

## TO BE RESCINDED

4755-45-01                    **Continuing education.**

- (A) Pursuant to section 4755.63 of the Revised Code, each license issued under section 4755.62 of the Revised Code expires two years after the date of issue. Persons holding a valid, unexpired license may apply to the athletic trainers section of the ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board on forms and according to the schedule approved by the section, for renewal of their license.

The section shall renew a license upon the payment of the license renewal fee prescribed by rule 4755-43-09 of the Administrative Code and submission to the section of proof of satisfactory completion of not less than sixty hours of continuing education, acceptable to the section, or reexamination as outlined in rule 4755-43-02 of the Administrative Code.

- (B) Continuing education shall be approved by the athletic trainers section. Continuing education shall be defined as participation in an organized continuing education experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction, and qualified instruction. One contact hour equals sixty minutes. Pursuant to section 4755.63 of the Revised Code, six units shall equal sixty contact hours.

- (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) 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 no other form of verification is used. 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. Credit is obtained by participating in presentations that have either been approved by the athletic trainers section, sponsored by the "national athletic trainers association, "national athletic trainers association board of certification, the

great lakes athletic trainers association, or the Ohio athletic trainers association," or which otherwise meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) Contributes directly to professional competency;
- (b) Relates directly to the clinical practice of athletic training;
- (c) Conducted by individuals who have demonstrated expertise in the subject matter of the program.

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.

A minimum of ten hours is required to be earned under this category per renewal cycle. There is no limit on the number of continuing education hours which may be earned under this category.

- (2) Presentations of athletic training education programs, workshops, or seminars. The presentations must be to health or education professional and/or students, and related to the practice of athletic training. Proof of having conducted the presentation is the workshop or conference or seminar brochures or agendas or other printed materials describing content and audience and signed by the program organizer. Five hours will be awarded per presentation. A maximum of ten hours is allowed to be earned under this category per renewal cycle.
- (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. The maximum of twenty hours is allowed to be earned under this category per renewal cycle.
- (4) Postgraduate study. Any study completed after receiving a bachelors degree may be submitted for consideration by the athletic trainers section. The study must be related to improving one's athletic training skills and/or knowledge. There will be five hours awarded for each semester hour or equivalent accepted, with a maximum of forty hours per renewal cycle. Proof of successful completion will be a copy of the course description and an official copy of the transcript.
- (5) Self-study. Formal self-study packages, related to the practice of athletic training are acceptable. Proof of completion is the certificate from the self-study sponsors. A maximum of thirty hours is allowed to be earned under

this category per renewal cycle.

(6) Certification in first aid will be awarded five hours per renewal cycle.

(7) Certification in CPR will be awarded five hours per renewal cycle..

(D) An athletic training license shall not be renewed unless the licensee has signed their renewal application certifying that they have completed the required number of continuing education hours for renewal.

A licensee who falsifies a renewal application may be prosecuted by the athletic training section for violating section 4755.64 (A)(3) 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 are to be maintained by the licensee.

(F) The athletic trainers section shall conduct a random audit of the continuing education records of not less than five per cent of the licensees no later than the thirtieth day of June following the renewal deadline.

(1) Licensees chosen randomly will be required to 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 comply with an audit request shall constitute grounds for denial of renewal, suspension, or revocation of the license.

(3) Any person whose license has expired for failing to comply with continuing education requirements may be reported to the national health care integrity practitioner data bank, and the national athletic trainers association board of certification.

(I) Any person whose license has expired for failure to comply with continuing education requirements may only obtain a new valid license by completing the following:

(1) Completion the reinstatement process as outlined under rule 4755-43-06 of the Administrative Code; and

- (2) Proof of good standing with the national athletic trainers association board of certification;
- (3) In addition, the athletic trainers section may require payment of a late fee not to exceed-forty-five dollars.

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