

# FAQ

## LICENSURE QUESTIONS

*Please call the NCBATE office at 919-821-4980 with any questions you may have.*

### **1. Q: Who needs to be licensed as an Athletic Trainer in North Carolina?**

A: Any individual who practices or offers to practice as an Athletic Trainer, perform the duties of an athletic trainer, or use any card, title or abbreviation (*this includes "ATC"*) to indicate that he/she is an athletic trainer. Certain persons are exempted from licensure req., such as athletic training students that are under supervision or out of state Athletic Trainer at a event in NC.

### **2. Q: Do I need to be licensed if I work in the Public School System?**

A: Local school administrative units may hire persons who are not licensed. These persons hired may perform the activities of athletic trainers in the scope of their employment ONLY. These persons cannot claim to be licensed athletic trainers and may not perform the activities of athletic trainers outside the scope of this employment, unless they are licensed or other otherwise exempted.

### **3. Q: What is required to be licensed?**

A: An individual must demonstrate good moral character and have graduated from an accredited program. A degree in Athletic Training, Sports Medicine or a relevant field is required for licensure (i.e., Bachelors or Masters)

An individual must pass the BOC, Inc. national certification exam  
An individual must submit a complete application (found at [www.ncbate.org](http://www.ncbate.org)) along with required fees.

**4. Q: Will my employer give me the forms for licensure? What if no one informed me of licensure requirements for North Carolina?**

A: It is the responsibility of the athletic trainer to become aware of the state's requirements for licensure. Failure to do so does not relieve the practitioner of any violation when practicing without a license.

**5. Q: I passed the BOC examination; does this enable me to use the ATC designation after my name?**

A: NO. The North Carolina law governing athletic trainers is both a practice and title act. This means you can be disciplined for performing the duties of an athletic training *and/or* using the title, abbreviation of an athletic trainer (including but not limited to "ATC" and "LAT").

Having the ATC credential and living and working in NC without a NC license puts you immediately in violation of the state practice act.

*To practice in North Carolina you must be BOC certified **and** licensed!*

**6. Q: What power does the NCBATE have to discipline individuals who are practicing without a license or holding themselves out to be athletic trainers?**

A: The Board may impose the following disciplinary actions: reprimand, restriction, suspension or revocation. If the Board finds that a person who is not licensed claims to be an athletic trainer or is engaging in practice as an athletic trainer the Board may apply to the Superior Court of Wake County for a temporary restraining order or other injunctive relief to prevent the person from continuing illegal practices.

The BOC, although it regulates and controls your national certification and not your state license, can punish you as well for a state violation. All state violations are reported to the BOC.

**7. Q: I have printed out the application and am ready to apply. Do I have to send all documents in one packet?**

A: No, you may have your school send us your transcript and have your Affidavits of Moral Character sent to us. All your materials that arrive

to the Board's office will be put together in one file for you. All material should be mailed to:

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