



REGULATORY UPDATE

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Welcome to the new *Regulatory Update!*

In an effort to work with you to achieve our common goal of protecting the public, the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) provides a semi-annual update that includes relevant information for state regulatory agencies.

Previous updates have been sent via email. However, the BOC will deliver updates in the future via this newsletter, called *Regulatory Update*. The *Regulatory Update* will be published in April and October each year.

The BOC provides a certification program for entry-level Athletic Trainers (ATs). The BOC establishes and regularly reviews both the standards for the practice of athletic training and the continuing education requirements for BOC Certified ATs. The BOC has the only accredited certification program for ATs in the US.

For more information about the BOC, visit www.bocatc.org.

Online Tool Lets States Submit AT Disciplinary Actions

States can now share disciplinary actions in a single online location, thanks to a new BOC tool dedicated to public protection.

The **Disciplinary Action Exchange (DAE)**, launched in March, allows states to submit disciplinary actions to be displayed on the BOC website. The tool then helps states, consumers and the BOC find all public disciplinary actions against ATs – in an efficient, easy-to-use manner.

Members of the State Regulatory Network can submit disciplinary actions to the exchange (see [Page 3](#) for more information on joining the network).

How does the Disciplinary Action Exchange work?

1. The submitter uses a link on the State Regulatory Network to submit a disciplinary action
2. The link contains a form and the ability to upload a

Name	BOC #	State License #	Home State	Action Taken By	Action Taken	Date Action Taken	File
Brittany Schreppel	2000004352		PA	Board of Certification (BOC)	Suspension	02/10/2014	

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Preview of Disciplinary Action Exchange

supporting document, such as a final order or consent agreement

3. The BOC must accept the submission
4. The submitter receives an email asking for final approval of the submission
5. A link in the email allows the submitter to review and approve the submission
6. Once approved, the submission is posted to the BOC website

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BOC News In Brief

Call for Conference Topics and Proposals

As a leader in the profession, you know how important it is to stay current on regulatory issues facing Athletic Trainers. That's why the BOC wants to hear which of these issues you would like to explore further, as we are now planning for the **2015 BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference**.

What topic ideas do you have for next year's regulatory conference? The task force that develops conference content will meet this summer, so submit topics and proposals by June 30, 2014, to Shannon Leftwich, ShannonL@bocatc.org.

Continuing Education Requirements

Beginning January 1, 2014, Athletic Trainers (ATs) are required to submit **50 continuing education units (CEUs) every two years**. Previously, the BOC used a 3-year reporting period. The next deadline for CEUs is December 31, 2015.

Certification Verification

Interested in **receiving certification verifications electronically**? Contact us or visit the [BOC website](#) to learn more.

Is it time to update your contact information?

Visit the [State Regulatory Agencies](#) page of the BOC website, and click on your state to view contact information and

links to your agency. If you find an error, please contact our office immediately with the correct information by emailing Stacy Arrington, StacyA@bocatc.org.

Need to Reach ATs?

The BOC can help you get important information to ATs. We can share your announcements using one or more of the following communication tools:

- [BOC website](#) - Updated frequently
- BOC social media – Includes [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#) and [Pinterest](#)
- *Cert Update* - Published twice a year and distributed to more than 40,000 ATs. Contact our office for deadlines
- District e-blasts - Sent following each district meeting. Contact our office for deadlines

Professional Responsibility

We are pleased to note that Dr. Kim Peer of Kent State University writes a monthly post for the BOC's "**Ethics in Action**" blog series. Recent posts have discussed personal and professional boundaries, reimbursable charges, suspected abuse and more. To read this series, visit the [BOC blog](#).

Questions? Need help?

Please do not hesitate to contact Stacy Arrington or Shannon Leftwich if you have questions or need assistance. Our toll-free number is (877) 262-3926 ext. 113 or ext. 114, respectively, and our email addresses are StacyA@bocatc.org and ShannonL@bocatc.org.



Calendar of Events

NATA 65th Annual Clinical Symposia & AT Expo

June 25-28, 2014

Visit convention.nata.org for details.

Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) Annual Education Conference

September 11-13, 2014

Visit www.clearhq.org for details.

Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Annual Forum

January 22-25, 2015

Visit www.farb.org for details.

BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference

July 9-10, 2015

Visit www.bocatc.org/state-regulation/state-regulatory-conference for details.

Connect through the BOC State Regulatory Network

The BOC recently launched an online network to serve state athletic training regulatory leaders and regulatory agency personnel. The [BOC State Regulatory Network](#) keeps members informed of the latest developments in athletic training regulation, while fostering communication across the states.

- Assist board staff and regulators in developing working relationships
- Obtain guidance and direction from athletic training regulators in the development of model language
- Facilitate the sharing of disciplinary actions taken by state athletic training boards and the BOC

The purpose of the BOC State Regulatory Network is to:

- Provide a platform for athletic training regulators to share best practices

Contact Shannon Leftwich, ShannonL@bocatc.org, if you would like to join the network.

BOC State Regulatory Network

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Recent Forum Topics

Ethics In Action

by Shannon Leftwich November 4, 2013 3:11 PM

During the 2013 BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference, several attendees expressed that they would like the ethics conversation led by Dr. Kim Peer to continue. Dr. Peer has agreed to write a monthly blog series called Ethics in...
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Replies: 5

Coming Soon: Disciplinary Action Exchange

by Shannon Leftwich January 31, 2014 2:29 PM

Wouldn't it be nice to go to one site to easily view all public athletic trainer disciplinary actions taken by the BOC and State Regulatory agencies...

Announcements

Nov 5, 2013

The BOC added the District of Columbia to the state regulatory map found on the BOC website. DC does NOT currently regulate athletic trainers.

BOC Updates

BOC Update Regarding Athletic Trainers - Fall 2013
11/5/13 4:40 PM [See All](#)

Recent Comments

The following was posted today: ETHICS IN ACTION: MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS?
3/11/14 3:54 PM

Calendar

From the State Regulatory Network . . .

"My Board has been using Twitter and Facebook for the past few years. I've been trying to identify (and follow) other state AT Boards (or umbrella agencies where applicable) that are also on Facebook and Twitter. I would also hope that the BOC would follow the social media pages of the state AT Boards and repost items shared by the Board that would be of interest to ATs."

- Jeff Rosa, Executive Director, Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, & Athletic Trainers Board

Does your agency use social media to connect with others in the athletic training profession? How can social media help you in your work? Share your thoughts via the discussion forum on the [BOC State Regulatory Network](#).