

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 610 Department or Agency Alabama Board of Nursing

Rule No. 610-X-12-.02 Participant Qualifications

Rule Title: Participant Qualifications

 New ✓ Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer:  Peggy Sellers Benson, RN, MSHA, MSN, NE-BC

Date July 22, 2019

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ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

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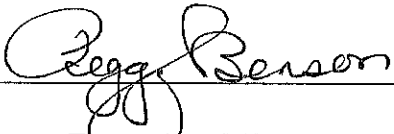
INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend the rules related to graduate loans.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend ABN Administrative Code § 610-X-12-.02, to allow recent graduates to participate. A copy of the proposed rule may be found on the Board's web site, www.abn.alabama.gov, under "laws" and then "proposed rule changes."

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written or verbal comments will be accepted until Wednesday, September 4, 2019. Verbal or written comments should be directed to Peggy Benson, Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at Peggy.Benson@abn.alabama.gov or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
The record closes at 4:30 P.M. on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Peggy Benson, Executive Officer.



Executive Officer

610-X-12-.02 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 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) in an area of critical need.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

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

History: Filed September 29, 1982. **Repealed:** Filed May 19, 2003; effective June 24, 2003. **New Rule:** Filed July 25, 2016; effective September 8, 2016.