, you must supply our office with a copy of your radioactive materials license from the NRC or another Agreement State and be in good standing with your license issuer. You must fill out the Nevada Radiation Control's reciprocity form (found on the Forms page of our web site) and submit the fee payment at least 72 hours (three working days) in advance. Once the Nevada Radiation Control Program grants the authority, the reciprocity from Nevada is good for a period of up to 180 days in a calendar year. You may use the reciprocity (with 72 hours, three-business days notice) each time you enter Nevada. Every entry in to the state under reciprocity requires authorization. This means prior to entering the state of Nevada under reciprocal recognition of your radioactive materials license you will have a copy of the Nevada Radioactive Materials Authorization for the current work request and a copy of the calendar year general license for reciprocity issued by Nevada Radiation Control Program. If your work continues for more than 180 days during the twelve-month period, then you will need to apply for a Nevada Radioactive Materials License. The fees are on the web site under radioactive materials fees. All remediation of days used, must be submitted in writing within 7 working days to the Nevada Radiation Control Program.

Reciprocity does not apply to x-ray use. To bring an x-ray machine into Nevada from another jurisdiction, you must register it with the Nevada Radiation Control Program and include shielding plans. This requires a two-day notice and the fee must be paid prior to entering Nevada. The fees are on the web site under x-ray fee page.

What is financial assurance, and does my license application require this?

Financial Assurance requirements are for specific quantity and type of radioactive material possessed by a licensee. Most specific licenses issued in Nevada **DO NOT** meet these requirements. If these limits are met, the Nevada Radiation Control Program will notify the requestor during the review process.