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RULES OF THE ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Readoption with Amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:44H

Proposed: March 3, 2003 at 35 N.J.R. 1200(a).

Adopted: June 3, 2003 by Louis J. Haberman, President, Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Examiners.

Filed: July 3, 2003 as R.2003 d.310, with substantive changes not requiring additional public notice and comment (see N.J.A.C. 1:30-6.3).

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:12B-26.

Effective Dates: July 3, 2003, Readoption;
August 4, 2003, Amendments.
Expiration Date: July 3, 2008.

Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:

The official comment period ended May 2, 2003. The Board received no comments.

Summary of Agency-Initiated Change:

The Board has recently begun licensing orthotists, prosthetists and prosthetist-orthotists. During this licensing process, the Board has realized that the requirement in N.J.A.C. 13:44H-3.1(b)1i and (c)1 that applications include notarized documentation indicating that the applicant completed the required education is unduly burdensome. The Board has found that colleges and universities, who are required to submit such documentation to the Board, do not commonly notarize such materials. The Board has therefore decided to amend N.J.A.C. 13:44H-3.1 upon adoption to delete the requirement that such documentation be notarized.

Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because there are no Federal standards or requirements applicable to the readopted rules.

Full text of the readoption can be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 13:44H.

Full text of the adopted amendments follows:

<< NJ ADC 13:44H-3.1 >>

13:44H-3.1 Requirements for orthotists, prosthetists and prosthetists- orthotists

(a) (No change.)

(b) An applicant for licensure as an orthotist, prosthetist or prosthetist- orthotist shall submit to the Board the following:

1. A completed application which shall include:

i. <<-Notarized documentation->> <<-An official transcript<<+ indicating that the applicant received a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a college or university accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education which shall be forwarded to the Board by the college or university; and+>>->>

ii. (No change.)

2.-3. (No change.)

(c) An applicant for licensure as an orthotist, prosthetist or prosthetist- orthotist, who applies by June 17, 2007, may qualify for licensure by submitting the following to the Board:

1. <<-Notarized documentation->> <<+An official transcript+>> of an associates degree, with satisfactory completion of course work in biology, anatomy and physiology, physics, and chemistry, from a college or university accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education;

2.-4. (No change.)

(d) (No change.)

(e) Foreign-trained applicants shall obtain an evaluation of their professional educational and professional experience credentials from a credentialing agency recognized by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics, its successor or the International Society of Prosthetists and Orthotists. The Board shall accept only an evaluation which is sent to the Board by the credentialing agency. Upon receipt of the evaluation by the Board, the Board shall review the evaluation and determine whether the applicant's education and experience credentials are substantially equivalent to those required in (b)1 above.