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RULE TITLE: Inactive Registration and Re-Entry to Practice

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RULE SUMMARY: The rule amendment updates acupuncture rules for re-entry to practice to clarify that a Consent Agreement for Re-Entry to Practice is required when an applicant has ceased practice for a period of 24 or more consecutive months and an applicant who ceased practice for 12 or more consecutive months may be required to complete certain requirements to establish competency.

RULE TEXT:

(1) Any acupuncturist licensed in this state who changes location to some other state or country shall be listed by the Board as inactive.

(2) If the acupuncturist wishes to resume active status, the acupuncturist must file an Affidavit of Reactivation and pay a processing fee, satisfactorily complete the reactivation process and be approved by the Board before beginning active practice in Oregon.

(3) The Board may deny active registration if it judges the conduct of the acupuncturist during the period of inactive registration to be such that the acupuncturist would have been denied a license if applying for an initial license.

(4) If an acupuncturist applicant has ceased practice for a period of 12 or more consecutive months immediately preceding the application for licensure or reactivation, the applicant may be required to do one or more of the following:

(a) Obtain certification or re-certification in Acupuncture or Oriental Medicine by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM);

(b) Provide documentation of current NCCAOM Acupuncture or Oriental Medicine certification;

(c) Complete 15 hours of continuing education acceptable to the Board for every year the applicant has ceased practice;

(d) Complete a Board-approved mentorship tailored to the applicant's time out of practice under a Board-approved mentor who must individually supervise the licensee. The mentor must report the successful completion of the mentorship to the Board; and

(e) Additional requirements as determined appropriate by the Board.

(5) The acupuncturist applicant who has ceased practice for a period of 24 or more consecutive months may be required to complete a re-entry plan to the satisfaction of the Board. The re-entry plan must be reviewed and approved through a

Consent Agreement for Re-entry to Practice prior to the applicant beginning the re-entry plan. Depending on the amount of time out of practice, the re-entry plan may contain one or more of the requirements listed in section (4) of this rule and such additional requirements as determined appropriate by the Board.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 677.265, ORS 677.759

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