

**TITLE 435. STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION  
CHAPTER. 55. LICENSED ORTHOTISTS AND PROSTHETISTS AND REGISTERED  
TECHNICIANS AND ASSISTANTS**

**435:55-5-3. Continuing education requirements for renewal**

(a) ~~Every two years individuals seeking to renew licensure/registration must obtain the required continuing education hours. No continuing education hours may be carried over from one compliance period to another.~~

Every two years individuals seeking to renew licensure/registration must show proof of current certification by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics (ABC) or the Board for Orthotist/Prosthetist Certification (BOC), or obtain continuing education hours as follows:

- (1) Orthotists and/or prosthetists must obtain thirty (30) continuing education hours. Dual disciplined licensees must obtain at least fifteen (15) hours in each discipline.
- (2) Registered assistants must obtain ten (10) continuing education hours.
- (3) Registered technicians must obtain six (6) continuing education hours.

No continuing education hours may be carried over from one compliance period to another

(b) Any applicant for renewal who cannot meet the requirements for continuing education may make a written request for an extension from the Board. The request shall include a plan for completion of the continuing education requirements within the requested extension period. An extension for a period of up to one calendar year may be granted if circumstances make it impossible or extremely difficult for the applicant to obtain the required continuing education hours. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to, extended illness, family emergency, etc.

(c) Each applicant is responsible for maintaining evidence/proof/record of participation in a continuing education experience for a minimum of six years. Such proof shall include documented evidence as provided by the American Board for Certification or Board for Orthotist Prosthetist Certification or evidence submitted by the applicant including:

- (1) date, place, course title, schedule, presenter(s), etc.,
- (2) number of contact hours for activity,
- (3) proof of completion, such as abstracts, certificates of attendance, or other certification of completion.

(d) New licentiates or registrants will be required to obtain continuing education hours on a pro rata basis based upon when the license or registration was issued during the accounting period. Furthermore, no continuing education hours will be required during the full calendar year of initial licensure or registration.

(e) The Advisory Committee on Orthotics and Prosthetics shall conduct random audits of the continuing education records of the number of licensees or registrants that time and resources permit. The Committee may appoint a sub-committee to review audits and requests for approval of continuing education experiences and make recommendations to the Committee for disposition.

(f) Penalties for failure to comply with continuing education requirements may be assessed after notice and hearing as required by law. Penalties may include imposition of additional continuing education hours, probation, suspension, or revocation of license or registration.

## **RULE IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed amendment changes the continuing education requirement to accept current certification by the two national certifying organizations. Continuing education is required in order to maintain current certification by these organizations. Licensees will avoid duplication of continuing education hours if they maintain current certification. Those not maintaining current certification will still have the opportunity to provide proof directly to the Board of meeting continuing education hours.

The classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rule are the Orthotists, Prosthetists, Orthotic/Prosthetic Technicians and Assistants.

There will be no economic impact on the affected class of persons and no cost to the agency or any other state agency for the implementation and enforcement of this change.

Implementation of this change will have no economic impact on any political subdivision or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule.

The proposed changes will not have an adverse economic effect on small business.

There is no less costly or non-regulatory method or less intrusive method for achieving the purpose of this rule change.

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