Are you considering an American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography™ (ARDMS) certification but unsure how your criminal or disciplinary background may affect your eligibility? Before completing your application for an ARDMS exam, take the following step to help determine if you are eligible.

ARDMS has implemented the Compliance Pre-determination Application (PDA) review process to assist those with a disciplinary background desiring a career in sonography and entrance into an ultrasound program. It is a review process that examines actual (not hypothetical) cases for individuals who have not already or begun the enrollment process. Upon completion of the review, ARDMS will provide you with a detailed determination of your eligibility status.

Scenarios suited for and require review include:

- Individuals disciplined by a certifying body, licensing or other regulatory authority, accrediting body, or national professional association.
- Those convicted of, pled guilty to, or a nolo contendere plea concerning a crime (felony or misdemeanor) other than a speeding or parking violation.
- Parties whose criminal convictions have been expunged. A criminal record triggers the compliance review process, even if the criminal matter is expunged.
- ARDMS will also consider matters involving deferred or withheld adjudication, suspended or withheld sentences, and military court marshals.

How to Apply

1. Go to ardms.org to create a My ARDMS account.
2. Select ‘APPLY NOW/NEW USER’ Registration.
3. Select ‘Compliance Pre-determination Applicant’.
4. Log in to account & go to ‘APPLICATION CENTER’.
5. Select ‘COMPLIANCE PRE-DETERMINATION APPLICATION’.
6. Follow instructions to submit your application.

Required Information and Documents

- Compliance Pre-determination Application Fee of $125
- A personal written statement explaining the circumstances that led to the matter(s) under review
- Resume/CV
- Specific documentation or information regarding the matter

Visit ardms.org/compliance-predetermination-application/ for details on the documentation and information required for each specified case type. Find more guidance and instructions regarding the ARDMS Compliance PDA review process at the above URL. Contact us at Compliance@Inteleos.org.