

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 610 Department or Agency Alabama Board of Nursing  
Rule No. 610-X-4-02  
Rule Title: Licensure - Qualifications Of Applicants For Licensure  
New X 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

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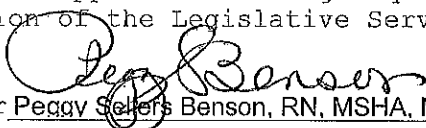
Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

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.

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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 May 18, 2018

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**ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING**

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**AGENCY NAME:** Alabama Board of Nursing

**RULE NO. & TITLE:** 610-X-4-.02 Licensure – Qualifications of Applicants for Licensure

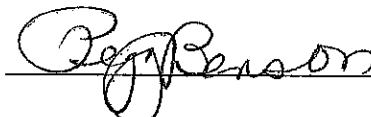
**INTENDED ACTION:** The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend the rules related to licensure.

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend Administrative Code, 610-X-4-.02 Licensure – Qualifications of Applicants for Licensure, to clarify the process by which the Board may accept experience in lieu of clinical education. A copy of the proposed rule may be found on the Board's web site, [www.abn.alabama.gov](http://www.abn.alabama.gov), under "laws" and then "proposed rule changes."

**TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:** Written or verbal comments will be received by the Board of Nursing until 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, July 5, 2018. 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](mailto: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 Thursday, July 5, 2018.

**CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:** Peggy Benson, Executive Officer.

  
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Executive Officer

(1) The applicant for licensure shall:

(a) Be a high school graduate or the equivalent, as determined by the Board.

(b) Be of good moral character. A criminal background check may be conducted by the Board at its discretion.

(c) For registered nurse licensure, graduated or successfully completed all requirements for graduation from an approved registered nursing program in Alabama, or an approved registered nursing program located in another jurisdiction or territory that substantially meets the same educational criteria as Alabama programs. In the case of an applicant for licensure by endorsement, if the nursing education program did not include clinical experience sufficient to meet the same educational criteria as Alabama programs, the applicant's continuing education and work experience in nursing may be considered, at the discretion of the Board. Licensure by equivalency does not meet the requirement.

(d) For practical nurse licensure, granted or successfully completed an approved practical nursing program in Alabama, or an approved practical nursing program located in another jurisdiction or territory that substantially meets the same educational criteria as Alabama programs. In the case of an applicant for licensure by endorsement, if the nursing education program did not include clinical experience sufficient to meet the same educational criteria as Alabama programs, the applicant's continuing education and work experience in nursing may be considered, at the discretion of the Board. Licensure by equivalency does not meet the requirement.

(2) An applicant shall provide a valid social security number prior to the Board issuing a license.

(3) Be a citizen or legal resident of the United States. Individuals who are not legally present in the United States are not eligible for licensure.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-21-20, 34-21-21, 34-21-22.

History: Filed September 29, 1982. Amended: Filed August 9, 1988; effective September 15, 1988. Amended: Filed February 1, 1994; effective March 8, 1994. Repealed and New Rule: Filed May 29, 2001; effective July 3, 2001. Repealed

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and New Rule: Nursing  
29, 2004; effective November 1, 2004. Amended: Filed September  
26, 2007; effective December 31, 2007. Amended: Filed November  
November 19, 2010; effective December 24, 2010. Amended: Filed  
November 21, 2016; effective January 5, 2017. Amended: Filed  
May 18, 2018

**Ed. Note:** Rule 610-X-4-.01 was renumbered to 610-X-4-.02 as  
per certification filed November 26, 2007.