



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

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Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code and rule 4755-40-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code, you are hereby notified that the Athletic Trainers Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 9:45 A.M. on the 31st Floor of the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts located at 77 S. High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

4755-43-08

Biennial Renewal of Licensure (Amend)

4755-45-01

Continuing Education (Amend)

4755-46-02

Delegation of Tasks to Unlicensed Persons (Amend)

Persons intending to testify are encouraged to pre-register by sending an email to board@otptat.ohio.gov or writing to:

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Testimony presented during the hearing or submitted to the Section will be considered by the Section at its May 6, 2015 meeting. A copy of the proposed rules referenced above may be obtained at the Board's website, <http://otptat.ohio.gov>, or by contacting the Board by email or telephone.

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4755-43-08 Biennial renewal of license.

- (A) Renewal of an athletic trainer license shall be in accordance with section 4755.63 of the Revised Code.
- (1) The renewal notice shall be sent to the address on file with the board.
 - (2) The entire licensure renewal application, including any required forms, compliance with the continuing education requirement specified in rule 4755-45-01 of the Administrative Code, and payment of the renewal fee prescribed by rule 4755-47-06 of the Administrative Code, shall be completed to satisfy the requirements of the renewal procedure.
- (B) All individuals licensed as an athletic trainer shall renew their license by the thirtieth day of September in each even-numbered year. When a license to practice as an athletic trainer is issued by the board on or after ~~July~~June first of an even-numbered year, that license shall be valid through the thirtieth day of September of the next even-numbered year.
- (C) Persons who fail to submit the renewal fee, completed application, any other required forms, and/or comply with the continuing education requirement specified in rule 4755-45-01 of the Administrative Code by the thirtieth day of September of the appropriate year shall have their license automatically expire.
- (1) A license holder whose license expires for failure to renew shall submit a reinstatement application in accordance with rule 4755-43-06 of the Administrative Code. The athletic trainers section shall approve the reinstatement application before the individual may legally practice athletic training in Ohio.
 - (2) A licensee who continues to practice athletic training with an expired license shall be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 4755.64 of the Revised Code.
- (D) For the purposes of filing an electronic renewal application via the Ohio e-License system, the board shall supply the applicant with a "UserID" and password. The use of the "UserID" and password provided by the board is solely the responsibility of the licensee to whom it is issued and shall be limited to filing an electronic renewal application. The "UserID" and password shall constitute the legally recognized signature for the purposes of this rule and may not be transferred, distributed, or shared with any other person.

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4755-45-01 Continuing education.

- (A) Pursuant to section 4755.63 of the Revised Code, to renew an athletic trainers license, licensees shall complete:
- (1) Not less than twenty-five hours of continuing education that meet the requirements of this rule; and
 - (2) At least one contact hour of ethics education per renewal cycle. The one hour ethics requirement shall be fulfilled by completing an acceptable activity outlined in paragraph (C) of this rule that contains at least one hour addressing professional ethics. In addition, any presentation by the athletic trainers section meets the ethics requirement.
 - (3) ~~If the license was valid for a period of twelve months or less, the licensee shall complete twelve contact hours of continuing education within the renewal cycle, including one contact hour of ethics pursuant to paragraph (A)(2) of this rule. The category limits contained in paragraph (C) of this rule do not apply if the license was valid for twelve months or less.~~ At least two contact hours of education covering evidence based practice per renewal cycle.
 - (4) ~~Any person who obtains an initial license in Ohio pursuant to rule 4755-43-01 of the Administrative Code within twelve months of graduation from an accredited entry level athletic training educational program is~~ Licensees are not required to obtain any continuing education units for the first renewal.
- (B) The athletic trainers section shall determine if a continuing education activity meets the requirements of this rule. Continuing education is defined as participation in an organized continuing education experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction, and qualified instruction. One contact hour equals sixty minutes.
- (1) Applications for prior approval of workshop or conference content by the athletic trainers section may be obtained by the workshop or conference sponsor from the board office. For prior approval, completed applications must be received by the section no later than ninety days prior to the date of the workshop or conference.
 - (2) If no other form of verification is used, licensees shall obtain from the board office verification of participation forms, which are to be signed by each presenter at the conclusion of each presentation. If a presentation is made by a panel of individuals, only one signature is required. Original continuing education certificates or other original documents indicating credits awarded may also be used as verification of participation.
 - (3) Continuing education hours shall exclude refreshment breaks, receptions and other social gatherings, and meals.
- (C) Acceptable continuing education activities may include:
- (1) Participation in professional workshops, seminars, and/or conferences.
 - (a) Credit is obtained for in person participation in presentations that have either been approved by the athletic trainers section, sponsored by the national athletic trainers

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association, the national athletic trainers association board of certification, the great lakes athletic trainers association, the Ohio athletic trainers association, or offered by a national athletic trainers association board of certification approved provider, or which otherwise meets all of the following criteria:

- (i) Contributes directly to professional competency;
 - (ii) Relates directly to the clinical practice, management, or education of athletic training; and
 - (iii) Conducted by individuals who demonstrate expertise in the subject matter of the program.
- (b) Proof of content shall be demonstrated by the original workshop or conference brochure, agenda, and/or other materials given to participants during the presentation and/or, if applicable, information documented on prior approval applications made with the board.
- (c) A minimum of five hours shall be earned under this category per renewal cycle. There is no limit on the number of continuing education hours that may be earned in this category.
- (2) Presentations. To be eligible to receive continuing education credit for making a presentation, including a poster presentation, the presentation shall be:
- (a) To health or education professionals and/or students; and
 - (b) Directly related to the clinical practice, management, or education of athletic training professionals.
- Five hours will be awarded per presentation, with a maximum of ten hours per renewal cycle. Proof of having conducted the presentation is the workshop, conference, or seminar contract, the brochure, agenda or other printed materials describing the content and audience.
- Continuing education credit will not be awarded for subsequent presentations of the same material.
- (3) Publication of original work. Ten hours will be awarded per original publication in a state or national scientific journal or publication of a related professional organization. A maximum of twenty hours may be earned in this category per renewal cycle.
- (4) Postgraduate courses. Any course completed after receiving a bachelors degree may be submitted for consideration by the athletic trainers section provided the course is directly related to the management, practice, or education of athletic training. Proof of completion is an unofficial transcript and a copy of the course description. An official transcript may be requested at the discretion of the athletic trainers section. Five contact hours will be awarded for each semester hour or equivalent accepted. There is no limit of contact hours in this category.
- (5) Self-study. Formal self-study packages, such as printed text, multi-media, or internet based activities, related to the practice of athletic training are acceptable. Proof of completion is

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the certificate of completion and/or a copy of the post-test results. A maximum of twenty hours may be earned in this category per renewal cycle.

(6) Post-professional athletic training education program. Graduation from a post-professional athletic training education program accredited by the commission on accreditation of athletic training education may be submitted for the continuing education requirement and will qualify for twenty-five hours of continuing education in the year the licensee graduates. Proof of completion is an unofficial transcript. An official transcript may be requested at the discretion of the athletic trainers section.

(7) Laws and rules examination. One contact hour may be earned for completing and passing the Ohio athletic training laws and rules examination. This contact hour may be utilized only once per renewal cycle for continuing education credit. Proof of completion will be supplied by the section. This contact hour may be used to fulfill the ethics requirement established in paragraph (A)(2) of this rule.

(D) An athletic training license shall not be renewed unless the licensee indicates on the renewal application that the individual completed the required number of continuing education hours specified in paragraph (A) of this rule.

A licensee who falsifies a renewal application may be disciplined by the athletic trainers section for violating division (A)(3) of section 4755.64 of the Revised Code.

(E) Records and documentation of continuing education activities, such as verification of participation forms, conference brochures, certificates, college or university transcripts or grade reports, articles, books, and/or apprenticeship evaluations shall be maintained by the licensee.

(F) The athletic trainers section shall conduct an audit of the continuing education records of not less than five per cent of the licensees each renewal year.

(1) Licensees chosen for the audit shall submit documentation to support the continuing education activities within the timeframe specified by the athletic training section. After review of the records and documentation, if requested, the materials shall be returned to the licensee.

(2) Failure to provide proof of the required number of continuing education hours in the appropriate categories, for the specified time period will result in the commencement of disciplinary action.

(3) Failure to respond to or acknowledge receipt of an audit notice will result in the commencement of disciplinary action.

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4755-46-02 Athletic training students.

- (A) A student is an unlicensed person. However, for purposes of the exemption from licensure contained in division (A)(3) of section 4755.65 of the Revised Code, a student need not be licensed if all of the following requirements are met:
- (1) The ~~student is enrolled in: athletic training education program is an accredited or approved post-secondary program that will lead to a baccalaureate or higher degree in athletic training;~~
 - (a) A professional (entry-level) education program accredited by the commission on accreditation of athletic training education (CAATE); or
 - (b) An international professional (entry-level) education program located in a country that has entered into a mutual recognition agreement with the board of certification (BOC) and enrolled as a student at a program identified in paragraph (A)(1)(a) of this rule.
 - (2) The student has not met the requirements to sit for the examination;
 - (3) The activities and services performed by the student constitute a part of an approved course of study in accordance with paragraphs (B) and (C) of this rule;
 - (4) Students are designated by titles which clearly indicate their status as a student.
- (B) A student shall be supervised by an Ohio licensed athletic trainer. The supervising athletic trainer is responsible for planning, directing, and evaluating the student's athletic training experience. Supervision requires daily visual and audible contact at all the sites at which the student provides services.
- (C) Any documentation written by a student, must be countersigned by the supervising athletic trainer. Documentation shall include the student's signature and must be followed by a title which indicates student status.
- (D) High school students are not "students" for the purpose of the exemption from licensure provided by section 4755.65 of the Revised Code and this rule. High school students should be referred to as "student aides." High school student aides are unlicensed persons as defined in rule 4755-46-01 of the Administrative Code.