



STATE OF ALABAMA
BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
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The Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers is pleased to announce a change in the way continuing education is reported with the annual renewal process. The change applies only to athletic trainers licensed by the Board **who are also certified by the BOC**. The licensed athletic trainers who were issued a license pursuant to Code of Ala 1975, Section 34-40-7, without being required to be BOC certified will continue to report and document 26 contact hours of continuing education as they always have.

The Board acknowledges that athletic trainers holding an active BOC Certification must meet the highest professional standards and stringent continuing education requirements imposed by the BOC and that the BOC's continuing education requirements meet or exceed those required by the Board except for annual certification in an approved emergency cardiac care course. In view of this situation, the continuing education reporting requirements for licensees who also hold an active BOC certification have been relaxed.

For Licensees Who Are BOC Certified

Beginning with the upcoming license renewal period for 2018, BOC-certified licensees will have two requirements to satisfy the Board's annual continuing education standard: (1) Report and submit documentation of having completed a BOC-approved EMRC course during the renewal year of December 1, 2016, through November 30, 2017; (2) Submit proof of current BOC certification in the form of a copy of your current BOC Certification Card. Proof of current BOC certification shall be considered acceptable documentation that BOC-certified licensees are in compliance with the BOC's continuing education requirements for ongoing credentialing.

For Licensees Who Are Not BOC Certified Due To "Grandfathering" Provision

Licensees who were licensed under this provision will continue to be required to report 26 contact hours of continuing education annually, with 7 of those hours being in an approved emergency cardiac care course. Documentation must also be submitted showing proof of completion of all 26 hours.

For Licensees Who Were Licensed After July 1, 2017

Newly licensed athletic trainers who were issued a license after July 1, 2017, will not be required to report any continuing education for this renewal period only. They will be required to submit proof of current BOC certification in the form of a copy of your current BOC Certification Card.

Each classification of licensees will be provided the appropriate Renewal Packet via email by mid-September. The Renewal Packet will contain complete instructions and necessary forms for license renewal for 2018.

We hope that these changes will streamline the renewal process for the vast majority of our licensees. Please contact the Board office if you need further clarification.