

PART I (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)

Applicant's Name	Examination Category
Address	Last Four Digits of Applicant's Social Security #
	Email Address
	Daytime Telephone Number

PART II (MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR OR LABORATORY MANAGEMENT* IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTABLE)

SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF WORK EXPERIENCE FOR EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY

This individual, identified above, has applied for the Board of Certification examination in the category identified. In order to establish this applicant's eligibility for certification, the following information is necessary:

1. PLEASE COMPLETE: EMPLOYMENT (INCLUDING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING)

Date employment **started** in Histotechnology: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Date employment **ended** in Histotechnology: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

How many hours per week in Histotechnology? _____

2. DIRECTIONS: Please review the experience of this applicant. Please place an **X** by each area in which this applicant has performed satisfactorily under your supervision by using **The Guidelines for Evaluating Experience of a Candidate for Histotechnology**. (NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure work experience is documented in **all FIVE** areas required for eligibility.)

_____ Fixation	_____ Staining
_____ Processing	_____ Laboratory Operations
_____ Embedding /Microtomy	

3. BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I AS THE IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR OR LABORATORY MANAGEMENT* VERIFY THAT THIS APPLICANT HAS PERFORMED SATISFACTORILY IN THE HISTOTECHNOLOGY AREAS CHECKED ON THIS FORM.

(Please Print) Immediate Supervisor or Laboratory Management* Name & Credential(s)	Title
Immediate Supervisor or Laboratory Management* Signature	Date
Telephone Number	Email Address
Institution	
City, State	Zip Code

BE SURE TO INCLUDE A LETTER OF AUTHENTICITY FROM YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR OR LABORATORY MANAGEMENT* WITH THIS WORK EXPERIENCE DOCUMENTATION FORM. THE LETTER OF AUTHENTICITY MUST BE PRINTED ON ORIGINAL LETTERHEAD. IT MUST STATE THAT THE WORK EXPERIENCE DOCUMENTATION FORM WAS COMPLETED, SIGNED AND DATED BY YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR OR LABORATORY MANAGEMENT*.

**Management is defined as someone in a management role who can verify technical experience.*

GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING EXPERIENCE OF A CANDIDATE
HISTOTECHNOLOGY

To qualify for certification as a histotechnician, the applicant should be competent to perform **ALL** of the tests and procedures indicated. Competency may be demonstrated through direct observation of performance or review of results. The histotechnician should have the equivalent knowledge and skill to those of a graduate of an accredited Histotechnology program:

AREA OF EXPERIENCE	EXTENT OF EXPERIENCE
FIXATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tissue Identification • Parameters (e.g., pH, time, temperature) • Reagents • Selection, preparation, and use of fixatives for various applications • Troubleshooting/problem solving of fixation artifacts
PROCESSING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection, preparation, and use of decalcification reagents • Selection of appropriate processing methods for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Routine histology ○ Immunohistochemistry ○ Cytology • Operation and maintenance of a tissue processor
EMBEDDING / MICROTOMY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tissue identification and orientation ○ Operation and maintenance of an embedding center • Microtomy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paraffin ○ Frozen • Operation and maintenance of a microtome / water bath and cryostat
STAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of appropriate control material • Reagent preparation • Operation and maintenance of staining equipment • Mounting and coverslipping procedures • Identification of tissue structures and their staining characteristics • Routine staining (i.e., H&E) • Special staining <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carbohydrates and amyloid ○ Connective tissue ○ Microorganisms ○ Pigments and minerals
LABORATORY OPERATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation, preventive maintenance, and corrective action for equipment • Troubleshooting • Quality control • Application of laboratory safety protocols