

2009 Board Rules Changes

The following is a summary of the changes effective on August 9, 2009. Click [here](#) for the complete board rules.

Chapter 185, Physician Assistants, with amendments to §185.4, Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants, deletes expired language that grandfathered licensure applicants who applied before 2008 from having to comply with certain examination requirements, explains that applicants for relicensure who have already taken the jurisprudence exam (JP) are not required to retake the exam, and makes presentation of state licensure verification a discretionary requirement rather than mandatory for each applicant; §185.6, Annual Renewal of License, allows physician assistants to obtain six hours of continuing medical education (CME) per year by serving as an expert panel reviewer for the Board and deletes language relating to a 30-day grace period after expiration of license to conform with §204.156, Texas Occupations Code; §185.13, Notification of Intent to Practice and Supervise, provides that if a primary supervising physician of a physician assistant is not able to supervise for more than 30 days, then a new primary supervising physician must provide supervision; §185.16, Employment Guidelines, clarifies at what academic institutions a physician may supervise a physician assistant for the purpose of providing medical services in preventive medicine, disease management, health and wellness education or similar services; §185.19, Administrative Penalties, references §§187.75 - 185.82 of this title for the purpose of imposing administrative penalties on physician assistants for certain violations of the Physician Assistants (PA) Act; §185.23, Third Party Reports to the Board, corrects rule citations in the Professional Liability Claims Report; and §185.26, Voluntary Surrender of Physician Assistant License, updates the language to correctly reflect the title of Chapter 196 of Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code.

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