

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 53-6 RENEWAL, RULE 53-6-.01 RENEWAL OF
LICENSE, CONTINUING EDUCATION
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

RULE 53-6-.01 RENEWAL OF LICENSE, CONTINUING EDUCATION

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers (hereinafter “Board”) proposes an amendment to Rule 53-6-.01, Renewal of License, Continuing Education (herein after “proposed rule”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, to be included on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may also be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. The documents will also be available for review on the Board’s website at <https://sos.ga.gov/page/athletic-trainers-board-rules-and-laws>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (844) 753-7825.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment at a public hearing to be held at 1:30 PM on March 20, 2023, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. If the Board is not meeting in-person at this location, the hearing will be held via Zoom. Please see Board’s website for information on how to join the meeting via Zoom.

Interested parties affected by the rule may submit written comments to the Board no later than close of business on March 13, 2023. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Gabriel Sterling, Interim Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Written comments may be faxed to (866) 888-1308.

During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meeting on December 5, 2022. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose an excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule

amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 43-5-9(c), 43-1-25, and 43-5-6(a). Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ O.C.G.A §§ 43-5-9(c), 43-1-25, and 43-5-6(a) to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of athletic training.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers has the authority to adopt proposed Rule 53-6-.01, Renewal of License, Continuing Education pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-5-9(c), 43-1-25, and 43-5-6(a).

For further information, contact the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This the 26th day of January, 2023.



Gabriel Sterling
Interim Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted:1/26/23

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO THE
THE GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS RULE 53-6-.01**

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed amendments is to limit the amount of continuing education hours that can be completed in one calendar day to ten hours. This limit will increase the likelihood that practitioners will gain and retain knowledge and help ensure competency.

Rule 53-6-.01 Renewal of License, Continuing Education

- (1) Athletic trainer licenses expire on June 30th of even numbered years and are renewable for two years upon receipt of a renewal application and renewal fee and upon compliance with the continuing education requirement set forth below.
- (2) To be eligible for renewal, an athletic trainer must have completed, within the preceding two years, at least forty contact hours of continuing education acceptable to the Board. Provided, however, that an athletic trainer who received his license within one year of the renewal date shall not be required to meet the continuing education requirements for that renewal period. Each athletic trainer may not complete more than ten (10) hours of continuing education in one calendar day and shall retain proof of attendance of continuing education programs for a period of three years from the date of attendance.
- (3) Athletic trainers will be required to answer questions on their biennial renewal form which establish their compliance with the continuing education requirement. A false statement regarding compliance with the continuing education requirement shall be grounds for revocation or other disciplinary action by the Board.
- (4) The staff of the Board shall make a random selection of the actively licensed athletic trainers for the purpose of auditing their compliance with the continuing education requirements of this chapter. Failure to submit such proof of compliance shall be grounds for revocation or other disciplinary action by the Board.

Authority: O.C.G.A §§ 43-5-9(c), 43-1-25, and 43-5-6(a)

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