

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE RULES,
CHAPTER 250-4 APPRENTICESHIP,
RULE 250-4-.03 SERVING OF APPRENTICESHIP.**

Rule 250-4-.03 Serving of Apprenticeship is hereby proposed to be amended and adopted as amended.

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to change the time required to complete apprenticeship hours.

Main Features: The main feature of the proposed rule amendment is to change the time required to complete apprenticeship hours.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE RULES,
CHAPTER 250-4 APPRENTICESHIP,
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[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

Rule 250-4-.03 Serving of Apprenticeship is hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

250-4-.03 Serving of Apprenticeship.

(1) Hours and Duration. An apprenticeship period consists of 3,120 hours served in a time span of no less than eighteen months ~~two years~~ and no more than two renewal cycles as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-18-50(c) ~~seven years~~. This period shall be measured from the date the application is approved by the Board. The eighteen-month ~~two-year~~ minimum must be in addition to the time required to graduate from a college of funeral service accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or such other college specifically approved by the Board.

(2) Business Hours. Regular business hours, for purposes of apprenticeship, means the hours between 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M.

(3) Sleeping. An apprentice may not count hours spent sleeping in a funeral establishment toward his/her hours of requirement, even if such time spent sleeping occurs during the regular business hours as defined in Rule 250-4-.03(2). ~~250-4-.02(2)~~.

(4) Reports. Every six months, each apprentice shall furnish the details of the hours spent in employment as an apprentice on forms supplied by the Board. After completing the 3,120 hours for apprenticeship within the specified period, the apprentice shall send the

last report to the Board regardless of the date. The information contained in the report shall be certified as correct by the funeral director in full and continuous charge and by the supervising funeral director and embalmer. The report will specify the number of bodies in the embalming of which the apprentice has assisted and the number of funerals in which the apprentice has assisted. This report shall be current and available for inspection.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-18-50, 43-18-51, and 43-18-52.