

1998 Board Rules Changes

All rule changes that were effective 03-04-98 are summarized below.

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Chapter 163.1 and 163.8, Licensure amendments to 163.1 and 163.8 which will ensure that all examination requirements are consistent and equal. Specifically, that all examinations for licensure must be passed with three attempts and all steps must be passed within seven years.

Chapter 166.2, Physician Registration amendment which will clarify that continuing medical education courses recognized by the Committee for Review and Recognition of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education and sponsored by state medical societies, meet the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners' requirements for continuing medical education for license renewal.

Chapter 171.9, Institutional Permits amendment which will ensure that medical school faculty who would not be eligible for an unrestricted physician license, as outlined in Chapter 163 of the board's rules (relating to Licensure), would also not be eligible for a Faculty Temporary License.

Chapter 175.1 and 175.2, Schedule of Fees & Penalties amendments relating to fees for processing an application for acudetox specialists and annual renewal of acudetox specialists; fees for approval of continuing acupuncture and acudetox acupuncture education courses; and penalty fees for renewal of non-certified radiologic technician's registration expired for 1-90 days.

Chapter 181, Contact Lens Prescriptions new chapter which will set forth the criteria under which a patient may request and receive a contact lens prescription and under which a physician shall provide such prescription, as mandated by the 75th Legislature through the Texas Contact Lens Prescription Act

Chapter 183, Acupuncture, repeal of current 183.17 and new sections 183.17 and 183.23, to implement Senate Bill 1765, 75th Legislature, which requires the Board of Medical Examiners to certify acudetox specialists, annually renew certification, and monitor continuing education for these registrants.