

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Saturday, January 6, 2024, and filed with the agency secretary on Saturday, January 6, 2024.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

RULE NO.: 140-X-4-.03
(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **NA**

RULE TITLE: Continuing Education

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

Adopted without changes. No written comments were received for this rule.

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

140-X-4-.03 Continuing Education.

Athletic Trainers are required to complete and document continuing education each renewal year to renew their license. Continuing education guidelines and reporting methods and forms as appropriate for class of licensee will be provided to licensees annually. Forms and instructions used by the Board are found in Appendix A and are part of this rule. Licensees issued a license between July 1 and December 31 shall not be subject to continuing education requirements or late fees for the first renewal period only.

(1) Athletic Trainers who hold an active BOC Certification must meet the highest professional standards and stringent continuing education requirements imposed by the BOC. BOC continuing education requirements meet or exceed those required by the Alabama Board of Athletic Training except for annual certification in an approved emergency cardiac care course.

(a) BOC-certified Athletic Trainers may use the continuing education earned to satisfy their BOC credentialing requirement as a portion of the Board's continuing education requirement each renewal year. Proof of current BOC certification shall be considered acceptable documentation.

(b) BOC-certified Athletic Trainers shall also report and document annual certification in a BOC-approved EMRC course each renewal year unless otherwise noted. The original or copy of said certification card, official letter, or certificate of completion shall be considered acceptable documentation.

(2) Athletic Trainers who were issued a license pursuant to Code of Ala. 1975, Section 34-40-7, without being required to be BOC Certified for licensure are required to complete and document twenty-six (26) contact hours of continuing education as prescribed by the Board each renewal year. Continuing education requirements are similar in content and contact hours to those required of BOC-certified athletic trainers.

(3) Athletic Trainers who are issued a license between July 1 and December 31 shall be required to submit only proof of current BOC Certification which serves as documentation that BOC professional standards and continuing education requirements have been met, thus satisfying the annual continuing education requirement of the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers for the initial renewal period.

(4) The annual renewal period shall be October 15th through December 31st.

(5) Continuing education requirements obtained after the renewal period for the next licensure period but obtained

during the 90-day grace period shall be allowed and shall be considered late.

(a) A fee of \$25 for each month the continuing education requirements are late being obtained shall be assessed the licensee and shall be paid before the end of the 90-day grace period.

(b) Continuing education hours obtained after the then-current renewal period but during the 90-day grace period may not be used to satisfy continuing education requirements for the next renewal period.

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