

311.900 Definitions.

(1) "Athletic trainer" means a person with specific qualifications, as set forth in KRS 311.916, who, upon the advice and consent of a team physician, carries out the practice of prevention or physical rehabilitation, or both, of injuries incurred by participating athletes at an educational institution, professional athletic organization, or other bona fide athletic organization. In carrying out these functions the athletic trainer is authorized to use whatever physical modalities as are deemed necessary by a team physician; and (2) "Council" means the Kentucky Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers.

Effective: July 13, 1990

311.902 Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers -- Appointment -- Removal -- Vacancies.

(1) There is hereby created the Kentucky Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers, comprised of five (5) members, to be appointed by the Governor. To qualify as a member, a person shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Kentucky for five (5) years immediately preceding appointment. Two (2) members shall be athletic trainers, and two (2) members shall be physicians licensed by the state and members of the Kentucky Medical Association's Committee on School Health, Physical Education and Medical Aspects of Sports and one (1) member shall be a citizen member.

(2) Except for the initial appointees, members shall serve for a term of office of four (4) years. All terms shall expire on January 31 of even-numbered years. In making the initial appointments, one (1) member shall be appointed for a one (1) year term, one (1) member for a two (2) year term, one (1) member for a three (3) year term, and two (2) members for a four (4) year term.

(3) A board member may be removed by the Governor for good cause or if he misses two (2) consecutive council meetings and the other council members determine it is in the best interest of the council.

(4) Upon the death, resignation, or removal of any member, the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by the Governor in the same manner as other appointments.

311.908 Certification by Board of Medical Licensure.

(1) The Board of Medical Licensure is hereby authorized to certify athletic trainers consistent with the provisions of KRS 311.902 to 311.928 and to adopt rules and regulations necessary for the performance of its duties.

(2) The board shall prescribe application forms for certification.

(3) The board shall establish guidelines for athletic trainers in the state and conduct a certification examination based on recommendations of the council.

(4) The board shall require, as a part of any continuing education requirement, persons certified as athletic trainers to complete a Cabinet for Health Services-approved educational course on the transmission, control, treatment, and prevention of the human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome with an emphasis on appropriate behavior and attitude change.

Effective: July 15, 1998

History: Amended 1998 Ky. Acts ch. 426, sec. 543, effective July 15, 1998. -- Amended 1990 Ky. Acts ch. 443, sec. 61, effective July 13, 1990. -- Created 1978

Ky. Acts ch. 205, sec. 5, effective June 17, 1978.

311.910 Records -- Roster of certified athletic trainers.

(1) The board shall keep a record of proceedings of the council in a book maintained for that purpose.

(2) The board shall keep a complete record of all certified athletic trainers. A copy of the roster shall be made available to any person requesting it on payment of a fee established by the board as sufficient to cover the costs of the roster.

Effective: June 17, 1978

311.912 Fees.

The board shall collect the following fees which can be raised at its discretion:

(1) An athletic trainer examination fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each examination taken.

(2) An initial athletic trainer certification fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25).

Effective: June 17, 1978

History: Created 1978 Ky. Acts ch. 205, sec. 7, effective June 17, 1978.

311.914 Acting as athletic trainer without certification prohibited.

No person shall hold himself out as an athletic trainer or perform, for compensation, any of the activities of an athletic trainer as defined in KRS 311.900 without first obtaining a certificate under KRS 311.902 to 311.928; provided, however, that nothing in KRS 311.902 to 311.928 shall be construed to prevent any person from serving as a student trainer, assistant trainer, teacher-trainer or any similar position if such service is not primarily for compensation and is carried out under the supervision of a physician.

Effective: July 1, 1979

History: Created 1978 Ky. Acts ch. 205, sec. 8, effective July 1, 1979.

311.916 Applicant qualifications -- Nonresident applicants -- Reciprocal licensing.

(1) An applicant for an athletic trainer certificate shall possess one (1) of the following qualifications:

(a) Have met the athletic training curriculum requirements of a college or university approved by the board and give proof of graduation and be certified by the National Athletic Trainer's Association; however, the board may grant an exception using the following criteria:

1. Graduate of an accredited college or university; and
2. Shown proof of one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours as an apprentice athletic trainer as provided in subsection (1)(c) of this section;

(b) Hold a certificate or a degree in physical therapy and have completed the following:

1. A basic athletic training course;
2. A first aid and a cardiopulmonary resuscitation course;
3. A nutrition course; and
4. Have spent a minimum of six hundred (600) clock hours working under the direct supervision of an approved athletic trainer. The board may waive or alter the hour requirements if the applicant can demonstrate equivalent experience; or

(c) Have completed at least four (4) years beyond the secondary school level, while either an undergraduate or graduate student, as an apprentice athletic trainer at a college or university under the direct supervision of an athletic trainer approved by the board. The four (4) years shall be

consecutive years of supervision, military duty excepted. An applicant for certification under this provision shall:

1. Show proof of graduation from an accredited college or university;
2. Show proof of successful completion of courses in basic and advanced athletic training, first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, nutrition, anatomy, exercise physiology, kinesiology and personal health; and
3. Have spent a minimum of one thousand five hundred (1,500) clock hours working under the direct supervision of an approved athletic trainer, one thousand (1,000) hours of which shall be traditional hours and may include, but may not exceed, five hundred (500) clinical hours.

(2) An out-of-state applicant shall fulfill one (1) of the qualifications enumerated in subsection (1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section. The Commonwealth of Kentucky may grant, without examination, a certificate to any qualified nonresident athletic trainer holding a license or certificate in another state if the other state recognizes certificates of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the same manner and has the same or equivalent requirements for certification. An out-of-state applicant from a state not having a licensure or certification act shall be eligible to take the Kentucky certification examination if certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association and approved by the board.

(3) Any applicant for an athletic trainer certificate shall complete an educational course of the type specified in KRS 311.908(4).

Effective: July 13, 1990

History: Amended 1990 Ky. Acts ch. 236, sec. 3, effective July 13, 1990; and ch. 443, sec. 62, effective July 13, 1990. -- Created 1978 Ky. Acts ch. 205, sec. 9, effective June 17, 1978.

311.918 Application -- Certificate -- Temporary certificate.

(1) An applicant for an athletic trainer certificate shall submit an application to the board on forms prescribed by the board and submit the examination fee required by KRS 311.912.

(2) The applicant shall be entitled to an athletic trainer's certificate if he possesses the qualifications enumerated in KRS 311.916, completes the examination approved by the board, to their satisfaction, pays the certification fee as set in KRS 311.912, and has not committed an act which constitutes grounds for denial of a certificate under KRS 311.920.

(3) The applicant shall be entitled to a temporary permit if he meets the requirements of KRS 311.916.

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