

Alabama State Board of Prosthetists and Orthotists

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Update from the O & P Board

Dual Licensure

Mastectomy Fitters and O & P Facilities, who only provide Orthotic and Prosthetic services, no longer have to be licensed with the HME Board as a HME provider.

** If you should receive a letter from the HME Board that your HME license has expired you will need to write them a brief letter or email stating that you do not wish to renew your HME provider license per the recent changes in the rules regarding Mastectomy Fitters and /or Accredited O & P Facilities with the Alabama Board of Prosthetists & Orthotists.

Certified Rules

The Board certified Rules 746-X-7-.05 (**Continuing Professional Education Required**) Licensure of Pedorthists, **746-X-9 Licensure of Therapeutic Shoe Fitters** and **746-X-10 Licensure of Orthotic Fitters** at the October 29, 2013 board meeting. These rules will become effective **December 12, 2013**.

You may view these certified rules by going to the board's web site www.apob.alabama.gov and Click on **News and Info**.

Applications for the Licensure of Therapeutic Shoe Fitters and Licensure of Orthotic Fitters will be posted to the board's web site in the near future. You will find them on the web site under **Applications**. Applications for these two (2) new classifications will be due **March 1, 2014**.

Clarification of Pharmacist's Exemptions

Pharmacies are exempt as it relates to therapeutic shoes and non-custom orthotics as long as the service is provided on the premises of a pharmacy and does not provide custom made products.

**** This does not apply to Mastectomy Fitters and they must be licensed by the O & P Board if working in a pharmacy.**