

**§493.1483 Standard: Cytotechnologist qualifications**

**(a) Possess a current license as a cytotechnologist issued by the State in which the laboratory is located, if such licensing is required; and**

**(b) Meet one of the following requirements:**

**(b)(1) Have graduated from a school of cytotechnology accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or other organization approved by HHS; or**

**(b)(2) Be certified in cytotechnology by a certifying agency approved by HHS; or**

**(b)(3) Before September 1, 1992--**

**(b)(3)(i) Have successfully completed 2 years in an accredited institution with at least 12 semester hours in science, 8 hours of which are in biology; and**

**(b)(3)(i)(A) Have had 12 months of training in a school of cytotechnology accredited by an accrediting agency approved by HHS; or**

**(b)(3)(i)(B) Have received 6 months of formal training in a school of cytotechnology accredited by an accrediting agency approved by HHS and 6 months of full-time experience in cytotechnology in a laboratory acceptable to the pathologist who directed the formal 6 months of training; or**

**(b)(3)(ii) Have achieved a satisfactory grade to qualify as a cytotechnologist in a proficiency examination approved by HHS and designed to qualify persons as cytotechnologists; or**

**(b)(4) Before September 1, 1994, have full-time experience of at least 2 years or equivalent within the preceding 5 years examining slide preparations under the supervision of a physician qualified under §493.1449(b) or (k)(1), and before January 1, 1969, must have--**

**(b)(4)(i) Graduated from high school;**

**(b)(4)(ii) Completed 6 months of training in cytotechnology in a laboratory directed by a pathologist or other physician providing cytology services; and**

**(b)(4)(iii) Completed 2 years of full-time supervised experience in cytotechnology; or**

**(b)(5)(i) On or before September 1, 1994, have full-time experience of at least 2 years or equivalent examining cytology slide preparations within the preceding 5 years in the United States under the supervision of a physician qualified under §493.1449(b) or (k)(1); and**

**(b)(5)(ii) On or before September 1, 1995, have met the requirements in either paragraph (b)(1) or (2) of this section.**