

Final Regulations to be Adopted under an Exemption
from the Administrative Process Act
(Adopted - June 8, 2000; Effective - August 2, 2000)

18 VAC 85-110-10. Definitions.

A. The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in § 54.1-2900 of the Code of Virginia.

Acupuncturist

Board

Licensed acupuncturist

Physician acupuncturist

Practice of acupuncture

B. The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“*ACAOM*” means the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. ACAOM replaces the National Accreditation Commission for Schools and Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

“*CCAOM*” means the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, and replaces the “NCASC” designation for the National Council of Acupuncture Schools and Colleges.

“*CNT course*” means a Clean Needle Technique Course as administered by the CCAOM.

“*NCCAOM*” means the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. NCCAOM replaces the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncturists.

18 VAC 85-110-30. Nonrestriction of ~~physician-acupuncturists~~ doctors of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic and podiatry.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit or restrict the ~~licensure and practice of~~ doctors of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic or podiatry who are ~~also licensed as physician-acupuncturists~~ qualified by regulation to practice acupuncture.

18 VAC 85-110-90. Test of spoken English requirements.

A. An applicant applying for licensure to practice as an acupuncturist whose native language is not English and whose acupuncture education was also not in English shall submit evidence of having achieved a passing score as acceptable to the board on either the Test of Spoken English (TSE) or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by the Educational Testing Services.

B. An applicant applying for licensure to practice as an acupuncturist whose native language is not English and whose acupuncture education was also not in English shall be exempt from the requirement for TSE or TOEFL, if the majority of his clients speak the language of the acupuncturist.

18 VAC 85-110-100. General requirements.

Prior to performing acupuncture, a licensed acupuncturist shall obtain written documentation that the patient has received a diagnostic examination within the past six months by a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, or podiatry, or dentistry acting within the scope of his practice or shall provide to the patient a written recommendation for such a diagnostic examination.

I certify that this regulation is full, true, and correctly dated.

William L. Harp
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

Date: _____