

## **21 NCAC 32B .1370 REENTRY TO ACTIVE PRACTICE**

- (a) An applicant for licensure who has not actively practiced or who has not maintained continued competency for the two-year period immediately preceding the filing of an application for a license shall complete a reentry agreement as a condition of licensure.
- (b) The first component of a reentry agreement involves assessing the applicant's current strengths and weaknesses in the intended area(s) of practice. The process may include testing and evaluation by colleagues, educators or others.
- (c) The second component of the reentry agreement is education. Education shall address the applicant's area(s) of needed improvement and consist of a reentry period of retraining and education upon terms based on the factors set forth in Paragraph (d) of this Rule.
- (d) Factors that may affect the length and scope of the reentry plan include:
- (1) The applicant's amount of time out of practice;
  - (2) The applicant's prior intensity of practice;
  - (3) The reason for the interruption in practice;
  - (4) The applicant's activities during the interruption in practice, including the amount of practice-relevant continuing medical education;
  - (5) The applicant's previous and intended area(s) of practice;
  - (6) The skills required of the intended area(s) of practice;
  - (7) The amount of change in the intended area(s) of practice during the time the applicant has been out of continuous practice;
  - (8) The applicant's number of years of graduate medical education;
  - (9) The number of years since the applicant completed graduate medical education; and
  - (10) As applicable, the date of the most recent ABMS, AOA or National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistant certification or recertification.
- (e) If the Board approves an applicant's plan for reentry, the approved plan shall be incorporated by reference into a reentry agreement and executed by the applicant, the Board, and any applicable Board agents assisting with the reentry agreement.
- (f) After the reentry agreement has been executed, and the applicant has completed all other requirements for licensure, the applicant shall receive a License. The licensee may not practice outside of the scope of the reentry agreement during the reentry period.
- (g) Unsatisfactory completion of the reentry agreement or practicing outside the scope of the reentry agreement shall result in the automatic inactivation of the licensee's license unless the licensee requests a hearing within 30 days of receiving notice from the Board.
- (h) Upon successful completion of the reentry agreement, the Board shall terminate the reentry agreement.

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