

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
PHARMACY RULES,
RULE 480-2-.05 RECIPROCITY, 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-.05 RECIPROCITY (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, 26-4-42.

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 12th day of May, 2022.



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Executive Director
Georgia Board of Pharmacy

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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-2-.05 RECIPROCITY**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this amendment is removing the requirement for reciprocity applicants to take the practical examination.

Main Feature: The main features of this amendment is to delete the practical examination requirement.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-2-.05 RECIPROCITY**

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

Rule 480-2-.05. Reciprocity

- (a) In order for a pharmacist currently licensed in another jurisdiction to obtain a license as a pharmacist from the Board, an applicant shall:
- (1) Complete an applicant form supplied by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) to apply for licensure with the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy. This application should be filed with NABP, and then with the Board for further review by the Board and an investigation by the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency (GDNA), if necessary. If so requested, an applicant must produce evidence satisfactory to the Board or the GDNA which shows the applicant has the age, moral character, background, education, and experience demanded of applicants for registration by examination under O.C.G.A. 26-4 and by this chapter.
 - (2) Have attained the age of majority;
 - (3) Be of good moral character;
 - (4) Have possessed at the time of initial licensure as a pharmacist, all qualifications necessary to have been eligible for licensure at that time in this state;
 - (5) Have presented to the Board proof of initial licensure by examination and proof that such license is in good standing;
 - (6) Have presented to the board proof that any other license granted to the applicant by any other state is not currently suspended, revoked, or otherwise restricted for any reason except nonrenewal or for the failure to obtain the required continuing education credits in any state where the applicant is currently licensed, but not engaged in the practice of pharmacy;
 - (7) Have successfully passed a jurisprudence examination approved by the Board on Georgia's pharmacy laws and Board regulations, ~~and a practical examination approved by the Board;~~

- (8) If requested by the Board, have personally appeared for an interview with a member of the Board;
- (9) Have paid the fees specified by the Board.
- (b) No applicant may be granted a license by reciprocity if that person has failed the examination for licensure as a pharmacist in this state.
- (c) No applicant shall be eligible for reciprocity unless the state in which the applicant is licensed as a pharmacist also grants license reciprocity to pharmacist duly licensed by examination in this state under like circumstances.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-41, 26-4-42, 26-4-46, 26-4-47.