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ATHLETIC TRAINERS

688.701 Definitions for ORS 688.701 to 688.734.

As used in ORS 688.701 to 688.734:

(1) “Athlete” means any individual participating in fitness training and conditioning, sports or other competitions, practices or activities requiring physical strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, speed or stamina, generally conducted in association with an educational institution, or professional or amateur sports activity.

(2) “Athletic injury” means an injury occurring as the result of participating as an athlete.

(3) “Board” means the Board of Athletic Trainers.

(4) “Practice athletic training” means the application by a registered athletic trainer of principles and methods of:

(a) Prevention of athletic injuries;

(b) Recognition, evaluation and immediate care of athletic injuries;

(c) Rehabilitation and reconditioning of athletic injuries;

(d) Health care administration; and

(e) Education and counseling.

(5) “Registered athletic trainer” means a person who is registered in accordance with ORS 688.720. [1999 c.736 §1]

688.705 Board of Athletic Trainers; appointment; membership; terms. (1) There is established within the Health Licensing Office the Board of Athletic Trainers, consisting of five members appointed by the Governor. In making appointments to the board, the Governor shall take into consideration nominations received from professional organizations of athletic trainers that are based in Oregon.

(2) Of the membership of the Board of Athletic Trainers:

(a) All members must be residents of this state.

(b) Three members must be athletic trainers who have practiced continuously in this state for the three years prior to the date of appointment.

(c) One member must be a member of the general public who is not an athletic trainer.

(d) One member must be a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677.

(3) The term of office of each member of the board is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor by appointment for the unexpired

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term. A member shall hold the member's office until the appointment and qualification of a successor. A member is eligible for reappointment. If a person serves two consecutive full terms, a period of at least four years must elapse before the person is again eligible for appointment to serve on the board.

(4) A member of the board is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495. [1999 c.736 §2; 2005 c.648 §15; 2009 c.701 §24; 2013 c.568 §62]

688.707 Officers; quorum; meetings. (1) The Board of Athletic Trainers shall elect one of its members as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for such terms and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of those offices as the board determines.

(2) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(3) The Board of Athletic Trainers shall meet at least once each year at a time and place determined by the Health Licensing Office. [1999 c.736 §3; 2005 c.648 §16; 2013 c.568 §63]

688.709 Board duties; rules. The Board of Athletic Trainers shall:

(1) Advise the Health Licensing Office about the adoption of rules necessary for the administration of ORS 688.701 to 688.734.

(2) Determine training and education requirements for registration as described in ORS 688.720.

(3) Determine qualifications and documentation required for registrations, permits, temporary registrations and waivers.

(4) Determine requirements for reciprocity and equivalency for the practice of athletic training.

(5) Establish a code of professional responsibility and standards of practice for registered athletic trainers.

(6) Develop, approve or recognize a written examination to test an applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences relating to athletic training techniques and methods and any other subjects the board may determine to be necessary to assess an applicant's fitness to practice athletic training.

(7) Establish standards for acceptable performance, including but not limited to a passing score on the approved or recognized competency examination.

(8) Establish policies and criteria for the assessment of the quality of the practice of athletic trainers.

(9) Adopt rules that include provisions describing procedures, when appropriate, for collaboration between athletic trainers and physicians licensed pursuant to ORS chapter 677. [1999 c.736 §4; 2005 c.648 §17; 2013 c.314 §28; 2013 c.568 §64]

688.715 Authority of Health Licensing Office; rules; investigations. The Health Licensing Office is granted authority to carry out the following duties:

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- (1) Adopt rules that are necessary to conduct business, carry out duties and administer the provisions of ORS 688.701 to 688.734.
- (2) Issue registrations, including temporary registrations, permits, waivers and other authorizations to practice athletic training as determined by the Board of Athletic Trainers.
- (3) Authorize all necessary disbursements to carry out the provisions of ORS 688.701 to 688.734, including but not limited to payment for necessary supplies, office equipment, books and expenses for the conduct of examinations, payment for legal and investigative services rendered to the office and such other expenditures as are provided for in ORS 688.701 to 688.734.
- (4) Employ inspectors, examiners, special agents, investigators, clerical assistants and accountants as are necessary for the investigation and prosecution of alleged violations and the enforcement of ORS 688.701 to 688.734, and for such other purposes as the office may require. Nothing in ORS 688.701 to 688.734 shall be construed to prevent assistance being rendered by an employee of the office in any hearing called by it. However, all obligations for salaries and expenses incurred under ORS 688.701 to 688.734 shall be paid only from the fees accruing to the office under ORS 688.701 to 688.734.
- (5) Provide the board with such administrative services and employees as the board requires to carry out its duties.
- (6) Maintain an accurate record of all proceedings of the board and of all its meetings, receipts and disbursements, civil penalties and orders for violation of ORS 688.701 to 688.734, records for registration to practice athletic training together with the addresses of those registered, and the names of all persons whose registration has been subject to disciplinary action.
- (7) Investigate complaints, take disciplinary action, including assessment of civil penalties, and provide opportunity for hearing according to ORS 183.745.
- (8) Administer oaths, issue notices and subpoenas in the name of the board, enforce subpoenas in the manner authorized by ORS 183.440, hold hearings and perform such other acts as are reasonably necessary to carry out duties of the board granted under ORS 688.701 to 688.734. [1999 c.736 §5; 2001 c.104 §263; 2005 c.648 §18; 2011 c.597 §281; 2013 c.314 §29; 2013 c.568 §65]

688.718 Registration required; exceptions. (1) A person may not practice athletic training or claim to be a registered athletic trainer unless the person is registered under ORS 688.720.

(2) Nothing in ORS 688.701 to 688.734 is intended to:

(a) Limit, preclude or otherwise interfere with the practices of health care providers or other persons licensed or registered in this state under any other statutes, or prevent health care providers or other persons from engaging in the profession or occupation for which the health care provider or person is licensed or registered;

(b) Prevent any person from performing athletic training services if the person is employed as an athletic trainer by the federal government or any of its agencies;

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(c) Prohibit a person from performing athletic training services if:

(A) The person accompanies a sports team from another state, a territory of the United States or a foreign country;

(B) The team is in this state for purposes related to competition or training; and

(C) The person performs athletic training services only on members of the team and the services are performed for no more than 60 days in a calendar year;

(d) Preclude any person from pursuing a supervised course of study leading to a degree or registration as an athletic trainer in an accredited or approved educational program if the person is identified by a title that clearly indicates student or trainee status;

(e) Prevent any person from completing any supervised practical experience requirements established by the Board of Athletic Trainers by rule; or

(f) Prohibit any person from performing athletic training services in this state for purposes of continuing education, consulting or training if the services are performed for no more than 60 days in any calendar year and are performed in association with a registered athletic trainer if the person is:

(A) Registered or licensed and in good standing as an athletic trainer in another state; or

(B) Certified as an athletic trainer by, and in good standing with, the national Board of Certification.

(3) Nothing in ORS 688.701 to 688.734 shall be construed to require registration of an elementary or secondary school teacher, coach or volunteer who:

(a) Does not purport to be an athletic trainer; and

(b) Is acting within the scope of the person's duties as a teacher, coach or volunteer. [1999 c.736 §6; 2013 c.62 §1]

688.720 Requirements for registration. (1) The Health Licensing Office shall issue a registration as an athletic trainer under ORS 688.701 to 688.734 to an applicant who has:

(a) Provided to the office adequate proof of:

(A) Receipt of a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university and having met the minimum athletic training curriculum requirements established by the Board of Athletic Trainers by rule; or

(B) Military experience or training that the board determines is substantially equivalent to the education required by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

(b) Successfully completed the certification examination administered by the national Board of Certification, or an equivalent examination approved by the Board of Athletic Trainers;

(c) Completed any other requirements for registration as determined by the Board of Athletic Trainers by rule;

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(d) Submitted to the office adequate documentation that the applicant is at least 18 years of age; and

(e) Paid the applicable fees for registration established under ORS 676.576.

(2) The office shall issue a registration under this section to an applicant who has not successfully completed an examination under subsection (1) of this section if the applicant:

(a) Furnishes documentation that demonstrates that the applicant meets the education, experience or training requirements described in subsection (1)(a) of this section; and

(b) Is registered as an athletic trainer in another state or by a national association and the board determines that the registration requirements of the other state or the association are substantially equivalent to the registration requirements described in subsection (1)(c) of this section. [1999 c.736 §8; 2003 c.547 §9; 2012 c.43 §19; 2013 c.62 §2; 2013 c.314 §30a]

688.724 [1999 c.736 §9; 2005 c.648 §19; 2009 c.701 §25; repealed by 2013 c.314 §65]

688.728 [1999 c.736 §10; 1999 c.885 §50b; 2003 c.547 §10; 2005 c.648 §20; 2009 c.701 §26; repealed by 2013 c.314 §65]

688.730 Use of title. (1) A person who is a registered athletic trainer under ORS 688.701 to 688.734 may use the title “Athletic Trainer, Registered” and the abbreviation “ATR.”

(2) A person who is a registered athletic trainer under ORS 688.701 to 688.734 and who is certified as an athletic trainer by, and in good standing with, the national Board of Certification may use the title “Athletic Trainer, Certified/Registered” and the abbreviation “ATC.” [1999 c.736 §7; 2013 c.62 §3]

688.734 Disciplinary authority of Health Licensing Office. In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183 for contested cases and in consultation with the Board of Athletic Trainers, the Health Licensing Office may impose a form of discipline listed in ORS 676.612 against any person practicing athletic training for any of the grounds listed in ORS 676.612 and for any violation of the provisions of ORS 688.701 to 688.734 or the rules adopted thereunder. [2003 c.547 §11; 2005 c.648 §22; 2013 c.568 §68]

PENALTIES

688.997 Criminal penalty for violation of ORS 688.718. Violation of ORS 688.718 (1) is a Class B misdemeanor. [2003 c.547 §8]