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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

October 8, 2026

Sent by Email and Certified Mail

Richard Thomas Gillespie
5024 Nicholas Street
Omaha, NE 68132

Dear Richard Thomas Gillespie:

This letter provides notification that the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, bases on a recommendation of the Board of Athletic Training is offering to reinstate your **Athletic Training license #1225 with terms and conditions** in the State of Nebraska.

To respond to this offer, you will need to exercise one of the following options:

- Accept the offered Reinstated License; or
- Request a Hearing to Appeal the decision of an offered License.

Your response must be made in writing and received by the Department within 30 days of the date of this letter.

If you accept the offer to reinstate license #1225, please complete the enclosed "Request for Reinstatement of License" form and return it to the Licensure Unit to the address shown on the form. Following receipt of this form, the license will be issued, and you would be authorized to begin practicing.

The Department is offering to reinstate license #1225 with the following terms and conditions:

1. \$1000 Civil Penalty
2. Completion of a NATA Professional Ethics course of one (1) hour within 120 days
3. Completion of the Nebraska Jurisprudence exam within 120 days

The reason for offering to reinstate the license with terms and conditions is:

- Practicing Athletic Training for 240 days while the license #1225 was expired.

These terms and conditions are imposed pursuant to:

1. Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-178 which states that a credential to practice a profession may be denied, refused renewal, or have other disciplinary measures taken against it in accordance with section 38-183 or 38-1865 or 30-186 for:

(16) Violations of the Uniform Credentialing Act or the rules and regulations relating to the particular profession;

(20) Failure to maintain the requirements necessary to obtain a credential

Once your license is issued, your compliance with the stated terms and conditions will be monitored by the person whose name appears below. Therefore, you are to submit all reports and direct all questions to this person.

Jeanette Peterson, Compliance Monitor
Division of Public Health Licensure Unit
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If you practice or reside in a jurisdiction other than Nebraska, such practice or residency shall not serve to reduce or satisfy the probationary terms and conditions unless that jurisdiction adopts the terms and conditions that are on your Nebraska license. If this situation should occur, you may submit documentation that includes the terms and conditions of your licensure in the other jurisdiction. This information will be reviewed to determine equivalency with your Nebraska probationary terms and conditions.

If you accept the license, it:

1. Requires you to practice under and comply with the stated terms and conditions;
2. Nullifies the right to appeal the offer; and
3. Indicates your understanding that the license and specified terms and conditions are disciplinary action and that such disciplinary action is a matter of public record; and will be reported to any data banks requiring this information to be reported.

Your failure to comply with the terms and conditions is grounds for further disciplinary action against your license.

If you do not accept the reinstated license with terms and conditions, you may request a hearing to appeal the decision. Such hearing request:

- Must be made in writing and received by the Department within 30 days of the date of this letter; and
- Nullifies the offered license; therefore, you would not be authorized to practice during the course of the hearing process.

If you request a hearing, you will be notified of the date, time and place of the hearing and other pertinent information as required by law. A copy of the Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure that further explain your rights in relation to that hearing can be found at:

[https://sos.nebraska.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health and Human Services System/Title-184/Chapter-1.pdf](https://sos.nebraska.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health%20and%20Human%20Services%20System/Title-184/Chapter-1.pdf)

Following the hearing, the Director of the Division of Public Health will enter an Order which sets out the decision to:

1. Issuing a license; or

2. Modify the terms and conditions of the offer; or
3. Deny the license.

If you do not respond in writing within 30 days from the date of this letter, by either accepting the reinstatement of license or requesting a hearing, your application for a license will be considered denied without further notice. Denials are a matter of public record and will be reported to any data banks that such information is required to be reported.

If you have questions regarding this offer, contact Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Coordinator at Kimberly.Hitzel@Nebraska.Gov

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Tesmer, MD
Chief Medical Officer
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Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services



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Request for Reinstatement of License

I, **Richard Thomas Gillespie**, having received notification of the offer to reinstate Athletic Trainer license #1225 under certain **terms and conditions**, do hereby accept the offer and request the Department to issue my license in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the notification.

Further, I will abide by the terms and conditions under which my license is issued.


Applicant's Signature

10/13/26
Date