AMT History 1939 - Present

1939  American Medical Technologists Formed
1954  Distinguished Achievement and Exceptional Meritorious Awards established
1955  Council on Education, Qualifications and Standards Committee Developed
1964  Formation of the Accrediting Bureau of Medical Technology Schools
1967  Accrediting Bureau of Medical Technology Schools name is changed to Accrediting Bureau of Medical Laboratory Schools
       The Leona Lyons Carter Award established
1968  Creation of the categories: Medical Technologist and Medical Laboratory Technician
1969  Armed Forces Personnel Committee formed
1970  Army Surgeon General gives approval for Army Personnel to affiliate with AMT
1972  Medical Assistants Examination and Certification established
       Technologists of the Year Award criteria established
       Armed Forces Personnel Committee Changed to Uniformed Services Committee
1973  Memorial Scholarship Fund developed for continuing education of AMT members
1974  Canadian Association of AMT was granted a charter
1976  AMT Institute for Education (AMTIE) established
       AMT entered into an agreement with DANTES for Armed Forces Education Directors to proctor certification examinations for Armed Forces Personnel
1977  Awards program established to recognize schools for outstanding cooperative efforts
1978  Accrediting Bureau of Medical Laboratory Schools changed its name to Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)
       The position of Executive Secretary changed to Executive Director
1980  AMT granted Category A membership in National Commission for Health Certifying Agencies (NCHCA) (NCHCA is now National Commission for Certifying Agencies, NCCA)
       AMTIE becomes a separate entity
       AMT & ASMT agreed to jointly sponsor National Medical Laboratory Week
1984  The Journal of Medical Technology, a joint scientific monthly publication of AMT & American Society for Medical Technology (ASMT)
1987  Journal of Medical Technology is discontinued. AMT produces its own continuing education supplement to AMT Events
       STEP program is started
1989  Registered Dental Assistants certification established
       Caribbean Association of Medical Technologists (CASMET) members accepted into AMT membership
1990  First RDA exams administered
1991  ABHES spins off of AMT and is a separate organization
1992  Registered Phlebotomy Technician certification started
1995  Certified Office Laboratory Technician certification started
1998  Allied Health Instructor certification established
       Certified Laboratory Consultant certification established
2000  Computerized testing option available to certification applicants for MT, MLT, RMA, RDA, RPT, COLT
       Dr. Gerard Boe retires as Executive Director and Christopher Damon, J.D. is hired
2002  National School Liaison position established
       AMT receives renewal of NCCA accreditation for all certification examinations
2003  Certified Medical Administrative Specialist certification established
       AMT is approved as a phlebotomy examination organization for the State of California
2004  AMT celebrates its 65th Anniversary (1939-2004)
       AMTIE celebrates its 25th Anniversary (1979-2004)
       AMT announces a Phlebotomy of the Year Award (to be awarded at the 2005 Annual Convention)
2005  First meeting of the AMT Career Education Advisory Committee
2006  On May 25, AMT Home Office relocates from Park Ridge, IL to new offices in Rosemont, IL
       AMT initiates the Certification Continuation Program (CCP) which requires newly certified individuals to keep abreast in their field through continuing education and professional activities
       AMT decides to terminate COLT program, and in its place establish a Certified Medical Laboratory Assistant (CMLA) certification program, scheduled for launching in early 2009
2007  AMT reaches 50,000 active members
2008  AMT adopts new corporate logo and branding image
2009  AMT celebrates its 70th anniversary (1939-2009)
2011  AMT holds 75th Annual Convention and Educational Meeting