

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The mission of the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers is to ensure that only well-qualified, competent athletic trainers practice in the State of Alabama, thus protecting the public from possible injury from inferior services of unqualified workers. Continuing education requirements are intended to promote continued competence, development of current knowledge and skills, and enhancement of professional skills and judgment. These requirements focus on increasing knowledge, skills, and abilities related to the practice of athletic training and have been tailored to licensees who are BOC-certified athletic trainers and to those who were issued a license pursuant to Code of Ala 1975, Section 34-40-7, exempting them from BOC certification.

For Licensees Who Are BOC Certified

The Board recognizes that athletic trainers holding an active BOC Certification must meet the highest professional standards and stringent continuing education requirements imposed by the BOC. The Board also recognizes 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, BOC-certified licensees will have two requirements to satisfy the Board's annual continuing education standard as part of the yearly on-line license renewal process:

1. Report and be able to furnish documentation of having completed a BOC-approved Emergency Cardiac Care Course during the current renewal year of December 1 through November 30. Detailed guidelines are provided.
2. Report and be able to furnish proof of current BOC certification in the form of a copy of the current BOC Certification Card or printout of BOC on-line verification. 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 Statutory Exemption

The licensed athletic trainers who were issued a license pursuant to Code of Ala 1975, Section 34-40-7, exempting them from BOC certification are required to report 26 contact hours of continuing education annually, with 7 of those hours being in an approved emergency cardiac care course. Detailed continuing education guidelines and emergency cardiac care guidelines are provided. Documentation must also be submitted on the forms furnished by the Board showing proof of completion of all 26 hours.

For Licensees Who Were Licensed After July 1 of Current Renewal Year

Newly licensed athletic trainers who were issued a license between July 1 and December 30 of the current year will not be required to report any continuing education for the then-current renewal period only. They should be able to furnish proof of current BOC certification in the form of a copy of the current BOC Certification Card or printout of BOC on-line verification.