IC 25-5.1. ARTICLE 5.1. ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Ch. 1. Definitions

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IC 25-5.1-1-0.5Exemptions 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 25-5.1-1-1Application of definitions
Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article.
As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5.

IC 25-5.1-1-1.5Agency
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 25-5.1-1-2Athletic 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 25-5.1-1-3Athletic 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 25-5.1-1-4Athletic 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.


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

**IC 25-5.1-1-6Repealed**

**IC 25-5.1-1-7NATA**
Sec. 7. "NATA" refers to the National Athletic Trainers Association, Inc.
As added by P.L.213-1993, SEC.5.

**IC 25-5.1-2Chapter 2. Indiana Athletic Trainers Certification Board**

- **IC 25-5.1-2-1Board established**
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**IC 25-5.1-2-1Board established**
Sec. 1. The Indiana athletic trainers board is established.

**IC 25-5.1-2-2Members**
Sec. 2. (a) The board consists of five (5) members appointed by the governor as follows:

1. One (1) member who is a medical doctor, osteopath, podiatrist, or chiropractor, involved in the practice of sports medicine.
2. Three (3) members who are athletic trainers engaged in the practice of athletic training in Indiana for at least two (2) years immediately preceding their appointment.
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 make appointments according to IC 25-1-6.5-3.

**IC 25-5.1-2-3Continuation 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 25-5.1-2-4Terms of office; removal of members**
Sec. 4. (a) The term of office for each member of the board is made under IC 25-1-6.5.

(b) A member of the board may be removed under IC 25-1-6.5-4.

**IC 25-5.1-2-5Vacancies**
Sec. 5. A vacancy on the board shall be filled under IC 25-1-6.5.
IC 25-5.1-6 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.

IC 25-5.1-7 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. 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.

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.
5. Personal health.
6. Basic athletic training.
7. Advanced athletic training.
8. Clinical experience as prescribed by the board.
9. Therapeutic modalities.
10. Rehabilitation.


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.


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.


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.


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.

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).


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.


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.


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.
IC 25.5.1-4  Chapter 4. Unlawful Practice

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.


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.