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RECERTIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENTS: WHAT'S NEW IN 2012 and 2014

IMMEDIATE RELEASE – October 21, 2011 – Omaha, NE –The Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) has revised the 2012 recertification requirements for BOC Certified Athletic Trainers (ATs). Recertification requirements outline the commitment for ATs to maintain their BOC certification. These requirements include completing continuing education (CE), meeting emergency cardiac care (ECC) requirements, submitting the BOC recertification fee and adhering to the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice*.

The following revisions will strengthen the entire certification program:

- **Certification Statuses** – The nine current statuses will be replaced by four simple statuses: Certified, Expired, Suspended and Revoked. Due to the elimination of the Inactive status, the BOC will no longer accept inactive status applications. These changes will be reflected in the new *Professional Practice and Disciplinary Guidelines and Procedures*, which will be updated on the BOC website in early 2012. View details at www.bocatc.org.
- **Recertification Deadline** – The BOC is eliminating staggered CE reporting and returning to one common expiration date for AT recertification. Please note that ATs with a 2011 expiration date are still required to complete and report required CE by the end of 2011. ATs with an expiration date of 2012, 2013 or 2014 will soon have a new expiration date of 12/31/2013.
- **CE Reporting** – The current CE categories A, B, C and D and calculation of CEUs will not be changing. However, ATs will see a new form simplifying CE reporting.
- **Recertification Fee** – This change was announced in April 2011. National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) members will receive a discount if they pay the BOC recertification fee with their NATA membership dues at the time of NATA renewal. The discounted 2012 BOC recertification fee is \$34, and the non-discounted 2012 BOC recertification fee is \$50.
- In preparation for 2014 recertification requirements, the BOC is announcing plans to move from a 3-year reporting period to a **2-year reporting period**. Currently, ATs are required to report 75 continuing education units (CEUs) every 3 years. Beginning 1/1/2014, ATs will be required to report 50 CEUs every 2 years. Review the chart online called "**Looking Ahead to 2014**" for further details.

The BOC, a national credentialing agency, has been certifying Athletic Trainers and identifying, for the public, quality healthcare professionals with certainty since 1969. More than 39,000 individuals have earned the ATC[®] credential worldwide. The BOC is headquartered at 1415 Harney Street, Suite 200, Omaha, Nebraska 68102. For more information, call (877) 262-3926 or visit the BOC website at www.bocatc.org.

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