

**CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RULES
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Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §§41-22-5(b) and 41-22-6(c)(2)a. and b.

I certify that the attached emergency rule is a correct copy as promulgated and adopted on the 18th day of September, 2020.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing

RULE NO. AND TITLE: 610-X-12-.02 ER Participant Qualifications

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE: September 18, 2020

EXPIRATION DATE (If less than 120 days):

NATURE OF EMERGENCY: The COVID-19 crisis has exposed timing issues with transition to practice for recipients following graduation. The changes are necessary to accommodate these issues.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: **Code of Alabama, 1975**, § 34-21-2(c)(1)

SUBJECT OF RULE TO BE ADOPTED ON PERMANENT BASIS X YES
NO

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610-X-12-.02 ER Participant Qualifications.

An applicant for a graduate loan shall:

- (1) Be a resident of the state of Alabama for at least one year preceding the time of making application for the loan.
- (2) Have an active, unencumbered license as a registered nurse (RN) in Alabama.
- (3) Be a person of good moral character.
- (4) Be accepted for or have, within the five (5) years immediately preceding the loan period, completed an accredited graduate program on a track to become a certified registered nurse practitioner (CRNP), certified nurse midwife (CNM), or certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA); or
- (5) Meet eligibility requirements.
- (6) Agree to work immediately following graduation, or, in the case of a currently approved advanced practice nurse, immediately in full-time practice as a CRNA, CRNP, or CNM in an area of critical need, as determined by the Board, for eighteen (18) months for each year he or she received a loan under the Program, subject to the requirements of Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-96.
- (7) Agree to designate the area of critical need where the participant will work at the time specified by the Board. The participant shall designate the area of critical need where the participant will work within ~~three~~ six months ~~(90 days)~~ of graduation, or immediately, in the case of a currently approved advanced practice nurse.
 - (a) Once the participant designates the area of critical need where the participant will work, the participant may change the area of critical need where the participant will work only if approved by the Board and subject to the additional service requirements established in Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-96(c).
- (8) In the case of a currently approved advanced practice nurse applying for a loan for the first time, have worked fewer than five hundred (500) hours during the preceding twelve (12) months in an area of critical need.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, Act No. 2016-353.

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