

**REVISED ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS**

LCB File No. R181-05

Effective June 1, 2006

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-5, NRS 640B.260.

A REGULATION relating to athletic trainers; adopting standards of professional practice and the requirements to maintain certification; providing that the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., will determine the passing grade for certain examinations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. Chapter 640B of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this regulation.

Sec. 2. *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, "Board" means the Board of Athletic Trainers.*

Sec. 3. *As used in NRS 640B.015 and 640B.021:*

1. "Amateur athletic organization" means an entity that regulates or sponsors athletic activities by persons who have never accepted money, or who accept money under restrictions specified by a regulatory body, for participating in such athletic activities.

2. "Intercollegiate athletic association" means an entity that regulates or sponsors athletic activities between colleges or universities.

3. "Interscholastic athletic association" means an entity that regulates or sponsors athletic activities between high schools.

4. *“Professional athletic organization” means an entity that regulates or sponsors athletic activities by persons who participate in such athletic activities for economic gain.*

Sec. 4. 1. *The Board hereby adopts by reference the standards of professional practice and the requirements to maintain certification, including, without limitation, any requirements for continuing education, set forth in Standards of Professional Practice adopted by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Board of Certification, Inc. The publication is available, free of charge, from the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Board of Certification, Inc., at the Internet address: <http://www.bocatc.org/atc/STD/>.*

2. *The Board will periodically review the standards and the requirements in the publication described in subsection 1. Within 30 days after each review, the Board will determine whether any change made to the standards or the requirements is appropriate for application in this State. If the Board does not disapprove a change to an adopted standard or requirement within 30 days after each review, the change is deemed to have been approved by the Board.*

Sec. 5. *The passing grade for the examination required by paragraph (g) of subsection 1 of NRS 640B.310 will be determined by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Board of Certification, Inc., or its successor organization.*

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION
LCB File No. R181-05**

The Board of Athletic Trainers adopted regulations assigned LCB File No. R181-05 which pertain to chapter 640B of the Nevada Administrative Code on November 9, 2005.

Notice date: 10/10/2005
Hearing date: 11/9/2005

Date of adoption by agency: 11/9/2005
Filing date: 6/1/2006

INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

1. Public comment was solicited at a workshop held November 9, 2005. The workshop was noticed on October 21, 2005. The hearing for adoption of regulation was noticed on October 10, 2005. Both notices were posted in accordance with NRS 233B. Public response was divided in support of the language to include the population of athletes who work in an athletic activity and receive pay for that work, and in objection to the same language for the reason that these persons feel that it would broaden an Athletic Trainer's scope of practice beyond what their education provides. The concern on the latter's behalf is that Athletic Trainers could then treat anyone who works and sustains an injury. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary by contacting the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers, P. O. Box 34296, Reno, NV 89533-4296.
2. The workshop was attended by three(3) board members, the executive secretary of the Board, a representative from the Attorney Generals' office, and 6 members of the public. Those testifying at the workshop and hearing included 5 members of the public and 3 board members (2 in attendance, 1 via written comment). Two (2) more written comments were included in the minutes of the meeting but not read aloud.
3. Comments were not solicited specifically from affected businesses.
4. The regulation was adopted at a hearing on November 9, 2005 without change because this Board felt that it has been successful in attempting to include this arena of athletes in the occupational world that they work / compete in. Athletic Trainers should be allowed to treat these people comfortably within the scope of Athletic Training. The Board does not believe there to be any better way to address the treatment of professional athletes other than how it is accomplishing it with this language.
5. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the businesses that it is to regulate and on the public are:
 - (a) Adverse and beneficial effects – none.
 - (b) Immediate and long term effects – none.
6. The estimated cost to the agency for the enforcement of the proposed regulation – none.

7. This regulation does not overlap or duplicate any other state or government agencies' regulations. It also does not overlap or duplicate a federal regulation.

8. N/A

9. N/A