

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
PHARMACY RULES,
RULE 480-2-.06 TEMPORARY LICENSES, 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-.06 TEMPORARY LICENSES (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.



Eric R. Lacefield
Executive Director
Georgia Board of Pharmacy

Posted: May 12, 2022

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE
RULE 480-2-.06 TEMPORARY LICENSES**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this amendment is removing the requirement for temporary licensure 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-.06 TEMPORARY LICENSES**

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

Rule 480-2-.06. Temporary Licenses

- (1) As used in this rule:
 - (a) "Military" means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard;
 - (b) "Military spouse" means a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member;
 - (c) "Pharmacy resident" means a graduate who received a professional degree from a college or school approved by the board, as provided for in Rule 480-2-.02, who has been accepted for a post-graduate clinical training position in this State;
 - (d) "Service member" means an active or reserve member of the United States armed forces, including the National Guard;
 - (e) "Transitioning service member" means a member of the military on active-duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.
- (2) Temporary licenses for service members, transitioning service members, and military spouses.
 - (a) A service member may qualify for a temporary pharmacist license by examination where the applicant:
 1. Has submitted a completed application for licensure by examination on a form approved by the Board, paid the requisite fee, and requested a temporary license;
 2. Has graduated and received a professional degree from a college or school approved by the board, as provided for in Rule 480-2-.02;
 3. Has completed an internship program approved by the Board, as provided for in Rule 480-2-.03; and
 4. Has successfully passed the NAPLEX.
 - (b) A service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse may qualify for a temporary pharmacist license by reciprocity where the applicant:
 1. Has completed 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. Has 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;
 3. Has successfully passed the NAPLEX;
 4. Has paid the requisite fee, ~~is eligible for the practical examination,~~ and has requested a temporary license; and
 5. Holds a license from another state for which the training, experience, and testing substantially meet or exceed the requirements under this State to obtain a pharmacist license; and if the applicant is a service member or transitioning service member, has obtained a specialty, certification, training, or experience in the military while a service member which substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license in this state.
- (c) Any temporary license issued to a service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse shall be valid for a period of six months from the date of issuance of the license and shall expire at the end of the six-month period or upon the ~~passage of the practical examination and~~ issuance of a permanent license, whichever is earlier.
- (3) Temporary licenses for pharmacy residents.
- (a) A pharmacy resident may apply for temporary pharmacist licensure where the applicant has:
1. Has submitted a completed application for licensure on a form approved by the Board, paid the requisite fee, and requested a temporary license;
 2. Has attained the age of majority;
 3. Has completed an internship program approved by the Board, as provided for in Rule 480-2-.03; and
 4. Has submitted evidence that the applicant has been accepted for a pharmacy resident position in this state.
- (b) Any temporary license issued to a pharmacy resident shall expire at the end of the month following the third Board meeting conducted after the issuance of such license and may not be reissued or renewed.
- (4) All other temporary licenses.
- (a) An applicant may qualify for temporary pharmacist licensure where the applicant has:
1. Has submitted a completed application for licensure on a form approved by the Board and paid the requisite fee;
 2. Has attained the age of majority;
 3. Has graduated and received a professional degree from a college or school approved by the board, as provided for in Rule 480-2-.02;
 4. Has completed an internship program approved by the Board, as provided for in Rule 480-2-.03; and
 5. Has submitted evidence of an emergency situation justifying such temporary license.

- (b) Any temporary license issued to a pharmacy resident shall expire at the end of the month following the third Board meeting conducted after the issuance of such license and may not be reissued or renewed.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-20, 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 26-4-41, 26-4-42, 26-4-43, 26-4-44.2, 43-1-34.