

STATE BOARD OF ORTHOTICS PROSTHETICS AND PEDORTHICS

LICENSE EXAM TEST VENDOR REVIEW

OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE [4779-5-01](#)

QUESTIONS:

1. SHALL THE RULE BE AMENDED TO ALLOW FOR THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION INTERNATIONAL FKA THE BOARD FOR ORTHOTIST/PROSTHETIST CERTIFICATION TO BE RECOGNIZED AS AN EQUIVALENT SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION TO THE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION IN PEDORTHICS<sup>1</sup> FOR THE PURPOSE OF PEDORTHIST EXAM ADMINISTRATION ?
2. SHALL THE RULE BE AMENDED TO ALLOW FOR THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION INTERNATIONAL FKA THE BOARD FOR ORTHOTIST/PROSTHETIST CERTIFICATION'S ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION EXAMS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS APPROPRIATE LICENSING EXAMINATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE COMPETENCE OF INDIVIDUALS TO PRACTICE ORTHOTICS AND/OR PROSTHETICS IN ACCORDANCE WITH [RC 4779.15](#)<sup>2</sup>?

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PUBLIC COMMENTS (pages follow)

1. Maria L. Mayer – 11/25/2012
2. Douglas B. VanAtta – 12/06/2012
3. Animesh Bhatia - 12/09/2012

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<sup>1</sup> [RC 4779.13](#) provides in part as an eligibility qualification "...the certification examination developed by the board for certification in pedorthics or an equivalent successor organization recognized by the board."

<sup>2</sup> [RC 4779.15](#) provides in part: "...Each applicant shall be examined in such subjects as the board requires. The board may use as its examination all or part of a standard orthotics, prosthetics, orthotics and prosthetics, or pedorthics licensing examination established for the purpose of determining the competence of individuals to practice orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics in the United States. In lieu of conducting examinations, the board may accept the results of examinations conducted by entities recognized by the board."

**STAKEHOLDER RESPONSE FORM**

**STATE BOARD OF ORTHOTICS, PROSTHETICS, AND PEDORTHICS**

**RULES PENDING REVIEW**

**PACKAGE NUMBER # 96577, DESIGNATED "LANGUAGE UPDATES 2012"**

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RULE NUMBER: 4779-4-01  
4779-5-01  
4779-5-02

RULE TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL CONCERN IDENTIFIED: (CHECK BOXES THAT APPLY)

- (1) The rule should be  continued without amendment,  be amended, or  be rescinded, taking into consideration the purpose, scope, and intent of the statute under which the rule was adopted;
- (2)  The rule needs amendment or rescission to give more flexibility at the local level;
- (3)  The rule needs amendment or rescission to eliminate unnecessary paperwork, or  
 the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference and, if so, whether the text or other material incorporated by reference is not deposited or displayed as required or does not meet the standards
- (4)  The rule duplicates, overlaps with, or conflicts with other rules;
- (5)  The rule has an adverse impact on businesses, and any such adverse impact has not been eliminated or reduced.

Narrative explaining or supporting above concerns, or any other concerns: I appreciate the board of OPP recognizing the educational requirements and testing standards of BOC. As a BOC pedorthist, I have spent the last twenty years learning my trade and meeting the educational requirements that are recognized by ABC and BOC. Thank you for considering the changes and amending the current rules.

(add additional pages if necessary)

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## Levy, Mark B

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**From:** Douglas Van Atta <van1442@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 06, 2012 6:24 PM  
**To:** Levy, Mark B  
**Subject:** Contact RE: Pedorthist Exam

In reviewing the nicely done license exam vender worksheets, it appears that the ABC has an experienced track record and an associated level of sophistication. It appears that the BOC is early in it's evolution in this arena.

I suggest not muddying the water by sticking with the ABC and revisiting the issue in five years.

These same thoughts apply to O & P as well as the pedorthic license vender.

Thank you for your consideration.

Doug Van Atta

## Levy, Mark B

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**From:** Animesh Bhatia <asbhatia@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 09, 2012 6:44 PM  
**To:** Levy, Mark B  
**Cc:** Bill Neu; jmacedonia@hanger.com  
**Subject:** Re: Appointments - terms ending 12/6/2012

Mark,

I am offering my opinion on the subject matter as interested party.

I have reviewed all the materials, responses and discussion pertaining to the 'License Exam Vendor' selection issue.

In my assessment, it appears that ABC is the organization better experienced and organized to provide this service. I have looked at both candidates' websites extensively and perused some of the discussion forums.

It appears that ABC also has more defined structure, protocol and quality control measures in place.

Although not a major factor in my assessment, the manner and detail of the responses to the Board's questions was notable. The response by ABC was quick, thorough, professional and researched, whereas I found the response from Jan Paul Miller of BOC to be 'off the cuff' and lacking in detail.

Therefore I would recommend ABC as the preferred choice.

Best regards,

Andy Bhatia