

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: The Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE:

- (1) **Rule 190-X-1-.19 Criteria for Approval of Continuing Education**
- (2) **Rule 190-X-7-.02 Intern And Extern**
- (3) **Rule 190-X-2-.01 Requirements for Licensure by Examination**
- (4) **Rule 190-X-2-.11 Renewal of License**

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners proposes a new rule and amendments to the rules listed above.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS:


- (1) The Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners proposes this rule to establish guidelines for application and approval of continuing education.
- (2) The Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners proposes to amend this rule to add the provision for anyone enrolled in chiropractic college to make application to the Intern/Extern program during their final year of college.
- (3) The Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners proposes to amend this rule to clarify the educational requirements for licensure.
- (4) The Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners proposes to amend this rule to require all licensees whether in or out of AL to obtain Alabama Law for renewal.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER FOR PRESENTING VIEWS: Written or oral comments may be submitted to the Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 126 Chilton Place, Clanton, AL 35045, 205-755-8000.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT & COMPLETION OF NOTICE: January 8, 2013.

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RULE 190-X-2-.01 Educational Requirements. Requirements for Licensure by Examination

~~(1) All Applicants. Each applicant for licensure prior to December 31, 2009 must have had literary training equaling as much as a regular high school graduate.~~

~~(2) All applicants must be a graduate of a chartered chiropractic school or college accredited by the council of chiropractic education which teaches only attendance courses and requires a minimum four-year standard college course.~~

~~(3) After December 31, 2009, each applicant shall have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and submit a certified copy of a transcript evidencing the referenced degree.~~

~~(4) Applicants Matriculating After October 1, 1975. Each applicant for licensure that matriculated in a chiropractic college on or after October 1, 1975, must have graduated from a chiropractic college accredited by or having status with the Commission of Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education, or its successor.~~

(1) All applicants shall have a bachelors degree from an accredited college or university and shall be a graduate of a chartered chiropractic school or college accredited by the council of chiropractic education which teaches only attendance courses and requires a minimum four-year standard college course.

~~(5) Student Applicants. Any person who is currently enrolled in a chiropractic college approved by the Board shall be permitted to make application to this Board and take the necessary examination during his / her final academic year of college. In the event a student applicant passes the Board, his / her license shall be issued after graduation and upon receipt of all supporting documents and fee.~~

~~(6) An application fee not to exceed \$150.00 shall be required of all applicants. The exact fee shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board. The fee shall be tendered in cashier's check, bank certified check, or money order only. This fee is nonrefundable.~~

~~(7) An examination fee not to exceed \$150.00 shall be required of all applicants. The exact fee shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board. The fee shall be tendered in cashier's check, bank certified check, or money order only. This fee is nonrefundable.~~

(2) The applicant shall submit an application fee and an examination fee in the amounts set forth by Board Rule. The fees must be in the form of a cashier's check, bank certified check, or money order only. These fees are non refundable.

(3) Each applicant shall be of good moral character, a citizen of the United States or, if not a citizen of the United States, a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the federal government.

(4) Application Required

(a) Application Form. Each applicant for licensure shall fully complete an application form prescribed by the Board.

(b) Documentation. The documents indicated below must be received by the Board before an application will be processed.

The following must be submitted to the Board directly from the respective institution, organization or state licensing agency:

i) A wallet or passport size photograph.

ii) A certified transcript of the applicant's college grades showing graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree.

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- iii) A certified transcript of the applicant's chiropractic college grades showing graduation from an approved chiropractic college.
- iv) A certified copy of the applicant's transcript of scores of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners showing the applicant has passed the necessary examinations administered/required by that Board.
- v) Verification(s) of licensure (out of state license holders only).
- vi) If born outside the United States, verification the applicant is a citizen of or is legally present in the United States by submitting any of the form(s) or type(s) of documentation specified on the application.

- (c) Notarization Required. Paper applications must be signed and notarized.
- (d) Deadline for Application. Complete application, including all documents and any fees must be received and approved by the Board before an examination is scheduled.

(5) Examination Required.

(a) National Board Examination Each applicant who matriculated into chiropractic college after January 1, 1973, must pass one of the following combinations of examination:

- i) **NBCE I, II, III & IV**
- ii) **NBCE I, II and SPEC**

(b) Alabama Board Examination.

- i) **In addition to the examination referenced in (a) above, each applicant must pass an examination administered by the Board relating to State Law and Regulations.**
- ii) **Passing Grade. A score of seventy - five percent is required.**
- iii) **Re-examination. An applicant must pay a fee of \$150 before a re examination is scheduled.**
- iv) **Scores Released. The Board shall notify each examinee of the examination results within 30 days of the examination.**

(6) Issuance of License.

- (a) **Fee. In order to have a license issued a fee of \$50.00 must be submitted.**
- (b) **Time Limitation. An applicant shall not practice chiropractic until payment of the appropriate license issuance fee. An applicant who passes all required examinations but has not paid the license issuance fee and obtained a license within 12 months following the date of passing must reapply.**
- (c) **Signatures Required and Effective Date. Each license shall be signed by the Executive Director and the President of the Board. The license shall be recorded with the judge of probate where the doctor practices as specified in the Code of Alabama 1975, 34-24-164, and evidenced by the return of the completed form or proof of recordation to the Board office.**

Effective: 3/6/90, amended 5/91, amended 8/93, (3) amended 3/2009, amended 10/2012

Authority: 34-24-144; 34-24-160; 34-24-161; 34-24-163; 34-24-165