

This information was compiled from the web sites of each individual state. We recommend that you contact the particular state's licensure board/department of health to confirm that the information has not become outdated. The ASCT licensure web page also contains links to these institutions.

California

The cost of initial licensure is \$155, which needs to be renewed every two years. They require proof of completing a program from a CAAHEP accredited school as well as ASCP certification. You will have to submit transcripts showing that you have 20 semester hours of Biology, 8 semester hours of Chemistry and 3 hours of Math. You will also have to send a birth certificate along with your documentation.

One thing to keep in mind when applying for a California State license is the time required to complete the process. The average time from submission of your documentation till you receive your license is 90 days and may take up to 135 days. Also keep in mind that Cytotechnologist cannot perform molecular testing in the state of California.

Florida

The cost of initial licensure and application is \$100, which also needs to be renewed every two years. They require a bachelor's degree and proof of completing a program from a CAAHEP accredited school along with an ASCP certification. You will need to submit official transcripts. They also require all initial applicants to take a board-approved course in HIV/AIDS and 2 hours of training on prevention of medical errors.

Hawaii

Hawaii is relatively easy to get licensure. The initial cost is \$40 plus a \$25 non refundable application fee. You will have to renew every two years at a cost of \$30. You will need to submit official transcripts as well as provide proof of ASCP certification and completion of a CAAHEP accredited program.

Louisiana

The initial fee for licensure is \$65 plus a \$25 non refundable application fee. You will be required to complete a criminal background check including fingerprints that you will have to pay for at a cost of \$45.25. You will also be required to account for all of your employment history from the time of your high school graduation. You will need a bachelor's degree with official transcripts and an ASCP certification. You will also have to send a birth certificate along with your documentation. The average time to receive your license is 90 days. They also require a recent passport sized photo for reasons I can't explain.

Montana

Montana is a relatively easy state to gain licensure. Its cost is \$100. It requires ASCP certification along with 36 semester hours of Physical and Biological sciences. There is no need for renewal.

New York

The cost of licensure in New York is \$371. There is no need for renewal however you must re-register every three years. You must have a baccalaureate degree or higher and complete a program from a CAAHEP accredited school of cytotechnology as well as certification by the ASCP. One item to note is New York as well as California has an 80-slide workload limit. New York also requires 24 hours of continuing education per year where most states only require 12 hours.

Rhode Island

The cost of licensure is \$90. Rhode Island requires proof of completion of a program from a CAAHEP accredited school as well as ASCP certification. Along with your application you will need to submit your transcripts, ASCP certification, a notarized "affidavit of application" as well as a recent passport size photograph. It generally takes 4-6 weeks for the application process. Licenses will expire on the first day of January of each even-numbered year and requires a \$90 renewal fee.

Tennessee

The cost of licensure in Tennessee is \$60 and needs to be renewed every 2 years. You must submit an application along a passport size photo. You will need to provide official transcripts and proof of graduation from a CAAHEP accredited school of cytotechnology as well as ASCP certification. You must also complete a criminal background check. All forms must be notarized.

West Virginia

West Virginia is another relatively easy state to get licensure. The cost is only \$25 but needs to be renewed every year. You must provide proof of graduation from an accredited school as well as ASCP certification.