

**148F.9 Transition period.**

1. Through June 30, 2014, a person certified as an orthotist, prosthetist, or pedorthist by the American board for certification in orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics, incorporated, or holding similar certification from other accrediting bodies, may apply for and may be issued an initial license to practice orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics under the provisions of this chapter without meeting the requirements of section 148F.5, upon proof of current certification in good standing and payment of the required licensure fees.

2. Through June 30, 2014, a person not certified as described in subsection 1 who has practiced continuously for at least thirty hours per week on average for at least five of seven years in an accredited and bonded facility as an orthotist, prosthetist, or pedorthist may file an application with the board to continue to practice orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics. The practice described under this subsection shall only be required to have been performed in an accredited and bonded facility if the facility is required to be accredited and bonded by Medicare. The five years of continuous practice must occur between July 1, 2007, and July 1, 2014. A person applying under this subsection may be issued an initial license to practice orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics under the provisions of this chapter without meeting the requirements of section 148F.5, upon payment of the licensure fees required by the department and after the board has reviewed the application.

3. On or after July 1, 2014, an applicant for licensure as an orthotist, prosthetist, or pedorthist shall meet the requirements of section 148F.5.

4. The board shall adopt rules to administer this section.

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