

**TITLE XXX
OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS
CHAPTER 326-G
ATHLETIC TRAINERS**

326-G:1 Definitions. – In this chapter and RSA 328-F:

- I. "Board" means the governing board of athletic trainers established in RSA 328-F.
- II. "Athletic trainer" means a person licensed under this chapter to practice athletic training.
- III. "Athletic training" means the practice, with respect to injuries or conditions incurred by participants in organized or recreational sports, of:
 - (a) Prevention;
 - (b) Assessment and evaluation;
 - (c) Acute care, management, treatment and disposition;
 - (d) Rehabilitation and reconditioning; and
 - (e) Education, counseling and program administration,

Provided such care is within the professional preparation and education of athletic trainers and under the direction of a physician licensed in any state or in Canada.

326-G:2 Exemptions. – This chapter and RSA 328-F shall not apply to the following:

- I. Self-care by a patient, first aid by a coach, or gratuitous care by a friend or family member who does not represent himself or herself as an athletic trainer.
- II. The activities of athletic training students acting under the direction of an athletic trainer licensed, certified, or registered in any state, provided that the students are designated by a title which clearly indicates their status as athletic training students.
- III. The activities of athletic trainers not residents of this state, when called to perform athletic training services during a temporary visit in this state, provided such athletic trainers are currently licensed, certified, or registered in any state or Canada, or are currently certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification, Inc., or its successor organization.

326-G:3 Rulemaking. – The board shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the nature of the temporary visit in this state which is sufficient to exempt from the application of this chapter the practitioners of athletic training designated in RSA 326-G:2, III.

326-G:4 Eligibility for Initial Licensure. – Applicants for initial licensure as athletic trainers shall:

- I. Demonstrate sufficient evidence of good professional character and reliability to satisfy the board that the applicant shall faithfully and conscientiously avoid professional misconduct and adhere to this chapter, RSA 328-F, and the board's rules.
- II. Have at least a bachelor's degree.
- III. Have a currently valid certificate issued by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification, Inc., or its successor organization.
- IV. Meet any continuing competency requirements established by the board.

326-G:5 Professional Identification. –

- I. Any person licensed to practice as an athletic trainer in this state may use the title "New Hampshire Licensed Athletic Trainer" and the abbreviation, "N.H.LAT" to designate such person's practice of athletic training and shall produce such person's license upon the request of the board.
- II. Any person who uses the title or the abbreviation or otherwise states or implies by word or act

that he or she is currently licensed to practice athletic training, and does so at a time when she or he does not possess a valid license, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

326-G:6 Eligibility for Renewal of License. – Licensees are eligible for renewal of their licenses if they:

- I. Hold a currently valid certificate issued by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification, Inc., or its successor organization.
- II. Have not violated this chapter or RSA 328-F nor demonstrated poor professional character.
- III. Meet any continuing competency requirements established by the board.

328-F:2 Definitions. –

- I. "Board of directors" means the chairpersons or their appointees of all the governing boards which shall be responsible for the administrative operation of the office of licensed allied health professionals.
- II. "Governing boards" means individual licensing boards of athletic trainers, occupational therapy assistants, occupational therapists, physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, respiratory care practitioners, and speech-language pathologists.
- III. "Occupational therapy" means "occupational therapy" as defined in RSA 326-C:1, III.
- IV. "Office of licensed allied health professionals" means an agency of multiple governing boards in professions of the allied health field.
- V. "Physical therapy" or "physiotherapy" means "physical therapy" or "physiotherapy" as defined in RSA 328-A:2, IX.
- VI. "Athletic training" means "athletic training" as defined in RSA 326-G:1, III.
- VII. "Respiratory care" means "respiratory care" as defined in RSA 326-E:1, X.
- VIII. "Speech-language pathology" means "speech-language pathology" as defined in RSA 326-F:1, IV.

328-F:3 Governing Boards Established; Board of Directors; Office of Licensed Allied Health Professionals. –

- I. There shall be established governing boards of athletic trainers, occupational therapists, respiratory care practitioners, physical therapists, and speech-language pathologists.
- II. The governing boards' chairpersons or their appointees shall make up the board of directors of the office of licensed allied health professionals. The board of directors shall, subject to the rules adopted by the director of the division of personnel, have authority to establish and fill a supervisory position at labor grade 21 and technical and clerical positions to run the office's business in an efficient manner, and to contract for the services of investigators and legal counsel. The board of directors shall have the authority to delegate to the person in the supervisory position matters of administrative and personnel management.
- III. There shall be an office of licensed allied health professionals established in Concord. It shall be an administratively attached agency, under RSA 21-G:10, to the department of health and human services.

328-F:4 Governing Boards; Memberships; Appointments. –

- I. Each governing board shall be composed of 5 persons, each to be appointed by the governor with the approval of the council, to a term of 3 years. Members shall serve until the expiration of the term for which they have been appointed or until their successors have been appointed and qualified. No board member shall be appointed to more than 2 consecutive terms. Any professional members of all governing boards shall maintain current and unrestricted New Hampshire licenses.
- II. The initial appointees to the governing boards shall serve as follows: one initial appointee who is

a licensed professional shall serve a term of one year, one initial appointee who is a licensed professional shall serve a term of 2 years, one initial public member shall serve a term of 2 years, and the remaining 2 initial appointees shall serve terms of 3 years. An initial appointment of less than 3 years shall not be considered a full term.

III. Each public member of a governing board shall be a person who is not, and never was a member of the applicable allied health profession or the spouse of any such person, and who does not have, and never has had a material financial interest in either the provision of that allied health service, a health insurance company, or health maintenance organization, including representation of the board or profession for a fee at any time during the 5 years preceding appointment.

IV. The athletic trainers governing board shall consist of 3 licensed athletic trainers, who have actively engaged in the practice of athletic training in this state for at least 3 years, one physician educated in the current practice of sports medicine, and one public member.

V. The occupational therapy governing board shall consist of 2 licensed occupational therapists and one occupational therapy assistant, who have actively engaged in the practice of occupational therapy in this state for at least 3 years, one physician knowledgeable in the practice of occupational therapy, and one public member.

VI. The physical therapy governing board shall consist of 2 licensed physical therapists and one physical therapist assistant, who have actively engaged in the practice of physical therapy in this state for at least 3 years, and 2 public members.

VII. The respiratory care practitioner governing board shall consist of 3 licensed respiratory care practitioners, who have actively engaged in the practice of respiratory care in this state for at least 3 years, one physician knowledgeable in the practice of respiratory care, and one public member.

VIII. The speech-language pathology governing board shall consist of 4 licensed speech-language pathologists who have actively engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology in this state for at least 3 years, and one public member. At least one speech-language pathologist shall be employed in an educational setting and at least one employed in a clinical setting.