

Rule Changes Effective September 16, 2018

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RULE CHANGES ADOPTED

CHAPTER 175. FEES AND PENALTIES

The amendments to **§175.2**, concerning Registration and Renewal Fees, increase the initial and subsequent permit for acupuncturists to account for biennial registration as opposed to annual.

CHAPTER 183. ACUPUNCTURE

The amendments to **§183.5**, concerning Annual Renewal of License, change all references to "annual renewal" to "biennial" including the title of the rule. The amendments also include changes to a single reference to "each year" to "date" in order to comport with the concept of biennial registration. Additional changes include correcting grammatical errors. These amendments are in accordance with the passage of SB674 (85th Regular Session) which amended Chapter 205.251 of the Texas Occupations Code.

The amendments to **§183.20**, concerning Continuing Acupuncture Education, change references to "annual" to "biennial" and doubles the Continuing Acupuncture Education "CAE" requirements and reporting requirements to account for biennial registration. Additional changes include changing references to "year" to "registration period" in order to account for biennial registration.

The amendments to **§183.25**, concerning Inactive Status License, change references to "annual" to "current" and removes the requirement for payment of a fee while on inactive status.

CHAPTER 185. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

The amendment to **§185.7**, concerning Temporary License, deletes obsolete language referring to "surgeon assistants".

CHAPTER 194. MEDICAL RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

The amendments to **§194.7**, concerning Biennial Renewal of Certificate or Placement on the Board's General Registry for Non-Certified Technicians Generally, deletes language to subsection (c), related to continuing education requirements, so that the minimum requirements for formal hours no longer require live, instructor-led hours. The amendments will result in more efficiency while maintaining rigorous requirements ensuring current competency, by aligning the rules with the requirements set forth by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, which lack a live instruction requirement. Amendments are further made to subsection (c)(5), and make corrections to typographical errors.