

Credentials Committee Business Meeting

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9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201 Henrico, VA Monday, November 8, 2021, 9:00am Call to Order - Jacob Miller, DO Emergency Egressi Roll Call Approval of the Agenda Public Comment on the Agenda New Business: 1. Brief Introduction - William Harp, MD, Executive Director 2. Consider Recommendations on Licensure Requirements and Documents required to be 3. Contiguous States License Reciprocity -- --- Dr. Harp 4. Designation of Professional Credential on License----- Dr. Harp Announcements Adjournment

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Radiologic Technology 10/6/21	Licensed Acupuncture 10/6/21	Occupational Therapy & Occupational Therapy Assistant 10/5/21	Genetic Counseling 10/4/21	Profession/Meeting Date
 ✓ Proof of Professional Education (Transcripts) ✓ AART or NMTCB Certifying Examination ✓ NPDB self-query report ✓ 1 state license verification in which the applicant most recently obtained a license 	 Professional Education School Transcripts NCCAOM Certification U. S. Evaluation of International Professional Education – internationally-trained applicants TOEFL – internationally-trained applicants NPDB self-query report 1 most-recent state license verification 	 Professional Education (School Transcripts) NBCOT credentials TOEFL and NBCOT-required Program Director's verification letter of professional education completion - internationally-trained applicants NPDB self-query report 1 state license verification 	 Professional Education School Transcripts ABGC or ABMG Certificate ABGC Active Candidate status letter – Temporary License Applicants NPDB self-query report 1 state license verification 	Primary Source Verification
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"Form A" – Malpractice Claims History Form. (Applicant to provide supporting claim documents with explanation as a supplement to application form.) "Form B" employment verification	"Form B" employment verification	Transcripts. RAs are graduates of an ARRT recognized educational program prior to being allowed to sit for the ARRT Certifying Examination leading to the RA credential - 18VAC85-101-27 "Form B" employment verification	verification

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Surgical Technologist 10/12/21	Surgical Assistant 10/12/21	Polysomnographic Technology 10/8/21
 ✓ Evidence of one of three (3) credentialing pathways: ✓ successful completion of an accredited surgical technologist training program and NBSTSA, or ✓ completion of surgical assistant training program in a branch of the U.S. armed forces, or ✓ practice as a surgical technologist at any time in the six (6) months prior to July 1, 2021 	 Evidence of one of three (3) credentialing pathways: current credential issued by NBSTSA or NCCSA, or completion of surgical assistant training program in a branch of the U.S. armed forces, or practice as a surgical assistant in the Commonwealth at any time in the six (6) months prior to July 1, 2020 	 Evidence of one of three (3) credentialing pathways: RPSGT, or Sleep Disorders Specialist Credential issued by NBRC, or professional credential/certification approved by the Board from an entity belonging to the National Organization for Competency Assurance Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) certification NPDB self-query report I state license verification
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"Form B" employment verification	"Form B" employment verification	Notarization of BCLS certification no longer needed. Copy of certification will suffice. "Form B" employment verification

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- 2. The application fee for a temporary license, payable at the time the application is filed, shall be \$50.
- 3. The biennial fee for renewal of active licensure shall be \$135 and for renewal of inactive licensure shall be \$70, payable in each odd-numbered year in the license holder's birth month. For 2021, the renewal fee for an active license shall be \$108, and the renewal fee for an inactive license shall be \$54.
- 4. The additional fee for late renewal of licensure within one renewal cycle shall be \$50.
- 5. The fee for reinstatement of a license that has lapsed for a period of two years or more shall be \$180 and shall be submitted with an application for licensure reinstatement.
- 6. The fee for reinstatement of a license pursuant to § 54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.
- 7. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.
- 8. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
- 9. The fee for a letter of good standing or letter of verification to another jurisdiction shall be \$10.

Part II. Requirements for Licensure as a Genetic Counselor.

18VAC85-170-50. Application requirements.

An applicant for licensure shall submit the following on forms provided by the board:

- 1. A completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-170-40.
- 2. Verification of a professional credential in genetic counseling as required in 18VAC85-170-60.
- 3. Verification of practice as required on the application form.
- 4. If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, documentation of any disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.

18VAC85-170-60. Licensure requirements.

- A. An applicant for a license to practice as a genetic counselor shall provide documentation of (i) a master's degree from a genetic counseling training program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council of Genetic Counseling and (ii) a current, valid certificate issued by the ABGC or ABMG to practice genetic counseling.
- B. Pursuant to § 54.1-2957.19 D of the Code of Virginia, applicants for licensure who do not meet the requirements of subsection A of this section may be issued a license provided they (i) apply for licensure before December 31, 2018; (ii) comply with the board's regulations relating to the NSGC

Code of Ethics; (iii) have at least 20 years of documented work experience practicing genetic counseling; (iv) submit two letters of recommendation, one from a genetic counselor and another from a physician; and (v) have completed, within the last five years, 25 hours of continuing education approved by the NSGC or the ABGC. For the purpose of this subsection, the board deems the provisions of Part IV (18VAC85-170-110 et seq.) of this chapter to be consistent with the NSGC Code of Ethics.

C. An applicant for a temporary license shall provide documentation of having been granted the active candidate status by the ABGC. Such license shall expire 12 months from issuance or upon failure of the ABGC certification examination, whichever comes first.

Part III. Renewal and Reinstatement.

18VAC85-170-70. Renewal of license.

- A. Every licensed genetic counselor who intends to maintain an active license shall biennially renew his license each odd-numbered year during his birth month and shall:
 - 1. Submit the prescribed renewal fee; and
 - 2. Attest to having met the continuing education requirements of 18VAC85-170-100.
- B. The license of a genetic counselor that has not been renewed by the first day of the month following the month in which renewal is required is lapsed. Practice with a lapsed license may be grounds for disciplinary action. A license that is lapsed for two years or less may be renewed by payment of the renewal fee, a late fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-170-40, and attestation of compliance with continuing education requirements.

18VAC85-170-80. Inactive license.

A licensed genetic counselor who holds a current, unrestricted license in Virginia shall, upon a request at the time of renewal and submission of the required fee, be issued an inactive license. The holder of an inactive license shall not be entitled to perform any act requiring a license to practice genetic counseling in Virginia.

18VAC85-170-90. Reactivation or reinstatement.

- A. To reactivate an inactive license or to reinstate a license that has been lapsed for more than two years, a genetic counselor shall submit evidence of competency to return to active practice to include one of the following:
 - 1. Information on continued active practice in another jurisdiction during the period in which the license has been inactive or lapsed;
 - 2. Attestation of meeting requirements for continuing education as specified in 18VAC85-170-100 for each biennium in which the license has been inactive or lapsed, not to exceed four years; or

- 3. Current certification by ABGC or ABMG.
- B. To reactivate an inactive license, a genetic counselor shall pay a fee equal to the difference between the current renewal fee for inactive licensure and the renewal fee for active licensure.
- C. To reinstate a license that has been lapsed for more than two years a genetic counselor shall file an application for reinstatement and pay the fee for reinstatement of his licensure as prescribed in 18VAC85-170-40. The board may specify additional requirements for reinstatement of a license so lapsed to include education, experience, or reexamination.
- D. A genetic counselor whose licensure has been revoked by the board and who wishes to be reinstated shall make a new application to the board, fulfill additional requirements as specified in the order from the board, and make payment of the fee for reinstatement of his licensure as prescribed in 18VAC85-170-40 pursuant to § 54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia.
- E. The board reserves the right to deny a request for reactivation or reinstatement to any licensee who has been determined to have committed an act in violation of § 54.1-2915 of the Code of Virginia or any provisions of this chapter.

18VAC85-170-100. Continuing education requirements.

- A. In order to renew an active license biennially, a licensee shall complete the Continued Competency Activity and Assessment Form that is provided by the board indicating completion of at least 50 contact hours of continuing learning activities as follows:
 - 1. A minimum of 30 of the 50 hours shall be in Category 1 activities approved by the ABGC, the ABMG, or the NSGC and may include in-service training, self-study courses, continuing education courses, or professional workshops.
 - 2. No more than 20 of the 50 hours may be Category 2 activities or professional activity credits, which may include consultation with another counselor or a physician, independent reading or research, authorship, clinical supervision, volunteer leadership in the profession, preparation for a presentation, or other such experiences that promote continued learning.
- B. A licensee shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements for the first biennial renewal following the date of initial licensure in Virginia.
- C. The licensee shall retain in his records the completed form with all supporting documentation for a period of four years following the renewal of an active license.
- D. The board shall periodically conduct a random audit of its active licensees to determine compliance. The licensees selected for the audit shall provide all supporting documentation within 30 days of receiving notification of the audit.
- E. Failure to comply with these requirements may subject the licensee to disciplinary action by the board.

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record or public address, if different from the address of record, shall be furnished to the board within 30 days of such change.

18VAC85-80-26. Fees.

- A. The following fees have been established by the board:
- 1. The initial fee for the occupational therapist license shall be \$130; for the occupational therapy assistant, it shall be \$70.
- 2. The fee for reinstatement of the occupational therapist license that has been lapsed for two years or more shall be \$180; for the occupational therapy assistant, it shall be \$90.
- 3. The fee for active license renewal for an occupational therapist shall be \$135; for an occupational therapy assistant, it shall be \$70. The fees for inactive license renewal shall be \$70 for an occupational therapist and \$35 for an occupational therapy assistant. Renewals shall be due in the birth month of the licensee in each even-numbered year. For 2020, the fee for renewal of an active license as an occupational therapist shall be \$108; for an occupational therapy assistant, it shall be \$54. For renewal of an inactive license in 2020, the fees shall be \$54 for an occupational therapist and \$28 for an occupational therapy assistant.
- 4. The additional fee for processing a late renewal application within one renewal cycle shall be \$50 for an occupational therapist and \$30 for an occupational therapy assistant.
- 5. The fee for a letter of good standing or verification to another state for a license shall be \$10.
- 6. The fee for reinstatement of licensure pursuant to §54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.
- 7. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
- 8. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.
- 9. The fee for an application or for the biennial renewal of a restricted volunteer license shall be \$35, due in the licensee's birth month. An additional fee for late renewal of licensure shall be \$15 for each renewal cycle.
- B. Unless otherwise provided, fees established by the board shall not be refundable.

Part II. Requirements of Licensure as an Occupational Therapist.

18VAC85-80-30. (Repealed)

18VAC85-80-35. Application requirements.

An applicant for licensure shall submit the following on forms provided by the board:

1. A completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-80-26.

- 2. Verification of professional education in occupational therapy as required in 18VAC85-80-40.
- 3. Verification of practice as required in 18VAC85-80-60 and as specified on the application form.
- 4. Documentation of passage of the national examination as required in 18VAC85-80-50.
- 5. If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, verification that there has been no disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.

18VAC85-80-40. Educational requirements.

- A. An applicant who has received his professional education in the United States, its possessions or territories, shall successfully complete all academic and fieldwork requirements of an accredited educational program as verified by the ACOTE.
- B. An applicant who has received his professional education outside the United States, its possessions or territories, shall successfully complete all academic and clinical fieldwork requirements of a program approved by a member association of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists as verified by the candidate's occupational therapy program director and as required by the NBCOT and submit proof of proficiency in the English language by passing the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score acceptable to the board. TOEFL may be waived upon evidence of English proficiency.
- C. An applicant who does not meet the educational requirements as prescribed in subsection A or B of this section but who has received certification by the NBCOT as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant shall be eligible for licensure in Virginia and shall provide the board verification of his education, training and work experience acceptable to the board.

18VAC85-80-45. Practice by a graduate awaiting examination results.

- A. A graduate of an accredited occupational therapy educational program may practice with the designated title of "Occupational Therapist, License Applicant" or "O.T.L.-Applicant" until he has received a failing score on the licensure examination from NBCOT or for six months from the date of graduation, whichever occurs sooner. The graduate shall use one of the designated titles on any identification or signature in the course of his practice.
- B. A graduate of an accredited occupational therapy assistant educational program may practice with the designated title of "Occupational Therapy Assistant-License Applicant" or "O.T.A.-Applicant" until he has received a failing score on the licensure examination from NBCOT or for six months from the date of graduation, whichever occurs sooner. The graduate shall use one of the designated titles on any identification or signature in the course of his practice.

18VAC85-80-50. Examination requirements.

A. An applicant for licensure to practice as an occupational therapist shall submit evidence to the board that he has passed the certification examination for an occupational therapist and any other examination required for initial certification from the NBCOT.

B. An applicant for licensure to practice as an occupational therapy assistant shall submit evidence to the board that he has passed the certification examination for an occupational therapy assistant and any other examination required for initial certification from the NBCOT.

18VAC85-80-60. Practice requirements.

An applicant who has been practicing occupational therapy in another jurisdiction and has met the requirements for licensure in Virginia shall provide evidence that he has engaged in the active practice of occupational therapy as defined in 18VAC85-80-10. If the applicant has not engaged in active practice as defined in 18VAC85-80-10, he shall serve a board-approved practice of 160 hours, which is to be completed within 60 consecutive days, under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.

18VAC85-80-61. (Repealed.)

18VAC85-80-65. Registration for voluntary practice by out-of-state licensees.

Any occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant who does not hold a license to practice in Virginia and who seeks registration to practice under subdivision 27 of §54.1-2901 of the Code of Virginia on a voluntary basis under the auspices of a publicly supported, all volunteer, nonprofit organization that sponsors the provision of health care to populations of underserved people shall:

- 1. File a complete application for registration on a form provided by the board at least five business days prior to engaging in such practice. An incomplete application will not be considered;
- 2. Provide a complete record of professional licensure in each state in which he has held a license and a copy of any current license;
- 3. Provide the name of the nonprofit organization, the dates and location of the voluntary provision of services;
- 4. Pay a registration fee of \$10; and
- 5. Provide a notarized statement from a representative of the nonprofit organization attesting to its compliance with provisions of subdivision 27 of §54.1-2901 of the Code of Virginia.

Part III. Renewal of Licensure; Reinstatement.

18VAC85-80-70. Biennial renewal of licensure.

- A. An occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant shall renew his license biennially during his birth month in each even-numbered year by:
- 1. Paying to the board the renewal fee prescribed in 18VAC85-80-26;

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- 5. The fee for a letter of good standing/verification of a license to another jurisdiction shall be \$10.
- 6. The fee for reinstatement of a license pursuant to §54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.
- 7. The fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.
- 8. The fee for a duplicate renewal license shall be \$5.
- 9. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
- 10. The fee for an application or for the biennial renewal of a restricted volunteer license shall be \$35, due in the licensee's birth month. An additional fee for late renewal of licensure shall be \$15 for each renewal cycle.

18VAC85-110-36. Current name and address.

Each licensee shall furnish the board his current name and address of record. All notices required by law or by this chapter to be given by the board to any such licensee shall be validly given when sent to the latest address of record provided or served to the licensee. Any change of name or address of record or the public address, if different from the address of record, shall be furnished to the board within 30 days of such change.

Part II. Requirements for Licensure.

18VAC85-110-40. [Repealed]

18VAC85-110-50. Educational requirements: graduates of approved institutions or programs in the United States.

- A. Requirements for acupuncture education obtained prior to July 1, 1990, shall be as provided in this subsection.
- 1. An applicant applying for licensure to practice as an acupuncturist on the basis of successful completion of education in a school or college of acupuncture accredited by the ACAOM or other accrediting agencies approved by the Board of Medicine, which confers a degree or certificate in acupuncture in the United States, shall submit evidence of successful completion of an acupuncture course of study in an accredited school or college for acupuncture, providing evidence of not less than 1,000 hours of schooling in not less than a continuous 18-month period.
- 2. The studies shall include not less than 700 didactic hours and not less than 250 clinical hours. Additional hours may be in either didactic or clinical hours based upon the school or college curriculum.
- B. Requirements for acupuncture education obtained after July 1, 1990, shall be as provided in this subsection.

An applicant applying for licensure to practice as a licensed acupuncturist on the basis of successful completion of education in a school or college for acupuncture accredited by ACAOM or any other accrediting agency approved by the Board of Medicine, that confers a degree or certificate in acupuncture in the United States, shall submit evidence of having a minimum of three academic years in length equivalent to 90 semester credit hours or 135 quarter credit hours.

One academic year means full-time study completed in four quarters, two semesters, or three trimesters. A full-time continuous study program shall be a concentrated educational process in acupuncture which requires individual study with assigned materials in a classroom or clinical setting.

C. Requirements for acupuncture education obtained after July 1, 1999, shall be as provided in this subsection. An applicant applying for licensure to practice as a licensed acupuncturist on the basis of successful completion of education in a school or college for acupuncture accredited by ACAOM or any other accrediting agency approved by the Board of Medicine, which confers a degree or certificate in acupuncture in the United States, shall submit evidence of having a minimum of 1,725 hours of entry-level acupuncture education to include at least 1,000 didactic hours and 500 clinical hours. Clinical hours may include observation, as well as internship or treatment hours; the remaining 225 hours may be earned as either didactic or clinical. Correspondence programs or courses in acupuncture are excluded and may not be used to meet the requirements for acupuncture education.

D. Requirements for acupuncture education obtained after February 1, 2011, shall be as provided in this subsection. An applicant applying for licensure to practice as a licensed acupuncturist on the basis of successful completion of education in a school or college for acupuncture accredited by ACAOM or any other accrediting agency approved by the Board of Medicine, which confers a degree or certificate in acupuncture in the United States, shall submit evidence of having a minimum of 1,905 hours of entry-level acupuncture education to include at least 1,155 didactic hours and 660 clinical hours. Clinical hours may include observation, as well as internship or treatment hours; the remaining 90 hours may be earned as either didactic or clinical hours. Correspondence programs or courses in acupuncture are excluded and may not be used to meet the requirements for acupuncture education.

E. An applicant from an acupuncture program in a school or college that has achieved candidacy status for accreditation by ACAOM shall be eligible for licensure provided the program meets the applicable requirements of subsection A, B, C, or D of this section, with the exception of full ACAOM accreditation.

18VAC85-110-60. Requirements of foreign graduates of nonaccredited educational programs in acupuncture.

A. An applicant who has completed an educational course of study in a school or college outside the United States or Canada that is not accredited by ACAOM or any other board-approved accrediting agency shall:

1. Submit a transcript from his educational course of study in acupuncture to a credential evaluation service approved by the board to determine equivalency in education and training to that required in 18VAC85-110-50.

- 2. Meet the examination requirements as prescribed in 18VAC85-110-80 and 18VAC85-110-90.
- B. All documents submitted to the board which are not in English must be translated into English and certified by the embassy of the issuing government or by a translating service.

18VAC85-110-70. [Repealed]

18VAC85-110-80. Examination requirements for licensure.

The examination requirements for licensure shall consist of:

- 1. Passing the NCCAOM comprehensive written examination, resulting in current, active certification by the NCCAOM at the time the application is filed with the board;
- 2. Passing the Point Location Examination; and
- 3. Completing the CNT course as administered by the CCAOM.

18VAC85-110-90. 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.

Part III. Scope of Practice.

18VAC85-110-100. 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 acting within the scope of his practice or shall provide to the patient a written recommendation for such a diagnostic examination on a form specified by the board and signed by the patient. The original of the signed form shall be maintained in the patient's chart and a copy provided to the patient.

18VAC85-110-110. Limitation of titles.

A person practicing as a licensed acupuncturist is restricted to the use of the titles "Lic.Ac." or "L.Ac." and shall not use the terms "physician" or "doctor" in his name or practice unless he simultaneously uses a clarifying title, initials, abbreviation or designation or language.

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E. Other fees.

- 1. The application fee for a traineeship as a radiologic technologist or a radiologic technologist-limited shall be \$25.
- 2. The fee for a letter of good standing or verification to another state for licensure shall be \$10; the fee for certification of scores to another jurisdiction shall be \$25.
- 3. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
- 4. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5.00, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.

18VAC85-101-26. Current name and address.

Each licensee shall furnish the board his current name and address of record. All notices required by law or by this chapter to be given by the board to any such licensee shall be validly given when sent to the latest address of record provided or served to the licensee. Any change of name or address of record or the public address, if different from the address of record, shall be furnished to the board within 30 days of such change.

Part II. Licensure Requirements - Radiologist Assistants.

18VAC85-101-27. Educational requirements for radiologist assistants.

An applicant for licensure as a radiologist assistant shall be a graduate of an educational program that is currently recognized by the ARRT for the purpose of allowing an applicant to sit for the ARRT certification examination leading to the Registered Radiologist Assistant credential.

18VAC85-101-28. Licensure requirements.

- A. An applicant for licensure as a radiologist assistant shall:
- 1. Meet the educational requirements specified in 18VAC85-101-27;
- 2. Submit the required application, fee, and credentials to the board;
- 3. Hold certification by the ARRT as an R.T.(R) or be licensed in Virginia as a radiologic technologist;
- 4. Submit evidence of passage of an examination for radiologist assistants resulting in national certification as an Registered Radiologist Assistant by the ARRT; and
- 5. Hold current certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS).
- B. If an applicant has been licensed or certified in another jurisdiction as a radiologist assistant or a radiologic technologist, he shall provide information on the status of each license or certificate held.

C. An applicant who fails the ARRT examination for radiologist assistants shall follow the policies and procedures of the ARRT for successive attempts.

Part III. Licensure Requirements - Radiologic Technologist.

18VAC85-101-30. Educational requirements for radiologic technologists.

An applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist shall be a graduate of an educational program acceptable to the ARRT for the purpose of sitting for the ARRT certification examination.

18VAC85-101-40. Licensure requirements.

- A. An applicant for board licensure shall:
- 1. Meet the educational requirements specified in 18VAC85-101-30;
- 2. Submit the required application, fee, and credentials to the board; and
- 3. Submit evidence of passage of an examination resulting in certification by the ARRT or the NMTCB.
- B. If an applicant has been licensed or certified in another jurisdiction, he shall provide information on the status of each license or certificate held and verification from that jurisdiction of any current, unrestricted license.
- C. An applicant who fails the ARRT or NMTCB examination shall follow the policies and procedures of the certifying body for successive attempts.

18VAC85-101-50. (Repealed).

Part IV. Licensure Requirements - Radiologic Technologist-Limited.

18VAC85-101-55. Educational requirements for radiologic technologists-limited.

- A. An applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist-limited shall be trained by one of the following:
- 1. Successful completion of educational coursework that is directed by a radiologic technologist with a bachelor's degree and current ARRT certification, has instructors who are licensed radiologic technologists or doctors of medicine or osteopathic medicine who are board-certified in radiology, and has a minimum of the following coursework:
- a. Image production/equipment operation —25 clock hours;
- b. Radiation protection —15 clock hours; and

- c. Radiographic procedures in the anatomical area of the radiologic technologist-limited's practice —10 clock hours taught by a radiologic technologist with current ARRT certification or a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry or chiropractic;
- 2. An ACRRT-approved program;
- 3. The ISCD certification course for bone densitometry; or
- 4. Any other program acceptable to the board.
- B. A radiologic technologist-limited who has been trained through the ACRRT-approved program or the ISCD certification course and who also wishes to be authorized to perform x-rays in other anatomical areas shall meet the requirements of subdivision A 1 of this section.

18VAC85-101-60. Licensure requirements.

- A. An applicant for licensure by examination as a radiologic technologist-limited shall submit:
- 1. The required application and fee as prescribed by the board;
- 2. Evidence of successful completion of an examination as required in this section; and
- 3. Evidence of completion of training as required in 18VAC85-101-55.
- B. To qualify for limited licensure to practice under the direction of a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine with the exception of practice in bone densitometry, the applicant shall:
- 1. Provide evidence that he has received a passing score as determined by the board on the core section of the ARRT examination for Limited Scope of Practice in Radiography;
- 2. Meet one of the following requirements:
- a. Provide evidence that he has received a passing score as determined by the board on the section of the ARRT examination on specific radiographic procedures, depending on the anatomical areas in which the applicant intends to practice; or
- b. Until the ARRT offers an examination for limited licensure in the radiographic procedures of the abdomen and pelvis, the applicant may qualify for a limited license by submission of a notarized statement from a licensed radiologic technologist or doctor of medicine or osteopathy attesting to the applicant's training and competency to practice in that anatomical area as follows:
- (1) To perform radiographic procedures on the abdomen or pelvis, the applicant shall have successfully performed during the traineeship at least 25 radiologic examinations on patients of the abdomen or pelvis under the direct supervision and observation of a licensed radiologic technologist or a doctor of medicine or osteopathy. The notarized statement shall further attest to the applicant's competency in the areas of radiation safety, positioning, patient instruction, anatomy, pathology and technical factors.

- (2) When a section is added to the limited license examination by the ARRT that includes the abdomen and pelvis, the applicant shall provide evidence that he has received a passing score on that portion of the examination as determined by the board; and
- 3. Provide evidence of having successfully performed in a traineeship at least 10 radiologic examinations on patients in the anatomical area for which he is seeking licensure under the direct supervision and observation of a licensed radiologic technologist or a doctor of medicine or osteopathy. A notarized statement from the supervising practitioner shall attest to the applicant's competency in the areas of radiation safety, positioning, patient instruction, anatomy, pathology and technical factors.
- C. To qualify for limited licensure to practice in bone densitometry under the direction of a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, or chiropractic, the applicant shall either:
- 1. Provide evidence that he has received a passing score as determined by the board on the core section of the ARRT examination for Limited Scope of Practice in Radiography; and
- a. The applicant shall provide a notarized statement from a licensed radiologic technologist or doctor of medicine, osteopathy, or chiropractic attesting to the applicant's training and competency to practice in that anatomical area. The applicant shall have successfully performed at least 10 examinations on patients for bone density under the direct supervision and observation of a licensed radiologic technologist or a doctor of medicine or osteopathy; or
- b. When a section is added to the limited license examination by the ARRT that includes bone densitometry, the applicant shall provide evidence that he has received a passing score on that portion of the examination as determined by the board; or
- 2. Provide evidence that he has taken and passed an examination resulting in certification in bone densitometry from the ISCD or any other substantially equivalent credential acceptable to the board.
- D. To qualify for a limited license in the anatomical areas of the spine or extremities or in bone densitometry to practice under the direction of a doctor of chiropractic, the applicant shall provide evidence that he has met the appropriate requirements of subsection B, taken and passed the appropriate requirements of subsection C for bone densitometry only, or taken and passed an examination by the ACRRT.
- E. To qualify for a limited license in the anatomical area of the foot and ankle to practice under the direction of a doctor of podiatry, the applicant shall provide evidence that he has taken and passed an examination acceptable to the board.
- F. An applicant who fails the examination shall be allowed two more attempts to pass the examination after which he shall reapply and take additional educational hours which meet the criteria of 18VAC85-101-70.

18VAC85-101-61. (Repealed.)

18VAC85-101-70 to 18VAC85-101-90. (Repealed.)

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- 2. The fee for renewal of licensure shall be \$135 and shall be due in the licensee's birth month, in each odd-numbered year.
- 3. A fee of \$50 for processing a late renewal within one renewal cycle shall be paid in addition to the renewal fee.
- 4. The fee for reinstatement of a license that has expired for two or more years shall be \$180 and shall be submitted with an application for reinstatement.
- 5. The fee for reinstatement of a license pursuant to §54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.
- 6. The fee for a duplicate renewal license shall be \$5, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.
- 7. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
- 8. The fee for a letter of verification to another jurisdiction shall be \$10.
- 9. The fee for an inactive license shall be \$70, and the fee for a late renewal shall be \$25.
- 10. For 2021, the fee for renewal of an active license shall be \$108, and the fee for renewal of an inactive license shall be \$54.

Part II. Requirements for Licensure as an athletic trainer.

18VAC85-120-40. General requirements.

No person shall practice or hold himself out as practicing as an athletic trainer in the Commonwealth unless licensed by the board except as provided in §54.1-2957.6 of the Code of Virginia.

18VAC85-120-50. Requirements for licensure.

An applicant for licensure shall submit evidence of meeting the following requirements for licensure on forms provided by the board:

- 1. A completed application and fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-130-150;
- 2. Verification of professional activity as required on the application form;
- 3. Evidence of current NATABOC certification; and
- 4. If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, documentation of practice as an athletic trainer and verification as to whether there has been any disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.

18VAC85-120-60. (Repealed)

18VAC85-120-70. (Repealed)

18VAC85-120-75. Temporary authorization to practice.

Upon written request from an applicant and his employer and for good cause shown, an applicant who provides documentation of current NATABOC certification and, if licensed or certified by another jurisdiction in the United States, documentation that his license or certificate is current and unrestricted, may be granted temporary authorization to practice as an athletic trainer for 45 days pending submission of all other required documentation and issuance of a license. At the discretion of the board, additional time, not to exceed 15 days, may be allowed to complete the application process.

18VAC85-120-80. Provisional licensure.

- A. An applicant who has been approved by NATABOC to sit for the certification examination may be granted a provisional license to practice athletic training under the supervision and control of an athletic trainer.
- B. The graduate shall submit an application for a provisional license to the board for review and approval by the Chair of the Advisory Board on Athletic Training or his designee.
- C. The provisional license shall expire six months from issuance or upon receipt of notification of a failing score on the NATABOC certification examination or upon licensure as an athletic trainer by the board, whichever comes first.

18VAC85-120-85. Registration for voluntary practice by out-of-state athletic trainers.

Any athletic trainer who does not hold a license to practice in Virginia and who seeks registration to practice on a voluntary basis under the auspices of a publicly supported, all volunteer, nonprofit organization that sponsors the provision of health care to populations of underserved people shall:

- 1. File a complete application for registration on a form provided by the board at least five business days prior to engaging in such practice. An incomplete application will not be considered;
- 2. Provide a complete record of professional certification or licensure in each state in which he has held a certificate or license and a copy of any current certificate or license;
- 3. Provide the name of the nonprofit organization, the dates and location of the voluntary provision of services;
- 4. Pay a registration fee of \$10; and
- 5. Provide a notarized statement from a representative of the nonprofit organization attesting to its compliance with provisions of subdivision 27 of §54.1-2901 of the Code of Virginia.

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18VAC85-120-90. Renewal of license.

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- 8. The fee for a duplicate renewal license shall be \$5.
- 9. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
- 10. For 2021, the fee for renewal of an active license shall be \$250, and the fee for renewal of an inactive license shall be \$125.

18VAC85-130-31. Current name and address.

Each licensee shall furnish the board his current name and address of record. All notices required by law or by this chapter to be given by the board to any such licensee shall be validly given when sent to the latest address of record provided or served to the licensee. Any change of name or address of record or the public address, if different from the address of record, shall be furnished to the board within 30 days of such change.

Part II. Requirements for Licensure and Renewal of Licensure.

18VAC85-130-40. Criteria for initial licensure.

- A. An applicant for board licensure shall submit:
- 1. The required application on a form provided by the board and the application fee as prescribed in 18 VAC 85-130-30;
- 2. Evidence satisfactory to the board of current certification as a CPM; and
- 3. A report from NARM indicating whether there has ever been any adverse action taken against the applicant.
- B. If an applicant has been licensed or certified in another jurisdiction, the applicant shall provide information on the status of each license or certificate held and on any disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.

18VAC85-130-45. Practical experience under supervision.

A person may perform tasks related to the practice of midwifery under the direct and immediate supervision of a licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, a certified nurse midwife, or a licensed midwife while enrolled in an accredited midwifery education program or during completion of the North American Registry of Midwives' Portfolio Evaluation Process Program without obtaining a license issued by the board until such person has taken and received the results of any examination required for CPM certification or for a period of 10 years, whichever occurs sooner.

18VAC85-130-50. Biennial renewal of licensure.

- A. A licensed midwife shall renew licensure biennially during the midwife's birth month in each odd-numbered year by:
- 1. Paying to the board the renewal fee as prescribed in 18 VAC 85-130-30; and
- 2. Attesting to having current, active CPM certification by NARM.

- B. A licensed midwife whose license has not been renewed by the first day of the month following the month in which renewal is required shall not be considered licensed in Virginia.
- C. An additional fee to cover administrative costs for processing a late application renewal shall be imposed by the board as prescribed by 18 VAC 85-130-30.

18VAC85-130-60. Inactive licensure.

- A. A licensed midwife who holds a current, unrestricted license in Virginia shall, upon a request on the renewal application and submission of the required fee, be issued an inactive license.
- 1. The holder of an inactive license shall not be required to maintain current, active certification by NARM.
- 2. An inactive licensee shall not be entitled to perform any act requiring a license to practice midwifery in Virginia.
- B. An inactive licensee may reactivate licensure by:
- 1. Payment of the difference between the current renewal fee for inactive licensure and the renewal fee for active licensure for the biennium in which the license is being reactivated; and
- 2. Submission of documentation of having current, active certification by NARM.
- C. The board reserves the right to deny a request for reactivation to any licensee who has been determined to have committed an act in violation of § 54.1-2915 of the Code of Virginia or any provision of this chapter.

18VAC85-130-70. Reinstatement.

- A. A licensed midwife who allows licensure to lapse for a period of two years or more and chooses to resume practice shall submit to the board a reinstatement application, information on practice and licensure in other jurisdictions for the period in which the license was lapsed in Virginia, proof of current, active certification by NARM, and the fee for reinstatement of licensure as prescribed in 18 VAC 85-130-30.
- B. A licensed midwife whose license has been revoked by the board and who wishes to be reinstated must make a new application to the board, hold current, active certification by NARM, and pay the fee for reinstatement of a revoked license as prescribed in 18 VAC 85-130-30.

Part III. Practice Standards.

18VAC85-130-80. General disclosure requirements.

A licensed midwife shall provide written disclosures to any client seeking midwifery care. The licensed midwife shall review each disclosure item and obtain the client's signature as evidence that the disclosures have been received and explained. Such disclosures shall include:

- 1. A description of the licensed midwife's qualifications, experience, and training;
- 2. A written protocol for medical emergencies, including hospital transport, particular to each client:
- 3. A statement as to whether the licensed midwife has hospital privileges;

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- 2. The biennial fee for renewal of active licensure shall be \$135 and for renewal of inactive licensure shall be \$70, payable in each odd-numbered year in the license holder's birth month. For 2021, the renewal fee for an active license shall be \$108, and the renewal fee for an inactive license shall be \$54.
- 3. The additional fee for late renewal of licensure within one renewal cycle shall be \$50.
- 4. The fee for reinstatement of a license that has lapsed for a period of two years or more shall be \$180 and must be submitted with an application for licensure reinstatement.
- 5. The fee for reinstatement of a license pursuant to § 54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.
- 6. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5.00, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.
- 7. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
- 8. The fee for a letter of good standing or verification to another jurisdiction shall be \$10.

Part II Requirements for Licensure as a Polysomnographic Technologist

18VAC85-140-45. Practice as a student or trainee.

A student enrolled in an educational program in polysomnographic technology or a person engaged in a traineeship is not required to hold a license to practice polysomnographic technology, provided that such student or trainee is under the direct supervision of a licensed polysomnographic technologist or a licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine.

- 1. Any such student or trainee shall be identified to patients as a student or trainee in polysomnographic technology.
- 2. Such student or trainee is required to have a license to practice after 18 months from the start of the educational program or traineeship or six months from the conclusion of such program or traineeship, whichever is earlier.

18VAC85-140-50. Application requirements.

An applicant for licensure shall submit the following on forms provided by the board:

- 1. A completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-140-40.
- 2. Verification of a professional credential in polysomnographic technology as required in 18VAC85-140-60.
- 3. Verification of practice as required on the application form.

4. If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, documentation of any disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.

18VAC85-140-60. Licensure requirements.

- A. An applicant for a license to practice as a polysomnographic technologist shall provide documentation of one of the following:
- 1. Current certification as a Registered Polysomnographic Technologist (RPSGT) by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists;
- 2. Documentation of the Sleep Disorders Specialist credential from the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC-SDS); or
- 3. A professional certification or credential approved by the board from an organization or entity that meets the accreditation standards of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence.
- B. An applicant for licensure shall provide documentation of current certification in Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers with a hands-on practice training evaluation segment.

Part III Renewal and Reinstatement

18VAC85-140-70. Renewal of license.

- A. Every licensed polysomnographic technologist who intends to maintain an active license shall biennially renew his license each odd-numbered year during his birth month and shall:
- 1. Submit the prescribed renewal fee;
- 2. Attest to having current certification in Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers with a hands-on practice training evaluation segment; and
- 3. Attest to having met the continuing education requirements of 18VAC85-140-100.
- B. The license of a polysomnographic technologist is lapsed if the license has not been renewed by the first day of the month following the month in which renewal is required. Practice with a lapsed license may be grounds for disciplinary action. A license that is lapsed for two years or less may be renewed by payment of the renewal fee and a late fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-140-40 and attestation of compliance with continuing education requirements and current Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers with a hands-on practice training evaluation segment certification.

18VAC85-140-80. Inactive license.

A licensed polysomnographic technologist who holds a current, unrestricted license in Virginia shall, upon a request at the time of renewal and submission of the required fee, be issued an inactive license. The holder of an inactive license shall not be entitled to perform any act requiring a license to practice polysomnographic technology in Virginia.

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18VAC85-160-10. Definitions.

The following word and term when used in this chapter shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Board" means the Virginia Board of Medicine.

18VAC85-160-20. Public participation.

A separate regulation, 18VAC85-11, Public Participation Guidelines, provides for involvement of the public in the development of all regulations of the Virginia Board of Medicine.

18VAC85-160-30. Current name and address.

Each licensee or certificate holder shall furnish the board his current name and address of record. All notices required by law or by this chapter to be given by the board to any such licensee or certificate holder shall be validly given when sent to the latest address of record provided or served to the licensee or certificate holder. Any change of name or address of record or public address, if different from the address of record, shall be furnished to the board within 30 days of such change.

18VAC85-160-40. Fees.

A. The following fees have been established by the board:

- 1. The fee for licensure as a surgical assistant or certification as a surgical technologist shall be \$75.
- 2. The fee for renewal of licensure or certification shall be \$70. Renewals shall be due in the birth month of the licensee or certificate holder in each even-numbered year. For 2020, the renewal fee shall be \$54.
- 3. The additional fee for processing a late renewal application within one renewal cycle shall be \$25.
- 4. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
- B. Unless otherwise provided, fees established by the board are not refundable.

18VAC85-160-50. Requirements for licensure as a surgical assistant.

- A. An applicant for licensure shall submit a completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-160-40 on forms provided by the board.
- B. An applicant for licensure as a surgical assistant shall provide evidence of:

- 1. A current credential as a surgical assistant or surgical first assistant issued by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting or the National Commission for Certification of Surgical Assistants or their successors;
- 2. Successful completion of a surgical assistant training program during the applicant's service as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States; or
- 3. Practice as a surgical assistant in the Commonwealth at any time in the six months immediately prior to July 1, 2020.

18VAC85-160-51. Requirements for certification as a surgical technologist.

- A. An applicant for certification as a surgical technologist shall submit a completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-160-40 on forms provided by the board.
- B. An applicant for certification as a surgical technologist shall provide satisfactory evidence of:
 - 1. Successful completion of an accredited surgical technologist training program and a current credential as a certified surgical technologist from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting or its successor; or
 - 2. Successful completion of a training program for surgical technology during the applicant's service as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States.

18VAC85-160-60. Renewal of licensure for a surgical assistant.

A surgical assistant who was licensed based on a credential as a surgical assistant or surgical first assistant issued by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting 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.

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behavior analyst and \$35 for an assistant behavior analyst. Renewals shall be due in the birth month of the licensee in each odd-numbered year. For 2021, the renewal of an active license as a behavior analyst shall be \$108, and the renewal fee for an inactive license shall be \$54; the renewal fee for an active license as an assistant behavior analyst shall be \$54, and the renewal fee for an inactive license shall be \$28.

- 4. The additional fee for processing a late renewal application within one renewal cycle shall be \$50 for a behavior analyst and \$30 for an assistant behavior analyst.
- 5. The fee for a letter of good standing or verification to another state for a license shall be \$10.
- 6. The fee for reinstatement of licensure pursuant to § 54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.
- 7. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
- 8. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5.00, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.
- B. Unless otherwise provided, fees established by the board shall not be refundable.

Part II

Requirements for Licensure as a Behavior Analyst or an Assistant Behavior Analyst

18VAC85-150-50. Application requirements.

An applicant for licensure shall submit the following on forms provided by the board:

- 1. A completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-150-40.
- 2. Verification of certification as required in 18VAC85-150-60.
- 3. Verification of practice as required on the application form.
- 4. If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, verification that there has been no disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.
- 5. Verification from the BACB on disciplinary action taken or pending by that body.

18VAC85-150-60. Licensure requirement.

An applicant for a license to practice as a behavior analyst or an assistant behavior analyst shall hold current certification as a BCBA® or a BCaBA® obtained by meeting qualifications and passage of the examination required for certification as a BCBA® or a BCaBA® by the BACB.