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7.0 Certified Practice

Certified Practice

- 7.1 (1) A licensee may provide a health service or perform a restricted activity authorized by a certified practice certificate established in this Part only if
- (a) the licensee has been issued that certificate by the registrar, and
 - (b) the certificate has not been suspended or cancelled.
- (2) The registrar may issue a certified practice certificate only
- (a) as directed by the licence committee under section X-4, and
 - (b) to a full licence who may apply for that certificate under sections X-5 to X-9, as applicable.

Certification Programs

- 7.2 (1) In this section, **“date of the licensee’s application for the certificate”** means the date on which the licensee has submitted to the registrar a completed application for a certified practice certificate and the full amount of the certified practice certificate application fees under section X-3.
- (2) For each certified practice certificate established in this Part, the Board must approve a certification program, including:
- (a) the academic prerequisites a full licence must hold before commencing the education and training requirements approved by the Board under paragraph (c);
 - (b) the period of clinical practice a full licensee must complete in the applicable designated health profession before applying for the certificate;
 - (c) the education and training requirements a full licensee must complete before applying for the certificate;
 - (d) the health professionals who are qualified to supervise a full licensee in completing the education and training requirements approved by the Board under paragraph (c);
 - (e) what supervision is necessary for a full licensee who is completing the education and training requirements approved by the Board under paragraph (c).
- (3) Unless a shorter period is specified in the certification program for a certified practice certificate, a full licensee must complete all academic prerequisites for a certified practice certificate approved by the Board under subsection (2)(a) no more than 7 years prior to the date of the licensee’s application for the certificate.

- (4) Despite subsection (3), if a full licensee has completed the academic prerequisites for a certified practice certificate more than 7 years prior to the date of the licensee's application for the certificate, or outside a shorter period for completion specified in the certification program for the certificate, the licence committee may still direct the registrar to issue the certificate to the licensee under section X-4, if the licensee
 - (a) otherwise meets the requirements of the certification program for the certificate,
 - (b) successfully completes such additional education and training as the committee may require, and
 - (c) submits to the registrar the items required under section X-3.
- (5) The education and training requirements approved by the Board under subsection (2)(c) for a certified practice certificate must include education and training on infection control and emergency safety procedures applicable to the health services and restricted activities authorized by the certificate.
- (6) A full licensee must complete all education and training requirements approved by the Board under subsection (2)(c) for a certified practice certificate
 - (a) within a period of 3 years, and
 - (b) with supervision as required under subsection (2)(d) and (e).
- (7) Despite subsection (6)(a), the licence committee may allow a full licensee additional time to complete the education and training requirements for a certified practice certificate, subject to such limits or conditions as the licence committee may impose.

Certification applications

- 7.3 Every full licensee applying for a certified practice certificate, including reinstatement of certified practice certificate, must submit to the registrar
- (a) a completed application for a certified practice certificate in the form and manner ordered by the registrar that includes information or records, or both, confirming the full licensee has successfully completed the certification program approved by the Board under section X-2 for the certificate for which the licensee is applying,
 - (b) the full amount of the certified practice certificate application fees specified in Schedule "X", and
 - (c) any additional information or records that the registrar requests or orders the licensee to provide.

Issuing of Certified Practice Certificates

- 7.4 (1) The licence committee must direct the registrar to issue a certified practice certificate to a full licence who
- (a) submits to the registrar the items required under section X-3, and
 - (b) meets the requirements of the certification program approved by the board under section X-2(1) for that certificate.
- (2) A certified practice certificate issued under subsection (1) must
- (a) be in a form approved by the licence committee, and
 - (b) identify
 - (i) the specific certificate issued,
 - (ii) the name of the full licence to whom the certificate has been issued,
 - (iii) the date the certificate was issued, and
 - (iv) subject to subsection (3), the expiry date for the certificate.
- (3) A certified practice certificate issued under subsection (1) expires at midnight on the March 31 immediately following the date it was issued.

Certified practice certificates - audiology

- 7.5 A full licensee in the designated health profession of audiology may apply for one or more of the following:
- (a) a certified practice certificate authorizing the licensee, under section X of the XX Regulation, to provide cerumen management that includes the performance of a restricted activity set out in section X of the XX Regulation;
 - (b) a certified practice certificate authorizing the licensee, under section X of the XX Regulation, to provide assessment and management of vestibular system dysfunction that includes the performance of the restricted activity set out in section X of the XX Regulation;
 - (c) a certified practice certificate authorizing the licensee to provide cochlear implant management.

Certified practice certificate - dietetics

- 7.6 A full licensee in the designated health profession of dietetics may apply for a certified practice certificate authorizing a licensee to provide a health service that includes the performance of a restricted activity under section X of the XX Regulation.

Certified practice certificates – hearing instrument dispensing

- 7.7 (1) A full licensee in the designated health profession of hearing instrument dispensing may apply for one or both of the following:
- (a) a certified practice certificate authorizing the licensee, under section X of the Health and Care Professionals Regulation, to provide cerumen management that includes the performance of a restricted activity set out in section X of the XX Regulation;
 - (b) a certified practice certificate authorizing the licensee, under section X of the XX Regulation, to provide to a client under 16 years of age hearing instrument services that include the performance of a restricted activity set out in section X of the XX Regulation.
- (2) A certified practice certificate under subsection (1)(b) must not authorize a full licensee in the designated health profession of hearing instrument dispensing to provide hearing instrument services that include the performance of a restricted activity set out in section X of the XX Regulation to a client
- (a) who is under 12 years of age, or
 - (b) whom a qualified professional has assessed as having a developmental age of less than 12 years in relation to the cognitive and motor skills needed
 - (i) for testing prior to providing hearing instrument services that include the performance of a restricted activity set out in section X of the XX Regulation or
 - (ii) to use a hearing instrument independently.

Certified practice certificate – opticianry

- 7.8 A full licensee in the designated health profession of opticianry may apply for a certified practice certificate authorizing the licensee to perform a restricted activity under section X of the XX Regulation.

Certified practice certificates – speech language pathology

- 7.9 A full licensee in the designated health profession of speech-language pathology may apply for one or more of the following:

- (a) a certified practice certificate authorizing the licensee, under section X of the XX Regulation, to provide a service that includes the performance of one or more of the restricted activities set out in section X of the XX Regulation, including
 - (i) a certificate authorizing the licensee to perform fiberoptic endoscopy,
 - (ii) a certificate authorizing the licensee to perform voice restoration,
 - (iii) a certificate authorizing the licensee to perform tracheostomy management, or
 - (iv) a certificate authorizing the licensee to perform airway secretion management;
- (b) a certified practice certificate authorizing the licensee to perform video-fluoroscopic management of velopharyngeal dysfunction.
- (c) a certificate authorizing the licensee to perform tracheostomy management

Renewal of a certified practice certificate

- 7.10 (1) A full licensee applying for renewal of a certified practice certificate must, on or before the expiration date for the certificate specified by the licence committee under section X-4(3) or subsection (2)(b), submit to the registrar
- (a) a completed application for renewal of the certificate in the form and manner ordered by the registrar that includes a declaration confirming the licensee continues to provide the services or perform the restricted activities authorized by the certificate, and
 - (b) the full amount of the certified practice certificate renewal fees specified in Schedule “X”.
- (2) If a full licensee satisfies the requirements specified in subsection (1), the registrar must issue the licensee a receipt confirming the licensee’s certified practice certificate has been renewed.
- (3) The requirements of section X-4(2) apply to a receipt issued by the registrar under subsection (2) as if the receipt was a certified practice certificate.
- (4) A certified practice certificate renewed under this section expires at midnight on March 31 in the following year.

- (5) If a full licence fails to satisfy the requirements specified in subsection (1) on or before the expiry date for a certified practice certificate, the certificate is cancelled.
- (6) Where a full licensee's certified practice certificate is cancelled under subsection (5), the licensee may reinstate the certificate within 30 days of the date of the cancellation by
 - (a) satisfying the requirements specified in subsection (1), and
 - (b) submitting to the registrar the full amount of the certified practice permit reinstatement fees specified in Schedule "X".

Reconsideration

- 7.11 If the licence committee refuses to issue, renew or reinstate a certified practice certificate under this Part, the licensee may apply in accordance with Part X and section 381 of the Act for a reconsideration by the licence committee.