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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Medicine, Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation(s)	18VAC85-160
Regulation title(s)	Registration of Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists
Action title	Renewal of surgical assistant registration
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Brief Summary

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Pursuant to Chapter 374 of the 2018 Acts of the Assembly, the Board of Medicine has added a section specifying requirement for renewal of registration as a surgical assistant. A surgical assistant who was registered based on a national credential is required to attest to maintenance of that credential in order to renew.

The amended Code section reads:

§ [54.1-2956.13](#). Registered surgical assistant; use of title; registration...

C. For renewal of a registration, a surgical assistant who was registered based on a credential as a surgical assistant or surgical first assistant issued by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting, the National Surgical Assistant Association, or the National Commission for the Certification of Surgical Assistants or their successors shall attest that the credential is current at the time of renewal.

Statement of Final Agency Action

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On August 3, 2018, the Board amended Regulations Governing the Registration of Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists by adding 18VAC85-160-60.