

**R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.**

**R156-5a. Podiatric Physician Licensing Act Rule.**

**R156-5a-101. Title.**

This rule is known as the "Podiatric Physician Licensing Act Rule".

**R156-5a-102. Definitions.**

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 5a, as used in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 5a or this rule:

(1) "Recognized residency program" as used in Subsection 58-5a-302(5) means a residency program that is accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

(2) "Recognized school" as used in Subsection 58-5a-306(2) means a school that is accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

**R156-5a-103. Authority - Purpose.**

This rule is adopted by the division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1)(a) to enable the division to administer Title 58, Chapter 5a.

**R156-5a-104. Organization - Relationship to Rule R156-1.**

The organization of this rule and its relationship to Rule R156-1 is as described in Section R156-1-107.

**R156-5a-302a. Qualifications for Licensure - Education Requirements.**

In accordance with Subsections 58-1-203(1) and 58-1-301(3), the postgraduate training requirements for licensure in Section 58-5a-302 is defined, clarified, or established as requiring each applicant to have successfully completed at least 12 months of postgraduate training in a residency program that was accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association at the time the applicant received that training.

**R156-5a-302b. Qualifications for Licensure - Examination Requirements.**

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(1) and 58-1-301(3), the examination requirements for licensure in Section 58-5a-302 are established as follows:

- (a) the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners examination (NBPME); or
- (b) the Podiatric Medicine Licensing examination (PMLexis); and
- (c) the Utah Podiatric law examination.

(2) To be eligible to sit for the NBPME or PMLexis, an applicant must submit the following to the Division:

- (a) an application for licensure as a podiatric physician;
- (b) licensing application fee;
- (c) a transcript indicating completion of an approved podiatric program; and
- (d) a copy of the test application submitted to NBPME or PMLexis.

**R156-5a-303. Renewal Cycle - Procedures.**

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(1)(a), the renewal date for the two-year renewal cycle applicable to licensees under Title 58, Chapter 5a is established by rule in Section R156-1-308a.

(2) Renewal procedures shall be in accordance with Section R156-1-308c.

**R156-5a-304. Continuing Education.**

(1) There is hereby established a continuing professional education requirement for all individuals licensed under Title 58, Chapter 5a.

(2) During each two year period commencing on September 30 of each even numbered year, a licensee shall be required to complete not less than 40 hours of qualified professional education directly related to the licensee's professional clinical practice.

(3) The required number of hours of professional education for an individual who first becomes licensed during the two year period shall be decreased in a pro-rata amount equal to any part of that two year period year preceding the date on which that individual first became licensed.

(4) Qualified professional education under this section shall:

- (a) have an identifiable clear statement of purpose and defined objective for the educational program directly related to the practice of a podiatric physician;
- (b) be relevant to the licensee's professional practice;
- (c) be presented in a competent, well organized, and sequential manner consistent with the stated purpose and objective of the program;
- (d) be prepared and presented by individuals who are qualified by education, training, and experience;

(e) have associated with it a competent method of registration of individuals who actually completed the professional education program and records of that registration and completion are available for review; and

(f) be sponsored or approved by a combination of the following:

(i) one of the organizations listed in Subsection 58-5a-304(3);

(ii) the American Podiatric Medical Association; or

(iii) the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing.

(5) Credit for professional education shall be recognized in accordance with the following:

(a) unlimited hours shall be recognized for professional education completed in blocks of time of not less than one hour in formally established classroom courses, seminars, or conferences;

(b) a maximum of 40 hours per two year period may be recognized for teaching in a college or university or teaching qualified professional education courses in the field of podiatry;

(c) a maximum of ten hours per two year period may be recognized for clinical readings directly related to practice as a podiatric physician; and

(d) a maximum of six hours of continuing education may come from the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing.

(6) A licensee shall be responsible for maintaining competent records of completed qualified professional education for a period of four years after close of the two year period to which the records pertain. It is the responsibility of the licensee to maintain such information with respect to qualified professional education to demonstrate it meets the requirements under this section.

(7) If properly documented that a licensee is engaged in full time activities or is subjected to circumstances which prevent that licensee from meeting the continuing professional education requirements established under this section, the licensee may be excused from the requirement for a period of up to three years; however, it is the responsibility of the licensee to document the reasons and justify why the requirement could not be met.

#### **R156-5a-305. Radiology Course for Unlicensed Podiatric Assistants.**

In accordance with Subsection 58-54-4.3(3), radiology courses for an unlicensed person performing services under the supervision of a podiatric physician shall include radiology theory consisting of the following:

(1) orientation of radiation technology;

(2) terminology;

(3) radiographic podiatric anatomy and pathology (cursory);

(4) radiation physics (basic);

(5) radiation protection to patient and operator;

(6) radiation biology including interaction of ionizing radiation on cells, tissues and matter;

(7) factors influencing biological response to cells and tissues to ionizing radiation and cumulative effects of x-radiation;

(8) external radiographic techniques;

(9) processing techniques including proper disposal of chemicals; and

(10) infection control in podiatric radiology.

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