

**TITLE 435. STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION  
CHAPTER 50. LICENSED PEDORTHISTS**

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

**PROPOSED RULES:**

435:50-5-3. Continuing education requirements for renewal

**SUMMARY:**

The proposed amendments would accept current certification by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics as meeting the continuing education requirements for renewal for Pedorthists licensed in the state.

**AUTHORITY:**

TITLE 59 O.S., Section 2304, State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

**COMMENT PERIOD:**

The comment period will run from January 4, 2010 to February 12, 2010. Written comments may be sent to the office of the Board, PO Box 18256, Oklahoma City, OK 73154-0256.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing will be held to provide an opportunity for persons to orally present their views on February 22, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Board, 101 N.E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Written notice of intent to make oral comment must be received by this office no later than February 12, 2010.

**REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:**

n/a

**COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:**

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained at the office of the Board, 101 N.E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

A rule impact statement will be prepared and available after January 4, 2010 at the office of the Board, 101 N.E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73015.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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- (a) Every year pedorthists seeking to renew licensure must show proof of current certification by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics or obtain 11 continuing education points as set out in 435:50-5-4 and 435:50-5-5 of this subsection. 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 with a temporary license 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 licensee is responsible for maintaining evidence/proof/record of participation in a continuing education experience for a minimum of six years. Such proof shall include:
- (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) Individuals licensed between June 1 and January 31 will not be required to obtain continuing education points for their first renewal period.
- (e) The Advisory Committee on Pedorthics shall conduct random audits of the continuing education records of the number of licensees 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 contact hours, probation of license, suspension of license, or revocation of license.