

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND A RULE OF THE  
GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS  
RULE CHAPTER 157-4: LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION; RULE 157-4.03 LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT  
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 Examiners of Licensed Dietitians (hereinafter "Board") proposes to amend rule 157-4-.03 of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice and an exact copy of the synopsis of the proposed amended rule may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 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 Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians web page at [www.sos.georgia.gov/plb/dietitians](http://www.sos.georgia.gov/plb/dietitians). Copies may also be requested by contacting the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians office at (478) 207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:15 a.m. on February 17, 2012 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed new 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 February 10, 2012. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa Durden, Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 1-877-371-5712.

The proposed amended rule will be considered for adoption by the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians at its meeting scheduled to begin at 10:20 a.m. on February 17, 2011 at the Professional Licensing Boards division at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217. According to legal advice rendered by the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians has the authority to adopt the proposed amendment of rule 157-4-.03 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11A-7 and 43-11A-8.


At its meeting on September 30, 2011, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this 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. §§43-26-2, 43-26-5, 43-26-7 (c) and 43-26-8.

Also, at its meeting on September 30, 2011, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§43-26-2, 43-26-4 and 43-26-5(a) and (c) 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 these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of nursing.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-1647.

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

This day December 27, 2011.

  
Lisa Durden  
Division Director  
Professional Licensing Boards

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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO  
THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIAN RULES,  
RULE 157-4-.03 Licensure by Endorsement**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this rule change is to amend and clarify the requirements for licensure by endorsement.

**Main Features:** The main feature of this rule change is the clarification of minimum education requirements and supervised experience required for licensure by endorsement.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF  
EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIAN RULES,  
RULE 157-4-.03 Licensure by Endorsement**

Stricken text will be deleted. Underlined text will be adopted.

**157-4-.03 Licensure by Endorsement.**

Any applicant holding a valid license as a licensed dietitian issued by another state, political territory, or jurisdiction acceptable to the Board, if, in the Board's opinion, the requirements are substantially equal to or greater than the requirements of this chapter, 43-11A-8, shall submit:

- (a) The completed application form provided by the Board.
- (b) A photograph of the applicant. Only a passport type (3" x 3") taken within the past twelve months will be accepted.
- (c) The proper fee (see fee schedule).
- (d) A letter under seal from the appropriate state official issuing the license indicating that the license is current and in good standing.
- (e) The Board may request additional verification of any requirements or credentials as it may deem necessary.
- (f) Proof of receipt of a minimum of a baccalaureate or higher degree from a college or university accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges or any other regional accreditation agency with a major course of study in dietetics, human nutrition, food and nutrition, nutrition education, or food systems management; and
- (g) Proof of satisfactory completion of a documented, supervised experience component in dietetic practice of not less than 900 hours supervised by a licensed dietitian or registered dietitian.

**Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11A-7 and 43-11A-8.**