

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA
BOARD OF PHARMACY, CHAPTER 480-2 *LICENSURE AS A
PHARMACIST*, 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 Board of Pharmacy, (hereinafter "Board") proposes to adopt amendments to the rule for the Georgia Board of Pharmacy, Rule 480-2-.04 *Examinations* (hereinafter "proposed amended rule").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed amended rule and a synopsis of the proposed amended rule, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed amended rule, and a synopsis of the proposed amended rule 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 Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Board's web page at www.sos.ga.gov/plb/pharmacy. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board's office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on April 17, 2013 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed amended rule. 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 on or before April 10, 2013. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa Durden, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Pharmacy, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 866-888-1308.

The proposed amended rule will be considered for adoption by the Board at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:35 a.m. on April 17, 2013, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Pharmacy has the authority to adopt this rule amendment pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-41 and 26-4-42.

At its meeting on February 13, 2013, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this new rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-41 and 26-4-42. Also, at its meeting on February 13, 2013, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-41 and 26-4-42 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 rule 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 478-207-2440.

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

This 11th day of March, 2013.

Lisa Durden
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards
Posted: March 11, 2013

**SYNOPSIS AND DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED RULE OF
THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY, CHAPTER 480-2
LICENSURE AS A PHARMACIST, RULE 480-2-.04 EXAMINATIONS**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to establish guidelines on examination(s) required for licensure.

MAIN FEATURES: The main feature of this rule is to establish the minimum scores accepted by the Board.

480-2-.04 Examinations.

(1) For licensure, an individual must successfully pass the NAPLEX, a 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 ~~60~~ 70 on any section of the Georgia practical examination invalidates all the scores from that administration of the Georgia Practical examination; and

(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.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. 26-4-27, 26-4-4 and 26-4-42.