

Tennessee Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners



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In conjunction with the purpose and goals of the Department of Health, the mission of the Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation is to: monitor, access, and enforce health care laws and regulations; protect, promote and enhance quality health care for all citizens; continuously strive to meet the needs of our customers in a respectful and caring manner; provide quality work-life necessary to attract and retain competent, caring employees; empower our employees to become entrepreneurs in their jobs; increase awareness and public confidence in our services; and, utilize our resources efficiently and cost effectively.

Health Related Boards' Offices Moving

The Department of Health's Division of Health Licensure and Regulation, Office of Health Related Boards will be transitioning from leased space at Heritage Place Metro Center to a newly renovated state-owned space. Our new address will be **665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN 37243**. Our move is currently scheduled for the last week of October 2013.

All individual employee phone numbers and e-mail addresses will remain the same. You are encouraged to stay in contact with our office by using existing phone numbers and email addresses. However, if you plan to write the Health Related Boards after October 25, 2013, please write us at our new address at:

Tennessee Department of Health
Division of Health, Licensure and Regulation
Office of Health Related Boards
665 Mainstream Dr.
Nashville, Tenn. 37243
615-532-5088
1-800-778-4123

While the department has prepared diligently to minimize downtime, maintain accessibility and sustain productivity throughout this relatively complex move, we do appreciate your understanding and patience as personnel and material move into our new space. We look forward to working with you and providing outstanding customer service from our new location.

2013/2014 Board Meeting Schedule

**The following meetings
will be held at
665 Mainstream Dr.**

November 6, 2013
9 a.m., Iris Room

February 19, 2014
9 a.m., Poplar Room

April 30, 2014
9 a.m., Poplar Room

July 30, 2014
9 a.m., Poplar Room

October 29, 2014
9 a.m., Poplar Room



Change of Address

A change of address must be reported (in writing or by e-mail) to the Board's Office within 30 days of the change! Please include the following:

- your name and license number;
- your profession;
- your old address and phone number;
- your new address and phone number, e-mail address, and/or your fax number; and
- your signature!

Keeping the Board's administrative staff up to date on your location facilitates the timely notification to you of important information such as your application for licensure renewal and important statutory and rule changes. You may fax your change to the Board's administrative office at (615) 532-5088 or by mail at: 227 French Landing, Heritage Place MetroCenter, Suite 300, Nashville, TN 37243.

You may e-mail the Board at: TN.Health@tn.gov, call the Board at 615/532-5088, or visit the website at: www.health.state.tn.us/boards/podiatry/index.htm

Continuing Education Requirements

The Board's rule regarding continuing education requires all podiatrists to obtain fifteen (15) hours of continuing education each calendar from January 1 – December 31. Twelve (12) of the fifteen (15) clock hour requirement shall be clinical, scientific, or related to patient care. If the licensee is performing ankle surgery pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §63-3-101(b)(1), ten (10) of the twelve (12) hours shall pertain to ankle surgery. Every other year at least one (1) hour of the annual fifteen (15) hour requirement shall be a course designed specifically to address prescribing practices. Ten (10) of the fifteen (15) hour requirements must be completed in the traditional "lecture/classroom" format. Five (5) hours of the fifteen (15) clock hour requirements may be completed in any of the following multi-media formats:

1. The Internet
2. Closed circuit television
3. Satellite broadcasts
4. Correspondence courses
5. Videotapes
6. CD-ROM
7. DVD
8. Teleconferencing
9. Videoconferencing
10. Distance learning

X-ray operators must complete four (4) hours or radiological related continuing education courses biennially in courses provided or sponsored by the APMA, a state or regional affiliate of the APMA, an affiliated specialty group, the United States government, or other courses approved by the Board.

Orthotists, prosthetists and pedorthists must annually complete fifteen (15) hours of continuing education in courses applicable to his/her profession. At least six (6)

hours of the annual continuing education requirement must be obtained from providers in the state of Tennessee. No more than five (5) hours of the annual requirement shall be completed by any of the means listed in Rule 1155-02-.12(1)(C). A person licensed in more than one (1) profession under these rules shall annually complete a total of twenty (20) hours of continuing education. Of the twenty (20) hours required by subparagraph (a), six (6) hours shall be subjects pertaining to each profession in which he/she is licensed. For example, a person who is licensed as an orthotist and a prosthetist is required to complete six (6) hours pertaining to Orthotics and six (6) hours pertaining to prosthetics. The remaining eight (8) hours required could pertain to either orthotics or prosthetics.

Non-compliant practitioners are subject to Board discipline which includes a fine of \$100 and make up the delinquent hours. The action taken against the practitioner is reportable on the Department of Health web site on the monthly Disciplinary Action Report.

Lapsed License

Statute prohibits an individual from working as a Podiatrist, Orthotist, or Pedorthist unless he/she has an active license.

To renew a license or certificate, the licensee or certificate holder must pay the biennial renewal fee and comply with the other requirements for renewal contained in the Board's statutes and rules.

Any licensee or certificate holder who has failed to renew after a three (3) month grace period and continues to practice is subject to a Type C civil penalty of \$100.00 for each additional month of practice on the expired license.

Discipline for lapsed licenses will now be reportable to the national databanks as well as the Department's Disciplinary Action report and will be noted on the practitioner's licensure profile.



OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

The Office of Investigations is responsible for receiving and processing all complaints for the licensure boards. To file a complaint, please contact the Office of

Investigations at 1-800-852-2187 or visit our website where you may download and print out the complaint form.

Legislative Updates

Public Chapter 40

Extends the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners until June 30, 2017.

Public Chapter 122

EXPEDITED LICENSURE

Present law requires the health related boards to establish a procedure to expedite the issuance of a license, certification or permit to perform services regulated by each board to any person who is the spouse of a military service member who is licensed to perform professional services in another state and who left employment to accompany the person's spouse to Tennessee. The procedure includes:

- (1) Issuing the person a license, certificate or permit, if, in the opinion of the board, the requirements for certification or licensure of such other state are substantially equivalent to that required in Tennessee; or
- (2) Developing a method to authorize the person to perform professional services regulated by the board in Tennessee by issuing the person a temporary permit for a limited period of time.

This bill adds any military service member who is licensed to perform substantially similar professional services in another state and who applies for licensure in Tennessee within 180 days of retiring from the military, receiving an honorable discharge, or being released from active duty into the reserves, to the persons who are eligible to participate in the expedited licensure procedures.

MILITARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

This bill requires the health related boards to accept military education, training or experience completed by a person who applies for licensure in Tennessee within 180 days of retiring from the military, receiving an honorable discharge, or being released from active duty into the reserves toward the qualifications to receive the license or certification if the military education, training or experience is determined to be substantially equivalent to the state's standards.

TEMPORARY RENEWALS FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

This bill requires that the health related boards keep in good standing the license or certification of any person

who is called to active military duty and who, at the time of such activation, was duly licensed or certified to perform a profession or occupation in Tennessee. A license that is kept in good standing pursuant to this bill will be temporarily renewed without payment of renewal fees, compliance with continuing education requirements, or performing any other act typically required for renewal; provided, that the continuing education requirements will only be waived in circumstances where the person's military duty prevents obtaining the credits or the person performs the licensed or certified profession or occupation as part of the person's military duties. The continuance or renewal of a license or certificate pursuant to this bill will continue until no later than six months from the person's release from active duty.

**To Contact This Board Call:
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extension 5325088 nationwide or write to:**

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