

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Rules Committee Minutes
Teleconference Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2016 - 08:30 a.m.

Board Members Present

Dorothy Gaskin, PT, Committee Chair
Monty Strickland, PT, Board Member
Reid Lawson, PT, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

D. Williams-McNeely, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

No visitors present

Call to Order: Ms. Gaskin called the committee meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

The agenda for the committee meeting was outlined and addressed as follows:

1. Board Rule Discussion – Military Spouses and Transitional Service Members

Considerations: O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34(b) requires that No later than July 1, 2017, each professional licensing board and other board shall adopt rules and regulations implementing a process by which military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for temporary licenses, licenses by endorsement, expedited licenses, or a combination thereof for each profession, business, or trade for which a license is issued.

A. Which type of license should be available to these individuals...Temporary License, License by Endorsement, Expedited Licenses or Combination?

The Committee recommended implementing a combination process by creating a separate application to allow military spouses and transitional service members to apply for a temporary permit, and allow those applicants to work towards obtaining a permanent license while under the temporary permit.

B. What documentation should the Board request in order to identify the individual as a military spouse or transitioning service member?

The Committee recommended mirroring the application for licensure to request the same information in the new application for a temporary permit.

C. What documentation should the Board request to determine if the applicant's training, experience, and testing substantially meet or exceed the requirements under this state to obtain a license?

The Committee recommended that the applicant for temporary permit have had active practice within the last (2) two years. If the applicant does not have active practice within the last (2) two years, the applicant must show proof of (30) thirty hours of CEUs and must work under direct supervision of a physical therapist for a 480 hour traineeship. The Committee also recommended allowing the applicants an additional (30) thirty days from their date of arrival, based on their orders or separation date, to complete the traineeship and that foreign trained applicants continue to meet the criteria of other any other foreign trained applicant.

D. The Committee recommended the following requirements for the temporary permit:

- a) A temporary permit applicant does not have to submit proof of a passing score on the national exam as long as the applicant has proof of active license in another state or proof of certification training in the military.
- b) A temporary permit applicant may not have any arrests, disciplinary actions or sanctions issued against the applicant in any states where he or she has held a license.
- c) A temporary permit applicant must submit the required svd & affidavit as required by the law.

- d) Options to renew: a temporary permit may renew for (1) one, (6) six month period at the discretion of the board.
- e) Fee for temporary permit - Charge a fee for the overall amount for the permanent license to include the temporary permit application fee.

Monty left the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

E. What military specialty, certification, training, or experience would satisfy in the Board's mind that the applicant substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license in this state?

The Committee recommended the following requirements for full licensure:

- a) Applicants for licensure must submit proof of having passed the national exam, law exam, and submit verifications and transcripts from all other states.
- b) Require applicants for licensure to submit the military forms for evaluation for learning as presented.

2. Miscellaneous Discussions

- A. The Committee recommended adding language to the proposed rule to refer foreign-trained military applicants to the foreign-trained rules and requirements already in place.
- B. Based on the discussion, Ms. Price will draft a proposed rule to present to the Attorney General for review and to be presented at the next scheduled teleconference. Ms. Price will also poll the state of Alaska to determine if they use any special processes for those applicants who do not have the college education to determine whether or not their education is equal to what the Board requires.
- C. The Rules Committee recommended scheduling a Rules Committee teleconference meeting on July 12, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment: With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor and Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on:

July 19, 2016

DOROTHY GASKIN
COMMITTEE CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
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