

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 630.130 and 630.279; §2, NRS 630.130 and 630.269.

A REGULATION relating to professionals; authorizing the Board of Medical Examiners to issue certain credit to satisfy the continuing education requirements of certain licensees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Section 1.** NAC 630.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.530 1. The license of a practitioner of respiratory care may be renewed biennially upon dates set by the Board. The license will not be renewed unless the practitioner of respiratory care provides satisfactory proof:

(a) Of current certification by the National Board for Respiratory Care or its successor organization; and

(b) That he or she has completed the number of contact hours of continuing professional education required by subsections 2 and 3.

2. To renew a license for the practice of respiratory care, a licensee must complete the number of contact hours of continuing education required by subsection 3, of which:

(a) Sixty percent must be from an approved educational source directly related to the practice of respiratory care. Two hours of this 60 percent must be in medical ethics.

(b) Forty percent must be in any program approved by the American Association for Respiratory Care for Continuing Respiratory Care Education or any program of another organization approved by the Board.

3. The following contact hours for continuing education are required for a licensee to renew a license for the practice of respiratory care:

- (a) If licensed during the first 6 months of the biennial period of registration, 20 hours.
- (b) If licensed during the second 6 months of the biennial period of registration, 15 hours.
- (c) If licensed during the third 6 months of the biennial period of registration, 10 hours.
- (d) If licensed during the fourth 6 months of the biennial period of registration, 5 hours.

4. A practitioner of respiratory care shall notify the Board within 10 days if his or her certification by the National Board for Respiratory Care or its successor organization is withdrawn.

5. To allow for the renewal of a license to practice respiratory care by each person to whom a license was issued or renewed in the preceding renewal period, the Board will make such reasonable attempts as are practicable to:

- (a) Mail a renewal notice at least 60 days before the expiration of a license to practice respiratory care; and
- (b) Send a renewal application to a licensee at the last known address of the licensee on record with the Board.

6. If a licensee fails to pay the fee for biennial registration required by NAC 630.525 on or before July 1 of each odd-numbered year, or fails to submit proof that the licensee completed the number of contact hours of continuing education required by subsections 2 and 3, his or her

license to practice respiratory therapy in this State expires. Within 2 years after the date on which the license expires, the holder may be reinstated to practice respiratory care if he or she:

(a) Pays twice the amount of the current fee for biennial registration to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board;

(b) Submits proof that he or she completed the number of contact hours of continuing education required by subsections 2 and 3; and

(c) Is found to be in good standing and qualified pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and NRS 630.277.

*7. The Board may issue not more than 10 contact hours of continuing education during a biennial licensing period to a licensee if the licensee performs a medical review for the Board.*

*The hours issued by the Board:*

*(a) May be credited against the hours required for a biennial licensing period pursuant to subsections 2 and 3; and*

*(b) Must be equal to the actual time involved in performing the medical review, not to exceed 10 hours.*

**Sec. 2.** NAC 630.740 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.740 1. The license of a perfusionist may be renewed biennially. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, each person licensed as a perfusionist shall, at the time of the renewal of his or her license, provide satisfactory proof to the Board that he or she has completed during the biennial licensing period at least 30 hours of continuing education units that have been approved for credit by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion. The continuing education units must be completed in the various categories of continuing education recognized by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion, as follows:

(a) At least 15 hours, not less than 2 hours of which must be related to medical ethics, must be completed in Category I approved continuing education, which may include, without limitation, such activities as:

- (1) Attendance at an international, national, regional or state meeting relating to perfusion.
- (2) Publication of a book, chapter or article relating to perfusion.
- (3) Presenting or addressing at an international, national, regional or state meeting relating to perfusion.
- (4) Completion of a self-directed continuing education course relating to perfusion.

(b) Not more than 15 hours may be completed in Category II or Category III approved continuing education, which may include, without limitation, such activities as:

- (1) Attendance at an international, national, regional, state or local meeting relating to perfusion that has not been approved for Category I credit.
- (2) Attendance at a manufacturer-specific or company-sponsored educational activity that was not equally accessible to all perfusionists.
- (3) Attendance at a medically-related international, national, regional, state or local meeting that has not been approved for Category I credit.
- (4) Attendance at advanced cardiac life-support training that has not been approved for Category I credit.
- (5) Individual education and other self-study activities that have not been approved for Category I credit.

2. If the perfusionist was licensed only during the second year of a biennial licensing period, he or she must attain and prove upon his or her renewal application the completion during the

biennial licensing period of at least 16 hours of continuing education units that have been approved for credit by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion, as follows:

(a) At least 8 hours, not less than 2 hours of which must be related to medical ethics, must be completed in Category I approved continuing education activities; and

(b) Not more than 8 hours must be completed in Category II and Category III approved continuing education activities.

3. The notice of renewal that the Board is required to send to a licensed perfusionist pursuant to NRS 630.2695 will be sent to the last known address of the perfusionist on record with the Board.

*4. The Board may issue not more than 15 hours of continuing education units during a biennial licensing period to a licensed perfusionist if the perfusionist performs a medical review for the Board. The hours issued by the Board:*

*(a) May be credited against the hours required for a biennial licensing period pursuant to subsection 1 or 2; and*

*(b) Must be equal to the actual time involved in performing the medical review, not to exceed 15 hours.*