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Department 53 GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The **Administrative History** following each Rule gives the date on which the Rule was originally filed and its effective date, as well as the date on which any amendment or repeal was

filed and its effective date. Principal abbreviations used in the Administrative History are as follows:

f. - filed

eff. - effective

R. - Rule (Abbreviated only at the beginning of the control number)

Ch. - Chapter (Abbreviated only at the beginning of the control number)

ER. - Emergency Rule

Rev. - Revised

Note: Emergency Rules are listed in each Rule's Administrative History by Emergency Rule number, date filed and effective date. The Emergency Rule will be in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule is adopted, as specified by the Agency.

Chapters 53-1 entitled "Organization", 53-2 entitled "Definitions", 53-3 entitled "License Requirements", 53-4 entitled "Code of Ethics", 53-5 entitled "Standards of Professional Conduct", 53-6 entitled "Guidelines", and 53-7 entitled Procedural Rules" have been adopted. Filed June 8, 1978; effective June 28, 1978.

Rules 53-1-.01, .04, 53-3-.01, .04, and 53-4-.01 have been amended. Rule 53-3-.06 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed July 21, 1983; effective August 10, 1983.

Chapters 53-1 to 53-7 have been repealed and new Chapters adopted. Chapters 53-8 entitled "Fees" and 53-9 entitled "Procedural Rules" have been adopted. Filed April 28, 1989; effective May 18, 1989.

Rule 53-6-.04 has been adopted. Filed July 30, 1992; effective August 19, 1992. Chapter 53-10 entitled "Americans With Disabilities" has been adopted. Filed February 1, 1994; effective February 21, 1994.

Rules 53-2-.05, 53-3-.02, and 53-6-.04 have been amended. Rule 53-6-.01 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Rule 53-6-.05 has been adopted. Filed May 11, 1994; effective May 31, 1994.

Rule 53-2-.03 has been amended. Filed February 28, 1995; effective March 20, 1995.

Rule 53-2-.07 has been adopted. Filed April 10, 1996; effective April 30, 1996.

Rules 53-2-.05 and .06 have been repealed and new Rules adopted. Rule 53-2-.07 has been repealed. Rule 53-3-.01 has been amended. Chapter 53-5 has been repealed and a new Chapter adopted. Filed August 8, 1996; effective August 28, 1996.

Rules 53-2-.04, 53-3-.01, and 53-6-.01 have been amended. Filed June 16, 2004; effective July 6, 2004.

Rule 53-3-.04 has been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed October 1, 2007; effective October 21, 2007.

Rules 53-6-.01 and .02 have been repealed and new Rules adopted. Filed February 1, 2008; effective February 21, 2008.

Rules 53-2-.03, 53-3-.01, 53-3-.02, and 53-4-.02 have been repealed and New Rules have been adopted. Filed November 16, 2010; effective December 6, 2010.

Rule 53-2-.06 has been amended. Filed December 20, 2010; effective January 9, 2011.

Rule 53-6-.03 amended. F. Dec. 4, 2012; eff. Dec. 24, 2012.

Rules 53-6-.03, .04 amended. F. Nov. 17, 2017; eff. Dec. 7, 2017.

Rule 53-3-.05 adopted. F. June 22, 2018; eff. July 12, 2018.

Rule 53-1-.01 amended. F. Sept. 24, 2020; eff. Oct. 14, 2020.

Rule 53-6-.01 amended. F. Nov. 21, 2023; eff. Dec. 11, 2023.

Rule 53-4-.03 amended. F. May 23, 2024; eff. June 12, 2024.

Rule 53-3-.05 amended, Rule 53-3-.06 adopted. F. June 4, 2024; eff. June 24, 2024.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. dept. 53, ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Chapter 53-1. ORGANIZATION.

Rule 53-1-.01. Administration.

All Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Administration of the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers shall be administered by the Joint Secretary of the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-1-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(a)(1), 43-1-25, 43-5-6(a).
History. Original Rule entitled "Organization of Board" was filed on June 8, 1978; effective June 28, 1978.
Amended: Filed July 21, 1983; effective August 10, 1983.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Administration" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.
Amended: F. Sep. 24, 2020; eff. Oct. 14, 2020.

Rule 53-1-.02. Organization of Board.

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers shall consist of four members to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Two members must be athletic trainers licensed by the state, one member must be a practicing physician licensed by the state, and one must be a consumer member.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-1-.02
Authority: Ga. L. 1977, pp. 1123, 1125 (Ga. Code Ann. Sec. 84-7405); O.C.G.A. 43-1-25; 43-5-2.
History. Original Rule entitled "Officers was filed on June 8, 1978; effective June 28, 1978.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Organization of Board" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.

Rule 53-1-.03. Officers.

The Board shall elect annually from its members a chair and vice chair who shall have the privilege of re-election.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-1-.03
Authority: Ga. L. 1977, pp. 1123, 1125 (Ga. Code Ann. Sec. 84-7405); O.C.G.A. 43-1-25; 43-5-2.
History. Original Rule entitled "Joint Secretary, Records. Fees" was filed on June 8, 1978; effective June 28, 1978.

Rule 53-1-.04. Meetings.

(1) The Board shall meet at least twice each year. Additional meetings may be held on the call of the chair or at the written request of any two members of the Board.

(2) Members may also conduct business by telephone and mail, provided a record is kept of all transactions and a written report submitted for the minutes at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

(3) The quorum required for any meeting of the Board shall be three members.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-1-.04
Authority: Ga. L. 1977, pp. 1123, 1125 (Ga. Code Ann. Sec. 84-7405); O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-5-3; 43-1-25; 43-5-2.
History. Original Rule entitled "Meetings" was filed on June 8, 1978; effective June 28, 1978.
Amended: Filed July 21, 1983; effective August 10, 1983.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Meetings" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.

Chapter 53-2. DEFINITIONS.

Rule 53-2-.01. Law.

The Law, as used in these Rules, shall mean the Georgia Athletic Trainers Licensing Act (O.C.G.A. Section 43-5-1*et seq.*)

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-2-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-5-1.
History. Original Rule entitled "Law Defined" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Law" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.

Rule 53-2-.02. Board.

The Board as used in these Rules, shall mean the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-2-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-5-1.
History. Original Rule entitled "Athletic Trainer" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Board" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.

Rule 53-2-.03. Athletic Trainer.

(1) "Athletic trainer" means a person with specific qualifications, as set forth in Code Section 43-5-8 who, upon the advice and consent of a physician, carries out the practice of prevention, recognition, evaluation, management, disposition, treatment, or rehabilitation of athletic injuries; and, in carrying out these functions, the athletic trainer is authorized to use physical modalities, such as heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, or mechanical devices related to prevention, recognition, evaluation, management, disposition, rehabilitation, and treatment.

(2) The term "athletic trainer" shall not include any teacher, coach or other authorized volunteer for an elementary, middle or high school, either public or private, within this state, who do not hold themselves out to the public as athletic trainers.

(3) Nothing in this Rule shall be construed to prevent any person from serving as an athletic training student, assistant athletic trainer, teacher athletic trainer, or any similar volunteer position if such service is not primarily for compensation and is carried out under the supervision of a physician or a licensed athletic trainer.

(4) The term "athletic trainer" shall not include any person who serves as a first responder or other layman position providing basic first aid within this state but who does not perform the duties of an athletic trainer or hold himself/herself out as an athletic trainer. For purposes of this rule basic first aid includes the initial steps taken to stabilize an injury or

illness situation until more advanced or professionally trained personnel can assume treatment measures. This care generally consists of simple, life-saving or injury-stabilizing techniques that a non-doctor or lay person can be easily trained to perform with minimal equipment, and is generally recognized as such by national organizations such as the American Red Cross, National Safety Council, American Heart Association or other similar organization.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-2-.03
Authority: Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-5-1, 43-5-6, 43-5-7.
History. Original Rule entitled "Athletic Trainer" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.
Amended: F. Feb. 28, 1995; eff. Mar. 20, 1995.
Repealed: New Rule of the same title adopted. F. Nov. 16, 2010; eff. Dec. 6, 2010.

Rule 53-2-.04. Apprentice.

Until June 30, 2004, apprentice means an undergraduate or graduate student who is learning to become an athletic trainer and whose activities are under the direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-2-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-5-1, 43-5-6, 43-5-8.
History. Original Rule entitled "Apprentice" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.
Amended: F. June 16, 2004; eff. July 6, 2004.

Rule 53-2-.05. Direct Supervision.

Direct Supervision means personal contact between the athletic training supervisee and the licensed athletic trainer who plans, directs, advises, and evaluates the supervisee's athletic training experience. Such personal contact must be adequate to assure that the supervisee performs tasks in a manner consistent with the standards of practice of the profession of athletic training. The supervising athletic trainer must be recognized as an athletic trainer at the setting where the training experience is being attained, and must maintain a record of the training experience hours received by the student.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-2-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-5-1.
History. Original Rule entitled "Supervision or Direct Supervision" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.
Amended: F. May 11, 1994; eff. May 31, 1994.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Direct Supervision" adopted. F. Aug. 8, 1996; eff. Aug. 28, 1996.

Rule 53-2-.06. Athletic Injury.

"Athletic injury" means any injury sustained by a person as a result of such person's participation in exercises, sports, games, or recreational activities, or any activities requiring physical strength,

agility, flexibility, range of motion, speed, or stamina without respect to where or how the injury occurs.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-2-.06
Authority: Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-5-1.
History. Original Rule entitled "Approved Athletic Trainer" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.
Repealed: Rule entitled "Athletic Injury" renumbered from 53-2-.07 to .06 F. Aug. 8, 1996; eff. Aug. 28, 1996.
Amended: F. Dec. 20, 2010; eff. Jan. 9, 2011.

Rule 53-2-.07. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-2-.07
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-1-25, 43-5-1.
History. Original Rule entitled "Athletic Injury" adopted. F. Apr. 10, 1996; eff. Apr. 30, 1996.
Repealed: F. Aug. 8, 1996; eff. Aug. 28, 1996.

Chapter 53-3. LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION.

Rule 53-3-.01. Qualifications: Education.

All persons who seek licensure as an Athletic Trainer in the State of Georgia must have graduated from a college or university in the athletic training program, which has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-3-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-5-1, 43-5-6 to 43-5-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Applications" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.
Amended: F. July 21, 1983; eff. August 10, 1983.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Qualifications" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.
Amended: F. Aug. 8, 1996; eff. Aug. 28, 1996.
Amended: F. June 16, 2004; eff. July 6, 2004.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Qualifications: Education" adopted. F. Nov. 16, 2010; eff. Dec. 6, 2010.

Rule 53-3-.02. Application.

(1) Each candidate for licensure must file a written application on a form which will be furnished by the Board upon request. The application form must be filled out in its entirety, and must include all relevant documents and fees.

(2) Once an application is reviewed by the .Board, no refund of the application fee shall be considered.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-3-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-5, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-5-6, 43-5-9, 43-51-7.
History. Original Rule entitled "References" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Application" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.
Amended: F. May 11, 1994; eff. May 31, 1994.
Repealed: New Rule of the same title adopted. F. Nov. 16, 2010; eff. Dec. 6, 2010.

Rule 53-3-.03. Fees.

Refer to the Fee Schedule for appropriate fees payable to the Board. Any request for refund must be submitted in writing.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-3-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-5-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Transcripts" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Fees" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.

Rule 53-3-.04. Examinations.

(1) An applicant must pass the national exam given by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification (BOC).

(2) An applicant must direct BOC to submit his/her exam scores to the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-3-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-2, 43-1-25, 43-5-6, 43-5-8, 43-5-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Examinations" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.
Amended: F. July 21, 1983; eff. August 10, 1983.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. April 28, 1989, eff. May 18, 1989.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Oct. 1, 2007; eff. Oct. 21, 2007.

Rule 53-3-.05. Licensure for Military Spouses and Spouses of Transitioning Service Members.

(1) A military spouse or spouse of a transitioning service member, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34, is deemed eligible to apply for an expedited licensure process by endorsement if the applicant:

(a) Has submitted a complete application along with a fee in the amount established by the Board;

(b) Is a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member stationed within this state;

(c) Holds a current license to practice as an athletic trainer in another state for which the training, experience, and testing are substantially similar in qualifications and scope to the requirements under this state; and

(d) Is in good standing in such other state.

(2) The applicant must submit verification of each license held in another state.

(3) The Board may request further verification of any credential submitted to prove military service of the spouse who is serving in or transitioning out of the military.

(4) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate, override, or amend any licensing compact entered into by the State of Georgia.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-3-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-1-34, 43-1-34.1, 43-5-6, 43-5-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Passing Score" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.
Repealed: F. Apr. 28, 1989, eff. May 18, 1989.
Adopted: New Rule entitled "Licensure for Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members." F. June 22, 2018; eff. July 12, 2018.
Amended: New title, "Licensure for Military Spouses and Spouses of Transitioning Service Members." F. June 4, 2024; eff. June 24, 2024.

Rule 53-3-.06. Licensure for Active-Duty Military and Transitioning Service Members.

(1) An active duty military or transitioning service member, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34, is deemed eligible to apply for an expedited licensure process if the applicant:

(a) Has submitted a complete application along with a fee in the amount established by the Board; and

(b) Holds a license from another state for which the training, experience, and testing substantially meet or exceed the requirements to obtain licensure in this state, or has obtained a specialty, certification, training, or experience in the military while a service member which substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license in this state.

(2) If the applicant has held a license in another state, jurisdiction or territory, the applicant must submit verification of each license.

(3) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate, override, or amend any licensing compact entered into by the State of Georgia.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-3-.06
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-25, 43-1-34, 43-5-6, 43-5-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Re-Examination" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. July 21, 1983; eff. August 10, 1983.
Repealed: F. Apr. 28, 1989, eff. May 18, 1989.
Adopted: New Rule entitled "Licensure for Active-Duty Military and Transitioning Service Members." F. June 4, 2024; eff. June 24, 2024.

Rule 53-3-.07. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-3-.07
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-5-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Board Action on Application" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.
Repealed: F. Apr. 28, 1989, eff. May 18, 1989.

Rule 53-3-.08. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-3-.08
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-5-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Renewal" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.
Repealed: F. Apr. 28, 1989, eff. May 18, 1989.

Rule 53-3-.09. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-3-.09
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-5-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Late Renewal" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.
Repealed: F. Apr. 28, 1989, eff. May 18, 1989.

Rule 53-3-.10. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-3-.10
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-5-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Fees" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.
Repealed: F. Apr. 28, 1989, eff. May 18, 1989.

Chapter 53-4. LICENSURE BY RECIPROCITY.

Rule 53-4-.01. Non-resident Licensed in Another State.

An out-of-state applicant who is licensed in another state and who satisfies the requirements set out in Rule 53-3-.02(1),(2) or (3) may be licensed in Georgia without examination upon submission of the appropriate forms, fee and a copy of the state's law and rules. In order for

Georgia to issue such a license, the other state must license candidates from Georgia in the same manner.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-4-.01
Authority: Ga. L. 1977, pp. 1123, 1125 (Ga. Code Ann. Sec. 84-7405); O.C.G.A. 43-5-6, 43-1-25, 43-5-8.
History. Original Rule entitled "Code of Ethics" was filed on June 8, 1978; effective June 28, 1978.
Filed July 21, 1983; effective August 10, 1983.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Non-resident Licensed in Another State" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.

Rule 53-4-.02. Board of Certification (BOC).

An applicant who holds current Board of Certification (BOC) may be licensed without examination upon submission of the appropriate forms and fee.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-4-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. 43-1-25, 43-5-8.
History. Original Rule entitled "NATA Certified" was f. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Board of Certification (BOC)" adopted. F. Nov. 16, 2010; eff. Dec. 6, 2010.

Rule 53-4-.03. Application.

(1) Each candidate for licensure by reciprocity must file a written application on a form which will be furnished by the Board upon request. The application form must be filled out in its entirety, must include all relevant documents and fees. (See Fee Schedule)

(2) The applicant shall direct either the state board to send to the Georgia Board an official verification of licensure or NATA to send to the Georgia Board an official verification of registration.

(3) All applications for licensure must be complete within the timeframe indicated in the Joint Secretary Rules and/or policies. All applications not completed within this designated timeframe shall be considered "expired" and withdrawn. Following expiration of an application, a new application in its entirety, to include all required fees, shall be required for consideration of licensure.

(4) Once an application is reviewed by the Board, no refund of the application fee shall be issued.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-4-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-25, 43-5-6, 43-5-8, 43-5-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Application" was f. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.
Amended: F. May 23, 2024; eff. June 12, 2024.

Rule 53-4-.04. Fees.

Refer to the Fee Schedule for appropriate fees payable to the Board. Any request for refund must be submitted in writing.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-4-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. 43-1-25, 43-5-8.
History. Original Rule entitled ""Fees"" was f. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.

Chapter 53-5. STANDARDS OF PRACTICE.

Rule 53-5-.01. Standards of Practice.

(1) Licensees shall neither practice nor condone discrimination on the basis of race, creed, national origin, sex, age, handicap, disease entity; social status, financial status or religious affiliation.

(2) Licensees shall provide competent care consistent with both the requirements and the limitation of their profession.

(3) Licensees shall preserve the confidentiality of privileged information and shall not release such information to a third party not involved in the patient's care unless the person consents to such release or release is permitted or required by law.

(4) Licensees shall comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws.

(5) Licensees shall report illegal or unethical practice pertaining to athletic training to the appropriate person or authority.

(6) Licensees shall not practice when their ability is impaired by the use of drugs or alcohol.

(7) Licensees shall not misrepresent in any manner, either directly or indirectly, their skills, training, professional credentials, identity or services.

(8) Licensees shall provide only those services for which they are qualified via education and/or experience and by pertinent legal regulatory process.

(9) Licensees shall provide services, make referrals, and seek compensation only for those services that are necessary and appropriate

(10) Licensees employing, supervising, or evaluating the performance of other staff members shall fulfill such responsibility in a fair, considerate, and equitable manner, on the basis of clearly enunciated criteria.

(11) Licensees shall educate those whom they supervise in the practice of athletic training with regard to the Standards of Practice and encourage their adherence to it.

(12) Whenever possible, licensees are encouraged to participate and support others in the conduct and communication of research and educational activities that may contribute knowledge for improved patient care, patient, or student education, and the growth of athletic training as a profession.

(13) When licensees are researchers or educators, they shall maintain and promote ethical conduct in research and educational activities.

(14) Licensees shall charge only for their services rendered.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-5-.01
Authority: Ga. L. 1977, pp. 1123, 1125 (Ga. Code Ann. Sec. 84-7405); O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-1-25, 43-5-1, 43-5-6(a).
History. Original Rule entitled "Ethics of the Athletic Trainer" was filed on Jun. 8, 1978; eff. Jun. 28, 1978.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Code of Ethics" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Standards of Practice" adopted. F. Aug. 8, 1996; eff. Aug. 28, 1996.

Rule 53-5-.02. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-5-.02
Authority: Ga. L. 1977, pp. 1123, 1124 (Ga. Code Ann. Sec. 84-7405); O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-5-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Unprofessional Conduct Defined" was filed on June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.
Repealed: F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.

Chapter 53-6. RENEWAL.

Rule 53-6-.01. Renewal of License, Continuing Education.

(1) Athletic trainer licenses expire on June 30th of even numbered years and are renewable for two years upon receipt of a renewal application and renewal fee and upon compliance with the continuing education requirement set forth below.

(2) To be eligible for renewal, an athletic trainer must have completed, within the preceding two years, at least forty contact hours of continuing education acceptable to the Board. Provided, however, that an athletic trainer who received his license within one year of the renewal date shall not be required to meet the continuing education requirements for that renewal period. Each athletic trainer may not complete more than ten (10) hours of continuing education in one calendar day and shall retain proof of attendance of continuing education programs for a period of three years from the date of attendance.

(3) Athletic trainers will be required to answer questions on their biennial renewal form which establish their compliance with the continuing education requirement. A false statement regarding compliance with the continuing education requirement shall be grounds for revocation or other disciplinary action by the Board.

(4) The staff of the Board shall make a random selection of the actively licensed athletic trainers for the purpose of auditing their compliance with the continuing education requirements of this chapter. Failure to submit such proof of compliance shall be grounds for revocation or other disciplinary action by the Board.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-6-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-25, 43-5-6, 43-5-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Guidelines" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Expiration of License" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Renewal of License, Continuing Education" adopted. F. May 11, 1994; eff. May 31, 1994.
Amended: F. June 16, 2004; eff. July 6, 2004.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 1, 2008; eff. Feb. 21, 2008.
Amended: F. Nov. 21, 2023; eff. Dec. 11, 2023.

Rule 53-6-.02. Late Renewal.

A license which is renewed between July 1st and September 30th following expiration is subject to a penalty surcharge. (See Fee Schedule.) Failure to renew a license by October 1st of an even year shall have the same effect as revocation. Failure to submit such proof of compliance shall be grounds for revocation or other disciplinary action by the Board.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-6-.02
Authority: Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-4, 43-1-25, 43-5-6, 43-5-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Late Renewal" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 1, 2008; eff. Feb. 21, 2008.

Rule 53-6-.03. Reinstatement.

(1) A license which is revoked for failure to renew may be reinstated, at the discretion of the Board, within two years from its expiration date upon receipt of:

(a) A complete reinstatement application and fee;

(b) Verification of forty (40) hours Continuing Education obtained within two years prior to the date of the reinstatement application.

(c) Proof of current certification from the Board of Certification (BOC) for Athletic Trainers.

(2) A license which is expired for two years or more may be reinstated at the discretion of the Board if the applicant:

(a) Meets current licensure requirements;

(b) Submits a complete reinstatement application with the required fee; and,

(c) Submits verification of forty (40) hours of Continuing Education obtained within two years prior to the date of the reinstatement application.

(3) If the license is reinstated during the first year of the current biennium, the licensee is required to meet the continuing education requirements in Board Rule 53-6-.01 in order to renew the license. The continuing education hours submitted to reinstate the license may not be used to satisfy the continuing education requirements for the renewal of the license.

(4) If the license is reinstated during the second year of the current biennium, the licensee is exempt from meeting the continuing education requirements for the renewal of the license in that current biennium.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-6-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4; 43-1-7; 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-5-6; 43-5-8; 43-5-9.
History. Original Rule entitled "Reinstatement" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.
Amended: F. Dec. 4, 2012; eff. Dec. 24, 2012.
Amended: F. Nov. 17, 2017; eff. Dec. 7, 2017.

Rule 53-6-.04. Inactive Status.

(1) A licensee may apply for inactive status of a license by submitting an affidavit to the Board requesting inactive status. The affidavit must also affirm that while on inactive status the licensee:

(a) Will not practice athletic training in Georgia or hold themselves out to the public as an athletic trainer in Georgia; and,

(b) Understands that to practice or hold oneself out to the public as an athletic trainer in the state of Georgia constitutes unlicensed practice and will subject the licensee to disciplinary action.

(2) While the athletic trainer's license is classified as inactive, that athletic trainer shall not be required to obtain continuing education.

(3) The board will reactivate a license if the licensee submits:

(a) A complete Application for Reactivation with the non-refundable fee within five years of the date that the license was placed in an inactive status;

(b) Evidence of completion of six hours of continuing education approved by the Board for each year the license was inactive. However, no proof of continuing

education will be required of an applicant for reactivation who during the period that the Georgia license was inactive was:

(1) Practicing with an active license in a jurisdiction that requires continuing education to maintain that license; or

(2) Practicing with NATA certification in a jurisdiction that has licensing requirement.

(4) An athletic trainer may maintain the license on inactive status for no more than five (5) years from the date the status was changed. If the license holder does not apply to reactive the license before the end of the five year period, the athletic trainer will be required to submit:

(a) A complete reinstatement application with the required non-refundable fee; and,

(b) A verification of forty (40) hours of Continuing Education, approved by the Board, which was obtained within two years preceding the date of the reinstatement application.

(c) Proof of current certification from the Board of Certification (BOC) for Athletic Trainers.

(d) Further verification of any information submitted with the application may be required by the Board.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-6-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. § 43-5-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Inactive Status" adopted. F. Jul. 30, 1992; eff. Aug. 19, 1992.
Amended: F. May 11, 1994; eff. May 31, 1994.
Amended: F. Nov. 17, 2017; eff. Dec. 7, 2017.

Rule 53-6-.05. Continuing Education Acceptable to the Board.

(1) The following are continuing education programs which are acceptable to the Board:

(a) Clinics, conferences, courses, and workshops relating to athletic training topics which have been approved by a recognized athletic training or health related organization. The hour value of such programs shall be the same as that awarded by the approving organization;

(b) Certification in CPR, EMT, or First Aid by a provider acceptable to the Board. The hour value for receiving certification shall be as follows: Five hours for CPR; ten hours for EMT; and seven hours for first aid.

(2) The Board will consider requests to approve programs and activities other than those specified above for continuing education credit as follows:

(a) To apply for continuing education credit, athletic trainer must submit the following documentation:

1. Proof of attendance; and,

2. Copies of the program's agenda, including the name of the provider(s), the topic(s) covered, and the time spent on each topic.

(b) After reviewing the documentation submitted by the athletic trainer, the Board, in its discretion, shall determine whether the program is acceptable; and, if it is acceptable, the Board shall determine the number of hours of continuing education credit the athletic trainer shall receive for attendance.

(3) The Board will also consider requests for continuing education credit for participation as a speaker, teacher, or panelist in programs relating to athletic training topics. The athletic trainer should utilize the same application process set forth above in Rule 53-6-.05(2).

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-6-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-5-9(c).
History. Original Rule entitled "Continuing Education Acceptable to the Board" adopted. F. May 11, 1994; eff. May 31, 1994.

Chapter 53-7. CHANGE OF NAME/ADDRESS.

Rule 53-7-.01. Change of Name.

A request for a change of name from that under which the original certificate was issued shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the marriage certificate, court order, or documentation of a legal name change, and the appropriate fee. (See Fee Schedule)

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-7-.01
Authority: Ga. L. 1977, pp. 1123, 1125 (Ga. Code Ann. Sec. 84-7405); O.C.G.A. 43-1-25, 43-5-6.
History. Original Rule was filed on June 8, 1978; effective June 28, 1978.
Repealed. New Rule entitled "Change of Name" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.

Rule 53-7-.02. Change of Address.

Each licensee shall keep the Board apprised, in writing, of current name and address at all times.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-7-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. 43-1-25, 43-5-6.

History. Original Rule was f. Apr. 28, 1889; eff. May 18, 1989.

Chapter 53-8. FEES.

Rule 53-8-.01. Fees.

Refer to Fee Schedule for appropriate fees payable to the Board. Fees may be reviewed and changed at the discretion of the Board. Any request for refund must be submitted in writing. An indebtedness to the Board caused by a returned check will be dealt with in accordance with Code Section 16-9-20 of the Criminal Code of Georgia.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-8-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. 43-1-25; 43-5-6.
History. Original Rule was f. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.

Chapter 53-9. PROCEDURAL RULES.

Rule 53-9-.01. Procedural Rules.

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers hereby adopts by reference as its permanent rules Chapters 295-3 through 295-13, and any future amendments thereto, Rules and Regulations of the Office of the Joint Secretary, State Examining Boards, relating to procedure for Hearings before the several Examining Boards.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-9-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. 43-1-25, 43-5-6.
History. Original Rule was f. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.

Chapter 53-10. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES.

Rule 53-10-.01. Americans With Disabilities Act.

The Board will provide reasonable accommodation to a qualified applicant with a disability in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The request for an accommodation by an individual with a disability must be made in writing and received in the Board office by the application deadline along with appropriate documentation, as indicated in the *Request for Disability Accommodation Guidelines.*

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-10-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-5-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Americans With Disabilities Act" adopted. F. Feb. 1, 1994; eff. Feb. 21, 1994.