

## State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics

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WILLIAM C. NEU, III, LPO, BOARD PRESIDENT**NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE RULES**

This notice is being made in accordance with section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 4779-1-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

This is a notice to inform all interested parties that the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics will conduct a **Public Hearing on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014 at 10:00 AM on the 19<sup>th</sup> floor of the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts located at 77 S. High St., Room 1908, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.**

The following set of new rule language and amendments to the [Board's Current Rule Series](#) is being proposed for adoption to more effectively and efficiently govern the operations of the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics, and to more accurately and clearly define regulatory requirements for its licensees and other stakeholders. This set of rules is being brought forward specifically for compliance with Am. Sub. HB 98 of the 130<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

**NEW RULE: Proposed OAC Rule 4779-5-05 -- Consideration of Military Experience, Education, Training and Term of Service**

- reports a finding that there are no military programs of training, military primary specialties, and lengths of service that are substantially equivalent to or which exceed the educational and experience requirements for licensure under Chapter 4779.
- provides allowances for renewal of expired licenses of service members or veterans engaged in active service at the time of license expiration
- provides allowance for extension of time to comply with continuing education requirements for veterans or service members engaged in active service during the required accrual period
- allows a veteran to submit documentation demonstrating experience or training gained in military service to support licensing requirements
- provides a standardized, state of Ohio definition of active military service member or veteran as anyone who is serving or has served under honorable conditions in any component of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserve

**RULE AMENDMENT: OAC 4779-8-01 -- Renewal of License**

- provides for waiver of late renewal penalty fee for service members, veterans or their spouses where member was engaged in active duty at the time of license expiration
- housekeeping updates: (a) renewal notifications may be by email as well as first class mail; (b) licensees are required to report changes in contact information to the Board; (c) virtual, printable license cards may be provided as an alternative to printing and mailing hard copy cards; (d) language update to bring rule into compliance with Incorporation by Reference requirements

**NEW RULE: Proposed OAC 4779-9-04 -- Extension of OPPCE reporting period for licensee called to active duty military**

- provides for the extension of time for Continuing Education reporting and for the extension to equal or exceed the period of time the service member was engaged in active service

**Persons intending to testify are encouraged to pre-register by sending an email to [bopp@opp.ohio.gov](mailto:bopp@opp.ohio.gov). Testimony may be presented in person or in writing; written testimony timely received will be introduced at the hearing. A copy of the referenced rules may be obtained at the board's website, <http://opp.ohio.gov>, or by contacting the Board by email or fax, or at the Register of Ohio site: <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>**

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