

Control: 589

Agency: Alabama State Board of Prosthetists and Orthotists

Rule No. 746-X-5-.04

Rule Title: Requirements for Licensure As An Assistant

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. Ezell

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-5-.04 - Requirements for Licensure As An Assistant
INTENDED ACTION: Amend Existing Rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

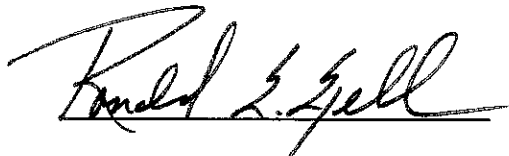
Delete language referencing "NCOPE" or "NCOPE Approved".

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-5-.04 Requirements For Licensure As An Assistant.

(1) Effective January 1, 2011 no person shall act as an orthotic assistant, prosthetic assistant or orthotic/prosthetic assistant unless licensed to do so. In order to be issued any such license an applicant shall meet the following requirements: (NOTE: These requirements shall not apply to any individual who currently holds any of the above described assistant licenses as of the effective date of this rule.

(a) Applicant must have a high school diploma or GED.

(b) Applicant must have: completed a 12 month orthotist assistant, a 12 month prosthetist assistant, or a 24 month orthotist/prosthetist assistant residency program under the direct supervision of a certified/licensed orthotist, certified/licensed prosthetist, or a certified/licensed prosthetist/orthotist in an accredited facility.

(c) Applicant shall complete a ~~NCOPE-accredited~~ Orthotic-prosthetic assistant education program or such other education program as may be approved by the Board.

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Statutory Authority:

Code of Ala. 1975, §34-25A-1-14.

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effective October 6, 2010; Amended/Filed: November 18, 2015.