

**POSITION STATEMENT  
TENNESSEE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

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**Chiropractic Examiners new license requirement for DC, CTA, & CXT**

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**Rule 0260-02-.12- Chiropractic Examiners**

- a) A six (6) hour Board approved course in risk management, sexual/professional boundaries, and Tennessee statutory and regulatory chiropractic jurisprudence must be taken within twelve (12) months prior to licensure or within the first six (6) months of licensure. If taken prior to licensure, the course must be an additional course beyond the regular chiropractic school program. If taken within the first six (6) months after licensure, the course shall not constitute part of the twenty-four (24) clock hour continuing education requirement in paragraph (1) of this rule for the first calendar year that continuing education is required.
- b) New licensee by examination or reciprocity – New licensees, whether by examination or reciprocity, shall be exempted from the continuing education requirements of 0260-02-.12(1) for the calendar year in which they are licensed, but must take the six (6) hour course as described above in 0260-02-.12(2)(a).

**Upon acknowledgement that these six (6) hours were not completed within twelve (12) months prior to licensure or within the first six (6) months of licensure the following steps shall be taken.**

- (1) The licensee will be sent an agreed citation for \$600.00 as a continuing education violation.
- (2) This violation will be sent independently of any other continuing education violations. Meaning licensee could be fined for this violation and then fined again during the audit cycle if other continuing education requirements were not met.
- (3) There are no waivers and no exceptions to this policy.
- (4) This offense is a reported discipline on the license.

**Rule 0260-03-.12 - Chiropractic X-ray Technologists**

- a) A two (2) clock hour Board approved course in risk management, sexual/professional boundaries, and Tennessee statutory and regulatory chiropractic jurisprudence must be taken within the twelve (12) months prior to certification or within the first (1st) calendar year that continuing education is required. If taken prior to certification, the course must be an additional course beyond the regular x-ray technologist program. If taken after certification, the course shall not constitute part of the six (6) clock hour continuing.
- b) New certification by examination or reciprocity – New certificate holders, whether by examination or reciprocity, shall be exempted from the continuing education requirements of 0260-03-.12(1) for the calendar year in which they are certified, but must take the two (2) hour course as described above in 0260-03-.12(2)(a).

**Upon acknowledgement that these two (2) hours were not completed within twelve (12) months prior to certification or within the first (1st) calendar year that continuing education is required, the following steps shall be taken:**

- (1) The licensee will be sent an agreed citation for \$300.00 as a continuing education violation.
- (2) This violation will be sent independently of any other continuing education violations. Meaning licensee could be fined for this violation and then fined again during the audit cycle if other continuing education requirements were not met.
- (3) There are no waivers and no exceptions to this policy.
- (4) This offense is a reported discipline on the license.

**Rule 0260-05-.12- Chiropractic Therapy Assistants**

- a) A two (2) clock hour Board approved course in risk management, sexual/professional boundaries, and Tennessee statutory and regulatory chiropractic jurisprudence must be taken within twelve (12) months prior to certification or within the first (1st) calendar year that continuing education is required. If taken prior to certification, the course must be an additional course beyond the regular chiropractic therapy assistant or chiropractic X-ray technologist program. If taken after certification, the course shall not constitute part of the six (6) clock hour continuing education requirement in paragraph (1) of this rule. Those who are certified as both chiropractic X-ray technologists and chiropractic therapy assistant need only take this course once.
- b) New certification by examination or reciprocity – New certificate holders, whether by examination or reciprocity, shall be exempted from the continuing education requirements of 0260-05-.12(1) for the calendar year in which they are certified, but must take the two (2) hour course as described above in 0260-05-.12(2)(a)

**Upon acknowledgement that these two (2) hours were not completed within twelve (12) months prior to certification or within the first (1st) calendar year that continuing education is required, the following steps shall be taken:**

- (1) The licensee will be sent an agreed citation for \$300.00 as a continuing education violation.
- (2) This violation will be sent independently of any other continuing education violations. Meaning licensee could be fined for this violation and then fined again during the audit cycle if other continuing education requirements were not met.
- (3) There are no waivers and no exceptions to this policy.
- (4) This offense is a reported discipline on the license.

**This policy is effective April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**Adopted by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.**



Dr. Cole Hosenfeld, Chairperson

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Rationale: To provide clarity for new licensee requirements for chiropractic physicians, chiropractic x-ray technologist, and chiropractic therapy assistants regarding course requirements for risk management, sexual/professional boundaries, and Tennessee statutory and regulatory chiropractic jurisprudence