

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING HOME
ADMINISTRATORS RULES: CHAPTER 393-3 QUALIFICATIONS FOR
LICENSURE; SUBCHAPTER .02 *LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS*, AND NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Nursing Home Administrators (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment of the Georgia Board of Nursing Home Administrators, Chapter 393-3 Licensure By Examination; Subchapter .02 Licensure Requirements (herein after "proposed rule amendment").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a 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, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment 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. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

A public hearing will be held by conference call at 10:00 a.m. on August 6, 2009 at the Secretary of State's Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment.

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 official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 P.M.) on July 30, 2009. Written comments should be addressed to Randall D. Vaughn, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Nursing Home Administrators, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Telephone (478) 207-2440 or fax (866) 888-7127.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at a conference call meeting scheduled to begin at 10:15 a.m. on August 6, 2009 at the Secretary of State's Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Nursing Home Administrators has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendment pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-27-4, 43-27-5 and 43-27-6.

At its meeting on June 25, 2009 the Georgia Board of Nursing Home Administrators voted that the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed chapter cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-27-4, 43-27-5 and 43-27-6.

Additionally, at the meeting, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-27-4, 43-27-5 and 43-27-6 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in 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 in the field of nursing home administration. 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 6th day of July, 2009.

Randall D. Vaughn
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: July 6, 2009

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
THE GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS
RULES: CHAPTER 393-3 QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE;
SUBCHAPTER .02 LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS. AMENDED**

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed chapter amendment is to clarify the requirements for licensure as a Nursing Home Administrator.

Main Feature: The main feature of the proposed chapter amendment is to update the minimum hours obtained in a Georgia Administrator in Training requirements for licensure.

**THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
THE GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS
RULES: CHAPTER 393-3 QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE;
SUBCHAPTER .02 LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS. AMENDED**

Note: Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.

393-3-.02 Licensure Requirements. Amended.

A person who seeks licensure by examination as a nursing home administrator must show the following:

- (a) Be at least 21 years of age;
- (b) Be of reputable and responsible character;
- (c) Be a citizen of the United States or have a registration card indicating valid residency and work status in the United States. Current or previous full time (a minimum of 40 hours per week) employment in a licensed nursing home facility.
- (d) Education defined as one year of college with 45 quarter hours or 24 semester hours of course work at an educational institution accredited by a regional body recognized by the Council of Post Secondary Accreditation (like SACCS). The following are the education requirements accepted by the Georgia Nursing Home Administrators Board:
 - (i) a master's degree in health administration, health services administration, health care administration, or nursing, or other related degrees, which includes coursework that encompasses the five domains of the National Association of Boards of Examiners of Long Term Care Administrators, Inc. (NAB) and completion of a 300-hour internship or practicum validated on the transcript or a three month (minimum 500 hours worked) Georgia AIT; or
 - (ii) a baccalaureate degree in health administration, health services administration, health care administration, or nursing, or other related degree, which includes coursework that encompasses the five domains of the NAB and completion of a 300-hour internship or practicum validated on the transcript or a six month Georgia AIT~~-, or~~
 - (iii) Six years of full-time work in any skilled nursing facility with the last three years being in management and no less than 48 semester units or 90 quarter units of college, plus a six month (minimum of 1000 hours worked) Georgia AIT~~-, or~~

(iv) Eight years full time experience in a nursing home with the last five years being in management, High School Diploma and a twelve month (minimum of 2000 hours worked) Georgia AIT.

(e) Management experience is defined as full-time employment as a department head or licensed professional supervising two or more employees in a nursing home or skilled nursing hospital unit.

(f) The NAB domains are: Resident Care and Quality of Life, Human Resources, Finance, Physical Environment and Atmosphere and Leadership and Management.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-27-4, 43-27-5 and 43-27-6



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