

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULE HEARING AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS PRACTICE BOARD MEETING

The New Mexico Athletic Trainers Practice Board and the Regulation and Licensing Department will hold a rule hearing on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., immediately followed by a meeting of the athletic trainers practice board for adoption of the proposed rules listed below. The hearing and subsequent board meeting will take place at the Regulation and Licensing Department, located at 5500 San Antonio dr. SE., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109.

The hearing and subsequent athletic trainers practice board meeting may also be accessed virtually via Microsoft Teams.

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16.3.2 NMAC – SCOPE OF PRACTICE

16.3.4 NMAC – INITIAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

16.3.7 NMAC – ANNUAL RENEWAL OF LICENSES

16.3.8 NMAC – FEES

On Friday, May 23, 2025, copies of the proposed rules may be obtained through the New Mexico Athletic Trainers Practice Board website at <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/athletic-trainers/board-information/athletic-trainers-board-meetings/> or by contacting the Team Manager, Richard Espinoza at (505) 618-0321.

The New Mexico Athletic Trainers Practice Board and the Regulation and Licensing Department will begin accepting written public comment regarding the proposed rule changes beginning Friday, May 23, 2025, 8:00 a.m. and ending Wednesday June 25, 2023, 11:30 a.m. Written public comment may be submitted either by email to athletic.trainers@rld.nm.gov or by postal mail to the following address:

Attn: New Mexico Athletic Trainers Practice Board
P.O. Box 25101
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Written comments received during the public comment period (May 23, 2025 – June 25, 2025) will be posted to the website page linked above. Public comments will also be accepted during the rule hearing and may be submitted in writing or presented orally by those attending in-person. The members of the New Mexico Athletic Trainers Practice Board will not enter substantive discussion of public comments during the rule hearing but will consider and

deliberate any public comment during the regular board meeting immediately following the conclusion of the public rule hearing.

The agenda for the New Mexico Athletic Trainers Practice Board regular meeting, which will begin immediately after the public rule hearing, will be available no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, and available on the website linked above or by contacting the board Team Manager Richard Espinoza.

If you are an individual with a disability who needs a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or the regular board meeting, please contact the Team Manager Richard Espinoza at (505) 618-0321 at least 7 days prior to the rules hearing and regular board meeting. Public documents, including the proposed rules, meeting agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats.

For inclement weather: If the New Mexico state offices are placed on a two-hour delay to inclement weather, the rule hearing will be pushed back two hours from the noticed hearing time. If New Mexico state offices are closed due to inclement weather, the rule hearing will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Statutory Authority:

The rule changes are authorized by the Athletic Trainer Practice Act (Act), Section 61-14D-1 through 61-14D-19 NMSA 1978, which provides explicit authority for the Athletic Trainer Practice Board to protect public health and safety and adopt rules for the administration of the Act. The rulemaking and public rule hearing is governed by the State Rules Act, Sections 14-4-1 through 14-4-11 NMSA 1978, and the Default Procedural Rule for Rulemaking promulgated by the New Mexico Department of Justice, Parts 1.24.25 through 1.24.25.16 NMAC

Purpose of Proposed Rules: The proposed rule changes aim to implement changes to the provisions of The Telehealth Act, Section 24-25-5 NMSA 1978, made by Senate Bill 252 in the 2025 legislative session for all licensees practicing under supervision. The changes also update the rules to reflect the requirements for the online application and remove references to paper applications, introduce the standard for auditing continuing education requirements for license renewal, and change the current fee for returned checks from \$25.00 to \$35.00. More generally, the proposed rules are intended to provide greater clarity in existing regulatory and statutory requirements, ensure continued high levels of professionalism among licensees and certificate holders, and to generally satisfy the Board's statutory obligation to promote, preserve and protect public health, safety and welfare.

Summary of Proposed Changes: 16.3.2 NMAC -Scope of Practice. Adding a new part to reflect the changes made by Senate Bill 252, to the provisions of the Telehealth Act, Section 24-25-5 NMSA 1978 for all licensees practicing under supervision. 16.3.4 NMAC-initial Licensing Requirements Revising the language to reflect that the Board now use an online application system and does not require a paper application. 16.3.7 NMAC-Annual Renewal of Licenses. Adding the continuing education (CEU) required to obtain or maintain an active license, allowing the board to conduct a random audit and allowing the board to give disciplinary action if the licensee does not have the CEU's need to renew their license. 16.3.8 NMAC-Fees Striking out \$25.00 dollars for return checks and adding \$35.00 dollar fee for return checks, or electronic checks.