

EXEMPTIONS

The Board shall exempt the following persons meeting the requirements of G.S. 90-664 from the requirement of obtaining a license. For the purposes of this Rule:

- (1) For purposes of interpreting G.S. 90-664(2), direct supervision shall mean that a respiratory care practitioner licensed by the Board is present in the same facility to supervise a respiratory care student at any time while the student is engaged in the practice of respiratory care. The supervising respiratory care practitioner shall be specifically assigned to the particular student, but more than one practitioner may be assigned to a particular student. A respiratory care student shall not engage in the performance of respiratory care activities without direct supervision by a respiratory care practitioner licensed by the Board.
- (2) For purposes of interpreting G.S. 90-664(4), support activities shall include instructions on the use, fitting, and application of the apparatus, including demonstrating its mechanical operation for the patient or caregiver, by unlicensed individuals who deliver, set up, and calibrate prescribed respiratory care equipment; but shall not include teaching, administration, or performance of respiratory care. Instructions to the patient or caregiver regarding the clinical use of the equipment and any patient monitoring, patient assessment, or other activities or procedures that are undertaken to assess the clinical effectiveness of an apparatus or to evaluate the effectiveness of the treatment shall be performed by a respiratory care practitioner licensed by the Board or other licensed practitioner operating within their scope of practice.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-648(13); 90-652(2); 90-664; Temporary Adoption Eff. October 15, 2001; Eff. August 1, 2002; Readopted Eff. July 1, 2016.