



AK PT/OT Board - Regulations Committee Mtg - April 15, 2024

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
Apr 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM AKDT to Apr 15, 2024 at 12:00 PM AKDT
Juneau - Zoom

Meeting Details:

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Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

10:00 AM

Committee Members:

Valerie Phelps

Lindsey Hill

Alternate = Rebecca Dean

2. Review/Approve Agenda

10:05 AM

3. Approve Minutes 03-18-2024 Regulations Meeting

4. Public Comment

10:10 AM

5. Regulations Projects

10:25 AM

Regulations Projects Status Updates:

- Occupational Therapy Dry Needling –
 - Project adopted at 11/16/2023 board meeting
 - Initial regulation language written as part of Scope of Practice work group and approved at 6/16/2023 board meeting. Language revised 12/4/2023.
 - Opening Questionnaire completed 12/4/2023
 - Proposed language approved for public comment subject to approval by Department of Law at 2/16/2024 board meeting
 - Board modified vote 04/04/2024 - proposed language to be reviewed by the board w/Department of Law modifications before going out to public comment
- Physical Therapy Dry Needling –
 - Project adopted at 6/16/2023 board meeting + language approved by the board 06/16/2023.
 - Regulation language written as part of Scope of Practice work group

- Regulation language revised 03/19/2024
- Opening Questionnaire completed 03/19/2024
- Proposed language approved at 04/04/2024 board meeting + to be reviewed by Board w/Department of Law modifications before going to public comment.

A. 12 AAC 54.040(c) - (h) and 12 AAC 54.110 (4) per 08.84.032(2) revision for removal of PT 6-month Internship for Foreign-Educated applicants - revamp "supervised field work" definition for physical therapy

- Project adopted at 11/17/2023 board meeting
- Draft regulation language need to be written
- Opening Questionnaire needs to be completed
- Item tabled for PT input

B. 12 AAC 54.600 (3) – cleanup language regarding verification of applicant’s licensure status – specifically “one of which must indicate a current license in good standing”.

- Project adopted at 2/16/2024 board meeting
- Regulation language drafted – needs to be reviewed
- Opening Questionnaire drafted – needs to be reviewed

C. 12 AAC 54.600(6)(c) + 12 AAC 54.950(e) - 150-hour Internship requirement for Initial applicants and new license whose original license lapsed for 5 years or more - revamp definition of internship for these sections

- Project adopted at 2/16/2024 board meeting
- Draft regulation language needs to be written
- Opening Questionnaire needs to be completed
 - Committee collected re-entry examples utilized by other states for review. FSBPT link shared - Jurisdiction Licensure Reference Guide - Reinstating Active License After Lapse in Licensure (Re-Entry)
<https://www.fsbpt.net/lrg/Home/ReinstatingActiveLicenseAfterLapseInLicensure>

D. Supervision of Students during clinical internship of PT/PTA and OT/OTA – aka “supervised fieldwork” prior to graduation

- Project adopted at 2/16/2024 board meeting
- Draft regulation language needs to be written
- Opening Questionnaire needs to be completed
- Concern to be discussed at next meeting - if regulations are written, would language be dictating standards for educational institutions since new definitions of "supervised field work" put it under CAPTE or ACOTE standards? New definitions of "supervised field work" effective 03/26/2024:
 12 AAC 54.070. Supervised field work. As used in AS 08.84.030(a)(1), "supervised field work" means the clinical education experience portion of a CAPTE-accredited

educational program to be completed under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

12 AAC 54.620. Supervised field work. As used in AS 08.84.030(b)(1), 08.84.032(b)(2), and 08.84.150(b)(1) "supervised field work" means the portion of an ACOTE-accredited professional occupational therapy education program to be completed by an applicant under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.

- Committee collected data from other states on supervision of students for review

E. Examiner Suggestions

- Add "Space Force" to 12 AAC 54.435 (e) and 12 AAC 54.725 (e) Exemption from CE Requirements for Active Duty Military Service
- 12 AAC 54.500(b) + 54.805 - Posting of a license or permit - update language
- 12 AAC 54.660 Temporary Military Courtesy License does not require Verification of License must be sent "directly to the Division from the source" like all other application types
- 12 AAC 54.710(h) - why do we require photocopy of the front and back of the applicant's current NBCOT certificate. Accept Electronic wallet card or NBCOT Primary source online OTR/COTA verification?
- 12 AAC 54.920 - Change of Name or address - Repeal and default to Centralized licensing regulation 12 AAC 02.900 instead. 54.920 requires notarized copy of a legal document for name change which is more than 12 AAC 02.900.

6. Next Steps

11:55 PM

7. Adjourn

12:00 PM