

Control: 589

Agency: Alabama State Board of Prosthetists and Orthotists

Rule No. 746-X-10-.04

Rule Title: Requirements for License.

Repeal	New	Amend(X)	Adopt by Reference
Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?			YES
Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare:			YES
Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?			NO
Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?			NO
Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?			N/A
Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?			YES
Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?			NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with Subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer *Ronald E. Galt* Date 11-18-15

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ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PROSTHETISTS AND ORTHOTISTS

Notice of Intended Action

AGENCY NAME: ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PROSTHETISTS AND ORTHOTISTS
RULE NO. & TITLE: 746-X-10-.04 - Requirements for License
INTENDED ACTION: Amend Existing Rule

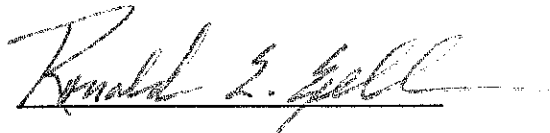
SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:
Delete language referencing "NCOPE" or "NCOPE Approved".

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: The board will provide the public with an opportunity to present their views orally by contacting the Board at 334-420-1111, via email at rezell113@aol.com, or in writing to the following address: Alabama State Board of Prosthetists and Orthotists, P.O. Box 1052, Montgomery, 36101. Physical Address: 441 High Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. All oral and written comments to be received no later than 4:00 PM on January 6, 2016.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

The record shall be closed on January 6, 2016 at 4:00 PM.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Ronald E. Ezell, Executive Director, Alabama State Board of Prosthetists and Orthotists, P.O. Box 1052, Montgomery, AL 36101; 441 High Street, Montgomery, AL 36104; Phone: 334-420-1111.



Ronald E. Ezell, Executive Director

746-X-10-.04 Requirements for License

(1) Applicants shall possess a current national certificate as a certified orthotic fitter from the American Board for Certification (ABC) or the Board of Certification/Accreditation, International (BOC), and provide documentation that they are in good standing with either the American Board for Certification (ABC) or the Board of Certification/Accreditation, International (BOC) and provide documentation that they are current with continuing education requirements by either the American Board for Certification (ABC) or the Board of Certification/Accreditation, International (BOC).

(2) Applicants who are not nationally certified as an orthotic fitter must meet the following requirements for licensure:

(a) Applicants must possess a high school diploma, GED, or college degree.

(b) Applicants must have successfully completed ~~a an~~ **National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE)** approved orthotic fitter educational course. ~~NCOPE-approved~~ **Approved** courses are provided by:

- Applied Technology Institute (ATI)/Kassel Group
- DeRoyal
- DJO
- The Medical Careers Institute at Coordinated Health
- Northern Virginia Community College
- OandPEdu
- Ossur Americas
- Surgical Appliance Industries
- Trulife
- Viscent Orthopedic Solutions

The Board may approve other similar courses, ~~in addition to NCOPE.~~

(c) Applicants must have documentation of 1000 hours of orthotic fitter experience obtained either before or after the fitter educational course. The 1000 hours shall be audited for the purpose of verifying the training.

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(3) Applicants shall be employed with a business entity, with a physical address located in the State of Alabama.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-25A-1-14, 34-25A-3(9), 34-25A-7, 34-25A-12.

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