

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
PHARMACY RULES,
RULE 480-2-.04 EXAMINATIONS, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter “Board”) proposes amendments to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy Rules, Rule 480-2-.04 EXAMINATIONS (hereinafter “proposed amendments”).

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed amendments and a synopsis of the proposed amendments, is being forwarded to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on an interested parties list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the rule including the proposed amendments, and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed amendments may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy’s web page at www.gbp.georgia.gov.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM on June 15, 2022 at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, 250 W. Green Street, Athens, GA 30602 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed amendments. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received prior to June 8, 2022. Written comments should be addressed to the Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at 2 Peachtree Street NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. You may email your comments to elacefield@dch.ga.gov.

The proposed amendments will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:05 AM on June 15, 2022 at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, 250 W. Green Street, Athens, GA 30602. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy has the authority to adopt the proposed amendments pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-27; 26-4-28, 26-4-41.

At its meeting on December 15, 2021, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rule amendments do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22.

Also, at its meeting on December 15, 2021, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this chapter will impact every licensee in the same manner, and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of pharmacy.

For further information, contact the Board office at 404-651-8000.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This ____ day of _____, 2022.

Eric R. Lacefield
Executive Director
Georgia Board of Pharmacy

Posted: _____, 2022

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-2-.04 EXAMINATIONS**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this amendment is removing the requirement for the applicant to take the practical examination and to limit the number of attempts an applicant may take the NAPLEX and MPJE examinations.

Main Feature: The main features of this amendment is to delete the practical examination requirement and to add a five-time limitation to the number of attempts an applicant may take the NAPLEX and MPJE examinations.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-2-.04 EXAMINATIONS**

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

Rule 480-2-.04. Examinations

- (1) For licensure, an individual must successfully pass the NAPLEX, and jurisprudence examination approved by the Board ~~and a practical examination approved by the Board.~~
 - (a) An individual is not eligible to take the examinations for licensure until such individual has graduated from an approved college or school of pharmacy and has completed all internship requirements.

- (2) The NAPLEX examination is made available throughout the year, with the jurisprudence ~~and practical~~ portions of the examinations being given at specified times. Applications must be in the Board office in accordance with the deadlines established by the Board.
 - (a) Candidates for a Georgia license are required to make a minimum grade of 75 on the NAPLEX examination. Applicants are also required to obtain a minimum score of 75 on the ~~Georgia Practical examination, and a minimum score of 75 on the~~ jurisprudence examination. ~~A score of less than 70 on any section of the Georgia practical examination invalidates all the scores from that administration of the Georgia Practical examination; and~~
 - (b) Candidates will be permitted a maximum of five (5) attempts to successfully pass the NAPLEX examination and a maximum of five (5) attempts to successfully pass the approved jurisprudence examination. Approval will not be provided for more than five (5) attempts for either examination.

- (3) The Board will provide reasonable accommodation to a qualified applicant with a disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The request for an accommodation by an individual with a disability must be made in writing and received in the Board's office by the application deadline along with appropriate documentation, as indicated in the Request for Disability Accommodation Guidelines.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 26-4-27, 26-4-41, 26-4-42, and 26-4-28.