435:25-1-2. Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Apprentice Athletic Trainer" means a person who is putting in clock hours toward becoming a licensed Athletic Trainer.

"Athlete" means a person who engages in physical activity or is physically active.

"Direct supervision" means on-site, personal supervision. The supervisor will delineate specific tasks and duties to be performed. Supervisee will not perform duties or tasks for which he/she is not trained.

"General supervision" means responsible supervision and control. The supervisor is regularly and routinely on site to provide supervision. When not on site, the supervisor is available physically or through direct telecommunication for consultation.

"National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., or its successor organization" herein referred to as "BOC", is the national certifying body for the profession of Athletic Training

"Physical activity" means activity that consists of athletic, recreational or occupational activities that require physical skills and utilize strength, power, endurance, speed, flexibility, range of motion or agility.

"Physically active" means individuals that engage in athletic, recreational or occupational activities that require physical skills and utilize strength, power, endurance, speed, flexibility, range of motion or agility.

"Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

"Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation.

435:25-3-1. Licensure by examination

Requirements for Athletic Trainer licensure by examination are as follows:

(1) Statutory requirements. All applicants for licensure by examination must meet the
statutory requirements set forth in the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers Act, hereinafter referred to as Act.

(2) **Required examination.** The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, hereinafter referred to as Board, recognizes and adopts the National Athletic Trainer's Association Certification Examination of the Board of Certification, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as NATA BOC) BOC as the examination required for licensure of an Athletic Trainer.

(3) **Filing application.** Application for licensure by examination must be on file at the office of the Board at least 30 days prior to examination.

(4) **Admittance.** No person shall be admitted to the examination until satisfactory evidence is submitted to the Board of her/his qualifications to be admitted to such examination.

(5) **Proof of scores Certification.** Submission of documentation of certification proof of scores of a passing grade, as awarded determined by the National Athletic Trainer's Association BOC shall constitute satisfactory evidence of an applicant's educational qualifications for licensure. Applicants must have the scores documentation submitted to this Board through the Interstate Reporting Service.

(6) **Failure of written portion of examination.** In the event of failure to pass the written portion of the NATA examination, the applicant must re-take said part of the examination until such time as a passing score is obtained.

(7) **Failure of oral/practical portion of examination.** In the event of failure to pass the oral/practical portion of the examination, the applicant must re-take said part of the examination until such time as a passing score is obtained.

(8) **Administration of oral/practical examination.**
   (A) The oral/practical portion of the examination will be administered by one licensed physician and two licensed Athletic Trainers.
   (B) The Secretary of the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision is authorized to appoint the physician and licensed Athletic Trainers who are to administer the examination each time the examination is given.

(9) **Fees.**
   (A) The application for licensure by examination shall be accompanied with a fee to cover the actual cost of purchasing the examination and the cost of administering the examination which is to be determined on a per capita basis.
   (B) The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized to assess the actual cost of the examination and the administration costs of said examination and to notify the respective applicants of the cost for the examination or any respective parts thereof.
   (C) The application for licensure by examination shall be accompanied with a fee of $50.00 in addition to the examination fee.

(10) **Team or consulting physician application and written protocol.** An Athletic Trainer's License shall only be issued by the Board upon application filed by both the Athletic Trainer-applicants and the team physician or consulting physician with a written protocol approved by said physician.

### 435:25-3-2. Licensure by endorsement

Requirements for Athletic Trainer licensure by endorsement are as follows:

(1) **Statutory requirements.** Applicants for licensure by endorsement must meet all statutory requirements required of applicants for licensure by examination, as set forth in the Act.

(2) **Examination standard; personal interview.** Any person who is currently licensed by
examination as an athletic trainer in another state of the United States of America, the District of Columbia or Puerto Rico, is eligible for licensure by endorsement provided the written examination and grade standard were that of the NATA BOC. Scores must be submitted through the Interstate Reporting Service or other recognized reporting service. If the applicant has not been employed as an athletic trainer during the year prior to application, such applicant may be requested to present herself/himself for a personal interview with the members of the Advisory Committee or the Board.

(3) **Fees.** The application shall be accompanied by a fee as set in 435:1-1-7.

**SUBCHAPTER 5. REGULATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINER PRACTICE**

Section
435:25-5-2. Initial licensure; renewal; reinstatement [AMENDED]
435:25-5-4. Prescribing drugs [AMENDED]
435:25-5-5. Disclosure of examination contents by licensee prohibited [REVOKED]

**435:25-5-2. Initial licensure; renewal; reinstatement**

(a) Initial licensure of an Athletic Trainer shall be for one year, and shall be renewed annually, and shall require documentation of current good standing with the BOC.

(b) Athletic Trainers with licenses lapsed twelve months or less wishing to apply for reinstatement of licensure will be required to file an application on forms provided by the Board. Athletic Trainers may be required to meet one or more of the following guidelines:

1. Personal appearance before the Advisory Committee;
2. Practice under the direct supervision of a licensed Athletic Trainer and/or licensed physician for up to ninety (90) days. The supervising Athletic Trainer and/or supervising Physician will provide to the Committee a report on the applicant's performance prior to licensure; or
3. Provide proof of current National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) BOC certification.

(c) Athletic Trainers with licenses lapsed more than twelve months wishing to re-enter the practice of Athletic Trainer will be required to file a new application on forms provided by the Board. Athletic Trainers may be required to meet one or more of the following guidelines:

1. Personal appearance before the Advisory Committee; 
2. Practice under the direct supervision of a licensed Athletic Trainer and/or licensed Physician for one month (at least 22 days) for each year the license was lapsed. The supervising Athletic Trainer and/or supervising Physician will provide to the Committee a report on the applicant’s performance prior to licensure; or
3. Provide proof of up to 25 continuing education units for each year the license was lapsed or proof of current NATA BOC Certification; or
4. Provide proof of current good standing with the BOC; or
5. Retake and pass the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification (NATA BOC) BOC examination or a Committee-determined equivalent thereof.

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435:25-5-4. Prescribing drugs
The athletic trainer shall not prescribe, administer or dispense any scheduled or legend drug but may administer or dispense under the supervision of a physician.

435:25-5-5. Disclosure of examination contents by licensee prohibited
An athletic trainer shall not reproduce in written form or reveal in any other manner, any part of the written or oral/practical examination for the purpose of aiding licensure of candidates.

SUBCHAPTER 7. LICENSURE OF APPRENTICE ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Section
435:25-7-1. Definitions [REVOKED]

435:25-7-1. Definitions
The following words or terms, when used in this Subchapter, shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicated otherwise:

"Apprentice Athletic Trainer" means a person who is putting in clock hours toward becoming a licensed Athletic Trainer.

"Direct supervision" means on-site, personal supervision. The supervisor will delineate specific tasks and duties to be performed. supervisee will not perform duties or tasks for which he/she is not trained.

"General supervision" means responsible supervision and control. The supervisor is regularly and routinely on site to provide supervision. When not on site, the supervisor is available physically or through direct telecommunication for consultation.

SUBCHAPTER 11. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Section
435:25-11-2. Investigatory hearings [REVOKED]

435:25-11-2. Investigatory hearings
Investigatory hearings may be conducted by the Advisory Committee to ascertain facts, make conclusions and recommendations to the Board:

(1) Notices. All notices or other papers requiring service in an individual proceeding shall be served in the manner set forth in 435:1-1-4 (c).

(2) Time. The time set for a hearing shall not be less than thirty days after the date the notice is completed.

(3) Discovery techniques. All parties to said hearing are authorized to use discovery techniques available to parties in a civil action in the state courts of Oklahoma.

(4) Hearing. The hearing shall be conducted in an orderly manner by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee. The order of procedure will follow that which applies in civil proceedings of law.

(5) Administrative Procedures Act. All hearings shall be conducted in accordance with and be governed by the provisions of the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. 1971, Sections 301 through 327, as now or hereinafter may be amended.
(6) **Hearing recorded.** The hearing will be tape recorded and a record preserved by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee. If the respondent desires a certified court reporter to be present, that party shall be responsible for securing the attendance of the same. Neither the Advisory Committee nor the Board shall be responsible for the cost for the attendance of the reporter or a transcription of the hearing.

(7) **Transcript of hearing.** If a transcript of the hearing is desired, the requesting party must deposit sufficient funds to cover the transcription cost. The fees previously adopted by this Board for such transcription shall be applicable.

(8) **Continuances.** Requests for continuances received prior to the hearing date may be granted by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee for good cause shown.

(9) **Recommendations to the Board.** The Advisory Committee shall conduct the hearing, receive all evidence and shall thereafter make its recommendations to the Board for an appropriate order. Such recommendations shall be made within 15 days after the hearing.

(10) **Appeal to the Board.** An aggrieved party may appeal such finding to the Board within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the Advisory Committee's Recommendations. The appeal to the Board will be on the record; parties will be afforded an opportunity to make oral arguments to the Board.