

IC 25-5.1

ARTICLE 5.1. ATHLETIC TRAINERS

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Chapter 1. Definitions

IC 25-5.1-1-0.5

Exemptions from article

Sec. 0.5. This article does not apply to an individual who meets the following conditions:

- (1) Is not a resident of Indiana.
- (2) Is employed for the primary purpose of providing athletic training services for an athletic or sports organization in another jurisdiction.
- (3) Provides athletic training services in Indiana related to the training or participation of a specific event but does not provide athletic training services in Indiana for more than thirty-five (35) consecutive days.

As added by P.L.87-2000, SEC.1.

IC 25-5.1-1-1

Application of definitions

Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article.
As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5.

IC 25-5.1-1-1.5

Agency

Sec. 1.5. "Agency" refers to the Indiana professional licensing agency established by IC 25-1-5-3.
As added by P.L.1-2006, SEC.420.

IC 25-5.1-1-2

Athletic injury

Sec. 2. "Athletic injury" refers to an injury sustained by a physically active individual as a result of the individual's participation in:

- (1) an exercise;
- (2) a sport;
- (3) a game; or
- (4) a recreational activity;

requiring physical strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, speed, or stamina. The term includes any comparable injury that impedes the individual's participation in any of the activities listed in this section.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5.

IC 25-5.1-1-3

Athletic trainer

Sec. 3. "Athletic trainer" means an individual who is or may be employed by an educational institution, a professional or an amateur athletic organization, an athletic facility, or a health care facility to practice athletic training.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5.

IC 25-5.1-1-4

Athletic training

Sec. 4. "Athletic training" means the practice of prevention, recognition, assessment, management, treatment, disposition, and reconditioning of athletic injuries under the direction of a licensed physician, osteopath, podiatrist, or chiropractor. However, in a clinic accessible to the general public, the term means practicing athletic training only upon the referral and order of a licensed physician, osteopath, podiatrist, or chiropractor. The term includes the following:

- (1) Practice that may be conducted by an athletic trainer through the use of heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, exercise, rehabilitation, or mechanical devices related to the care and the conditioning of athletes.
- (2) The organization and administration of educational programs and athletic facilities.
- (3) The education and the counseling of the public on matters related to athletic training.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.84-1998, SEC.7.

IC 25-5.1-1-5

Board

Sec. 5. "Board" refers to the Indiana athletic trainers board established by IC 25-5.1-2-1.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.84-1998, SEC.8.

IC 25-5.1-1-6

Repealed

(As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5. Repealed by P.L.1-2006, SEC.588.)

IC 25-5.1-1-7

NATA

Sec. 7. "NATA" refers to the National Athletic Trainers Association, Inc.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5.

IC 25-5.1-2

Chapter 2. Indiana Athletic Trainers Certification Board

IC 25-5.1-2-1

Board established

Sec. 1. The Indiana athletic trainers board is established.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.84-1998, SEC.9.

IC 25-5.1-2-2

Membership

Sec. 2. (a) The board consists of seven (7) members appointed by the governor as follows:

(1) Two (2) members who are medical doctors, osteopaths, podiatrists, or chiropractors, at least one (1) of whom is involved in the practice of sports medicine.

(2) Four (4) members who are athletic trainers engaged in the practice of athletic training in Indiana for at least two (2) years immediately preceding their appointment and consisting of the following:

(A) One (1) member who is at the time of appointment an athletic trainer employed by a college or a university in Indiana.

(B) One (1) member who is at the time of appointment an athletic trainer employed by a secondary school in Indiana.

(C) One (1) member who is at the time of appointment an athletic trainer employed by a professional athletic team or by a health care or an athletic facility in Indiana.

(D) One (1) member who is an athletic trainer at large.

(3) One (1) member representing the public who is a resident of Indiana and who is not associated with athletic training.

(b) In making the appointments described in subsection (a), the governor shall consider achieving equal geographic representation of the appointees.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5.

IC 25-5.1-2-3

Continuation of practice

Sec. 3. An individual appointed to the board who is an athletic trainer must continue to practice athletic training in Indiana while serving as a member of the board.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5.

IC 25-5.1-2-4

Terms of office; removal of members

Sec. 4. (a) The term of office for each member of the board is four (4) years. However, a member of the board may be removed by the governor without cause.

(b) A member may not be appointed to the board for more than

two (2) consecutive terms.
As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5.

IC 25-5.1-2-5

Vacancies

Sec. 5. A vacancy on the board shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.
As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5.

IC 25-5.1-2-6

Powers and duties

Sec. 6. The board shall do the following:

- (1) Organize by electing a president, vice president, and secretary.
- (2) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:
 - (A) Provide for the licensure of athletic trainers.
 - (B) Fix application fees, examination fees, and licensure fees.
 - (C) Establish standards for the practice of athletic training under this article.
 - (D) Establish standards for continuing education that conform with the standards of NATA.
 - (E) Otherwise implement this article.
- (3) Prescribe the application forms to be furnished to all persons seeking to be licensed under this article.
- (4) Prescribe the form and design of the license to be issued under this article.
- (5) Conduct hearings, keep records of proceedings, and do all things necessary to properly administer and enforce this article.
- (6) Publish and make available the following upon request and for a fee not to exceed the actual cost of printing and mailing:
 - (A) Requirements for issuance of an athletic trainer's license under this article.
 - (B) Rules adopted under this article.
- (7) Maintain and make available as required by IC 4-1-6 and IC 5-14-3 a register of each licensed athletic trainer in Indiana, including each licensed athletic trainer's last known address and the expiration date and identification number of the licensed athletic trainer's license.
- (8) Contract with the NATA board of certification to prepare, conduct, and score NATA's current professional examination as the qualifying examination for athletic trainers under this article.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.84-1998, SEC.10.

IC 25-5.1-2-7

Compensation of members

Sec. 7. (a) Each member of the board who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by

IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(b) Each member of the board who is a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5.

IC 25-5.1-3

Chapter 3. Licensing; Examination

IC 25-5.1-3-1

License requirements

Sec. 1. (a) To qualify for a license under this article, an individual must satisfy the following requirements:

- (1) Satisfactorily complete an application for licensure in accordance with the rules adopted by the board.
- (2) Pay the application fees, examination fees, and licensure fees established by the board.
- (3) Not have been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing on the applicant's ability to practice competently as determined by the board.
- (4) Not have had disciplinary action taken against the applicant or the applicant's license by the board or by the licensing agency of another state or jurisdiction by reason of the applicant's inability to safely practice athletic training with those reasons for discipline still being valid as determined by the board.
- (5) Show to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant has received at least a baccalaureate degree from a postsecondary educational institution that meets the academic standards for athletic trainers established by NATA and described in subsection (b).
- (6) Except to the extent that section 6 of this chapter applies, successfully pass the qualifying examination adopted by the board as described in IC 25-5.1-2-6(8).

(b) The minimum academic standards for athletic trainers licensed under this article as required under subsection (a)(5) include the satisfactory completion of an academic program that includes at least the following accredited courses:

- (1) Human anatomy.
- (2) Human physiology.
- (3) Physiology of exercise.
- (4) Kinesiology.
- (5) Personal health.
- (6) Basic athletic training.
- (7) Advanced athletic training.
- (8) Clinical experience as prescribed by the board.
- (9) Therapeutic modalities.
- (10) Rehabilitation.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.84-1998, SEC.11; P.L.87-2000, SEC.2; P.L.173-2001, SEC.1; P.L.2-2007, SEC.318.

IC 25-5.1-3-1.5

Temporary licenses

Sec. 1.5. (a) If a person meets each of the requirements of section 1 of this chapter other than the requirement under section 1(a)(6), the

board may issue a temporary license to the person.

(b) A temporary license issued under this section is valid for not more than ninety (90) days after the date of issuance.

As added by P.L.173-2001, SEC.2.

IC 25-5.1-3-2

Issuance of licenses

Sec. 2. Except as provided in section 3 of this chapter, the board shall issue a license to an individual who:

- (1) meets the conditions set out in section 1 of this chapter; and
- (2) is otherwise qualified for licensure under this article.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.84-1998, SEC.12.

IC 25-5.1-3-3

Refusal to issue licenses

Sec. 3. The board may refuse to issue a license to an applicant for licensure under section 1 or 1.5 of this chapter if:

- (1) the board determines during the application process that the applicant committed an act that would have subjected the applicant to disciplinary sanction under section 1(a)(4) of this chapter if the applicant had been:

- (A) certified before July 1, 1998; or
- (B) licensed after June 30, 1998;

in Indiana when the act occurred; or

- (2) the applicant has had a:

- (A) certificate revoked under IC 25-1-1.1 before July 1, 1998; or
- (B) license revoked under IC 25-1-1.1 after June 30, 1998.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.84-1998, SEC.13; P.L.87-2000, SEC.3; P.L.173-2001, SEC.3.

IC 25-5.1-3-4

Expiration of licenses; renewal

Sec. 4. (a) Subject to IC 25-1-2-6(e), after a three (3) year renewal cycle ending December 31, 2017, a license issued by the board expires on a date established by the agency under IC 25-1-5-4 in each odd-numbered year.

(b) An individual may renew a license by paying a renewal fee not later than the expiration date of the license.

(c) If an individual fails to timely pay a renewal fee as required by subsection (b), the individual's license becomes invalid without any action being taken by the board.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.84-1998, SEC.14; P.L.1-2006, SEC.421; P.L.177-2015, SEC.14.

IC 25-5.1-3-5

Renewal of expired licenses

Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), an individual

whose license has expired may have the license reinstated not later than three (3) years after the date of expiration upon meeting the requirements under IC 25-1-8-6(c).

(b) A license that has been expired for more than three (3) years may be reinstated if the individual holding the license satisfies the requirements for reinstatement under IC 25-1-8-6(d).

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.84-1998, SEC.15; P.L.269-2001, SEC.6; P.L.105-2008, SEC.15.

IC 25-5.1-3-6

Examination exemptions

Sec. 6. If an individual who applies for a license under this article meets any of the following conditions, the individual may be exempted from the examination requirement under section 1(a)(6) of this chapter by action of the board:

- (1) The individual is licensed to practice athletic training in another state if the other state's standards for licensure are at least equal to the standards for licensure in Indiana.
- (2) The individual is certified by NATA and is otherwise qualified for licensure under this article.
- (3) The individual is certified by an organization recognized by the National Commission on Competency Assurance and is otherwise qualified for licensure under this article.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.84-1998, SEC.16; P.L.87-2000, SEC.4.

IC 25-5.1-3-7

Other occupations, professions, student activities, or performance of first aid not prohibited

Sec. 7. This article does not prohibit the following:

- (1) The practice of an occupation or profession for which an individual is licensed, certified, or registered in Indiana by a state agency.
- (2) The practice of a health care occupation or profession by an individual who is practicing within the individual's education and experience.
- (3) The performance of a first aid procedure incidental to an individual's employment or volunteer duties.
- (4) The performance of an emergency first aid procedure by an individual.
- (5) A student, an intern, or a trainee from pursuing a course of study in athletic training from an accredited postsecondary educational institution if:
 - (A) the activities are performed under qualified supervision and constitute a part of the individual's supervised course of study; and
 - (B) the individual uses a title that contains the word "intern", "student", or "trainee".
- (6) The use of the title "student athletic trainer" by a student

enrolled in a high school or a postsecondary educational institution while assisting an athletic trainer during athletic activities of the high school or postsecondary educational institution.

As added by P.L.84-1998, SEC.17. Amended by P.L.87-2000, SEC.5; P.L.2-2007, SEC.319.

IC 25-5.1-3-8

Temporary permits

Sec. 8. (a) The board may issue a temporary permit to a person to practice as an athletic trainer if the person pays a fee and the person:

- (1) has a valid license or certificate to practice from another state and the person has applied for a license from the board;
- (2) is practicing in a state that does not license or certify athletic trainers but is certified by a national athletic training association approved by the board and the person has applied for a license from the board; or
- (3) has met the requirements of section 1 of this chapter, except for the requirement of section 1(a)(6) of this chapter.

(b) A person with a temporary permit issued under subsection (a)(3) may practice as an athletic trainer only under the supervision of an athletic trainer licensed under this article.

(c) A temporary permit expires on the earliest of:

- (1) the date the person holding the permit is issued a license under this article;
- (2) the date the board disapproves the person's license application; or
- (3) ninety (90) days after the date of issuance.

As added by P.L.173-2001, SEC.4.

IC 25-5.1-4

Chapter 4. Unlawful Practice

IC 25-5.1-4-1

Practice or use of title without license prohibited

Sec. 1. An individual may not:

(1) practice as an athletic trainer; or

(2) use:

(A) the title "licensed athletic trainer", "athletic trainer", "licensed trainer", or "athletic training";

(B) the abbreviations "AT", "ATC", "AT,C", "LAT", "ATC/L"; or

(C) other words, abbreviations, or insignia;

to indicate or imply that the individual is an athletic trainer;

unless the individual is licensed under this article.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.84-1998, SEC.18; P.L.87-2000, SEC.6.

IC 25-5.1-4-2

Violations

Sec. 2. An individual who knowingly violates or causes to be violated section 1 of this chapter commits a Class B misdemeanor.

As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.87-2000, SEC.7.