



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Medicine, Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	18VAC85-80-10 et seq.
Regulation title	Regulations Governing the Practice of Occupational Therapy
Action title	Practice by applicant pending licensure
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The Board has amended section 45 on practice by a graduate of an occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant program while awaiting examination results to conform regulations to changes in the Code of Virginia in Chapter 252 of the 2014 Acts of the Assembly (SB203). In the amended regulation, the applicant may practice for up to six months or until he has received a failing score on the licensure examination, whichever comes first.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On June 19, 2014, the Board of Medicine amended 18VAC85-80-45 in Regulations Governing the Practice of Occupational Therapy.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is no impact on the family.