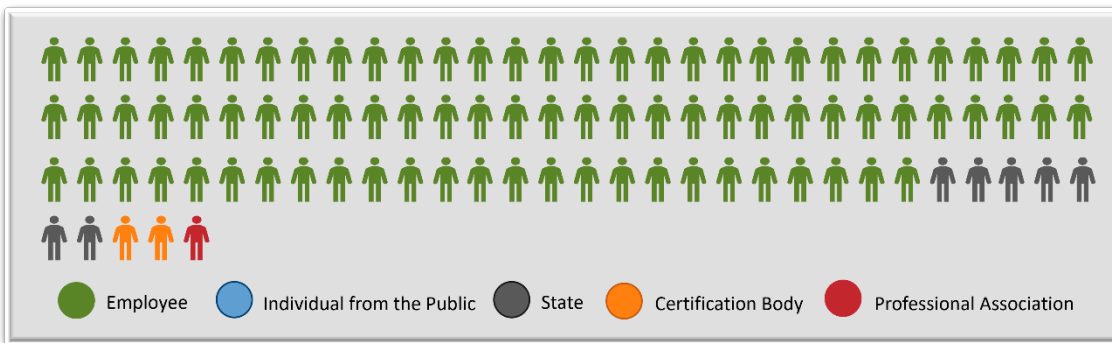


VA STANDARD OF PRACTICE FOR ORTHOTISTS, PROSTHETISTS, AND PROSTHETIST-ORTHOTISTS

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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is establishing VA's standard of practice for Orthotists, Prosthetists, and Prosthetist-Orthotists; this will be a standardized set of services that all VA Orthotists, Prosthetists, and Prosthetist-Orthotists can perform if their VA medical facility performs such services and they have the education, training, and skill to perform the services.

On March 14, 2023, VA posted the proposed VA standard of practice for Orthotists, Prosthetists, and Prosthetist-Orthotists on the Federal Register ([88 FR 15858](#)) for public comment and within VA's intranet for VA employee comment. VA also sent letters to the national certification bodies (the American Board for Certification and the Board of Certification) and State licensing boards for Orthotists, Prosthetists, and Prosthetist-Orthotists with the proposed VA standard of practice and an opportunity for them to comment directly to VA on the proposed standard. VA requested that all comments on the Federal Register, VA's intranet site, and from the States be provided within 60 days. The comment period closed on May 15, 2023, and VA received 95 comments in total.



VA received 85 comments from VA employees, 2 comments from the national certification bodies, and 1 comment from the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association. As of May 15, 2023, VA received comments from 7 out of the 15 State licensing boards for Orthotists, Prosthetists, and Prosthetist-Orthotists; however, VA will continue to actively engage with States.

VA will review all comments received and make appropriate revisions to the VA standard of practice for Orthotists, Prosthetists, and Prosthetist-Orthotists in light of the comments, to include those that help VA meet its mission and goals through evidence-based practice and alternatives.

VA will post a collective response to all comments in a final report on <https://www.va.gov/standardspractice> once the VA standard of practice for Orthotists, Prosthetists, and Prosthetist-Orthotists is published in Veterans Health Administration Directive 1900, which will be available at <https://www.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?pub=1>.