



Association for Respiratory  
Technology & Physiology  
Breathing Inspiration and Quality into Respiratory Healthcare



# ARTP

## Certificate in Spirometry

In recent years the number of health care professionals, other than laboratory based lung function technicians, performing relatively simply lung function measurements has gradually increased. Although nationally agreed standards have been published for the performance of lung function tests, spirometric measurements made in a variety of primary and secondary health care settings by staff, other than those formally trained and in lung function laboratories, often falls way below the acceptable standard. With the recent publication of guidelines for the care of patients with COPD, in addition to those already published for Asthma, a greater emphasis is placed on basic lung function measurements at all levels of health care provision.

To ensure that patients are appropriately investigated and monitored the Association for Respiratory Technology and Physiology (ARTP) in conjunction with the British Thoracic Society (BTS) through the BTS/ARTP Liaison Committee have established a qualification to assess the competence of practitioners to perform such measurements.

### ARTP/BTS Full Certificate in Spirometry

The ARTP/BTS Full Certificate in Spirometry has been introduced to give a recognised national qualification for those practitioners who complete the Spirometry assessment.

**Completion of a 2 day Spirometry training course or the Completion of Spirometry E-Learning is required before the Spirometry Certificate programme can be undertaken.**

A list of ARTP/BTS approved Spirometry centres and proposed course dates can be found on the ARTP website ([www.artp.org.uk](http://www.artp.org.uk)) or by contacting the ARTP Administration office at the address below.

#### **Aim and format of the Full Certificate:**

To provide a competence based assessment for the measurement of dynamic lung volumes and flows and the response to short acting bronchodilators.

*The assessment consists of the following elements:*

- 1) *Portfolio of evidence*
- 2) *Worked-based assignment*
- 3) *Practical and oral assessment*

On registration for the Full Certificate you will be sent your candidate number, the ARTP Spirometry handbook (if purchased), Guidelines for completion of the Full Certificate and the work-based assignment and information regarding compilation of the portfolio.

**You will have six months to complete and submit the portfolio and assignment.**

Late submissions after the portfolio deadline will be classed as a fail. Requests for extensions to the

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portfolio deadline must be made in writing at least 2 weeks before the due date, any request received after the deadline will not be granted.

### ARTP/BTS Foundation Certificate in Spirometry

The ARTP/BTS Foundation Certificate in Spirometry has been introduced to give a recognised national qualification for those practitioners who regularly **perform** spirometry **without** interpreting the results. This is a practical competence certificate.

**Completion of a 1 day Foundation spirometry training course or the Completion of Spirometry E-Learning is required before the Foundation Certificate programme can be undertaken.**

A list of ARTP/BTS approved Spirometry centres and proposed course dates can be found on the ARTP website ([www.artp.org.uk](http://www.artp.org.uk)) or by contacting the ARTP Administration office at the address below.

#### **Aim and format of the Foundation Certificate:**

To provide a competence based assessment for the measurement of spirometry

*The assessment consists of the following elements:*

- 1) *Portfolio of evidence*
- 2) *Practical and oral assessment*

On registration for the Foundation Certificate you will be sent your candidate number, the ARTP Spirometry handbook (if purchased) and guidelines for completion of the Foundation Certificate including information regarding compilation of the portfolio.

**You will have six months to complete and submit the portfolio and assignment.**

When the portfolio has been successfully completed the ARTP Administrator will contact the candidate and arrange a date and place of the practical and oral examination. Deferrals will only be granted under serious circumstances and only one Deferral is allowed. Candidates must apply to the Spirometry Administrator in writing at least two weeks before a decision is made.

**After your form has been received there is a 4 week period where you are able to cancel free of charge. After this any cancellations will incur a £30 administration fee.**

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### Contact Details

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Certificate Registration

#### **Spirometry Training:**

ARTP Spirometry Course Centre: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please tick the appropriate box

	Registration With Handbook	Registration Without Handbook
<b>Full Certificate</b> Practical competence in performance of spirometry. Includes bronchodilator reversibility testing and interpretation of results.	£200.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£170.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Foundation Certificate</b> Practical competence in performance of spirometry	£180.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£150.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

**Total Amount Payable\*:** £ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tick if you are happy for your details to appear on the ARTP website on**

**Completion of your certificate**

By signing the below I confirm that I wish to register for the above certificate and will abide by ARTP codes of conduct.

**Please Sign here:** \_\_\_\_\_

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***\*Please note these fees do not include the cost for attending a study day at an ARTP Spirometry training centre.***

### Payment

- I enclose payment as a Cheque, made payable to "ARTP"***
- I wish to pay by Debit/Credit Card (please complete the section below)***

Please note we do not accept American Express cards

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number:

Start Date (Switch/Maestro only):   /   Expiry Date:   /

Security Number:

- I require an Invoice***

Hospital/Purchase Order Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Invoicing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Finance Department E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Department Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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