

ACR Website:**NIOSH B Reader Training and Examination**

This three-day course is designed to provide practicing physicians with the skills needed to sit for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) B Reader Certification Examination. During the program, participants will receive lectures on the imaging features of pneumoconiosis and the International Labor Organization (ILO) classification system for chest radiographs interspersed with hands-on classification of chest radiographs from an enriched set of cases. Faculty will provide direct supervision and assistance. On the third day of the course, attendees will have the opportunity to sit for the NIOSH B Reader Certification Examination.

Demand for B Readers has increased over the years. Since the B Reader Program was developed in the 1970s, several other federal and state medical monitoring and disability compensation programs have instituted the requirement for using physicians familiar with the ILO system or are certified B Readers to classify radiographs for the presence and severity of findings of pneumoconiosis.

To address increased demand, remedy attrition, and bring on a new generation of B Readers, NIOSH requires the assistance of stakeholders to conduct outreach to the appropriate physician populations, make training more widely available, and offer increased accessibility to examination opportunities.

Link to ACR notice (emailed):

https://www.acr.org/Advocacy-and-Economics/Advocacy-News/Advocacy-News-Issues/In-the-Jan-11-2025-Issue/Member-Input-Sought-by-Feb-3-Regarding-CDC-NIOSH-B-Reader-RFI?utm_medium=email&utm_source=marketo&utm_content=body&utm_campaign=advo_011125&mkt_tok=NTk4LVRSQS0yNDQAAAGX9GyDUgy8zAuh2menCV0I_bg66D-pSQcl4V4hN-HUQgtdAFet82rhoqfP_sgr5BdVVeUzxaXCyTi6kMUZ9n9GITfJdBRQD34cBxAKZAFeFT2w

NOTE: The American College of Radiology® (ACR®) position is that nonphysician members of the healthcare team should not be involved in the interpretation of an imaging examination. Details about ACR's related positions are provided in the [ACR Digest of Council Actions](#).

Link to CDC site for comment:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/12/17/2024-29622/expansion-of-niosh-b-reader-certification-eligibility-request-for-information#p-15>

As of Wed am, 409 comments received.