

Notice of Rulemaking Hearing

Board of Athletic Trainers

There will be a hearing before the Tennessee Board of Athletic Trainers to consider the promulgation of amendments to rules pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-24-105, and 63-24-111. The hearing will be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-204 and will take place in the Department of Health Conference Center's Mockingbird Room on the First Floor of the Heritage Place Building located at 227 French Landing, Nashville, TN at 2:30 p.m. (CDT) on the 26th day of September, 2007.

Any individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (review these filings) should contact the Department of Health, Division of Health Related Boards to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation or review. Such initial contact may be made no less than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting date (the date such party intends to review such filings), to allow time for the Division to determine how it may reasonably provide such aid or service. Initial contact may be made with the ADA Coordinator at the Division of Health Related Boards, 227 French Landing, Suite 300, Heritage Place, MetroCenter, Nashville, TN 37243, (615) 532-4397.

For a copy of the entire text of this notice of rulemaking hearing contact:

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Substance of Proposed Rules

Amendments

Chapter 0150-01

General Rules and Regulations Governing the Practice of Athletic Trainers

Rule 0150-01-.09 Licensure Renewal and Reinstatement, is amended by deleting subparagraph (2) (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new subparagraph (2) (c) shall read:

(2) (c) Submit documentation of successful completion of the continuing education requirements as provided in rule 0150-01-.12; and

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-24-105 and 63-24-111.

Rule 0150-01-.11 Retirement and Reactivation of License, is amended by deleting subparagraph (3) (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new subparagraph (3) (c) shall read:

(3) (c) Submit documentation of successful completion of seventy-five (75) hours of continuing education, as provided in rule 0150-01-.12, during the three (3) calendar year period that the applicant would have been assigned according to that rule had the license not been retired; and

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-24-105 and 63-24-111.

Rule 0150-01-.12 Continuing Education, is amended by deleting subparagraph (1) (a) and all of its parts and subparts in their entireties and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new subparagraph (1) (a) and new parts 1. and 2. shall read:

- (1) (a) All athletic trainers must have completed seventy-five (75) hours of continuing education in courses approved by the Board every three (3) calendar years (three (3) calendar year cycles being calculated from December 31 of a given year through December 31 three (3) years later). The three (3) calendar year cycle during which the continuing education hours must be obtained shall be as follows:
1. For those who held current NATABOC certification before January 1, 2006 or who on that date or on any date thereafter obtained such certification, the three (3) calendar year cycle to which they were assigned pursuant to NATABOC procedures. This cycle shall continue to be applied to such persons even if they discontinue NATABOC certification anytime on or after January 1, 2006.
 2. For those who have never obtained certification with the NATABOC or who failed to maintain it prior to January 1, 2006, the three (3) calendar year cycle beginning December 31, 2005 and ending December 31, 2008 and every three (3) calendar years thereafter. For prior year audit purposes this is the three (3) calendar year cycle during which all licensees were required to obtain their continuing education prior to January 1, 2006 when NATABOC transitioned into a staggered three (3) year cycle.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-24-111.

The notice of rulemaking set out herein was properly filed in the Department of State on the 18th day of July, 2007. (FS 07-11-07; DBID 683)