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CHAPTER 190-X-2 LICENSURE

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190-X-2-.01 Requirements For Licensure By Examination.

(1) All applicants, who graduated from chiropractic college after January 1, 2010, shall have a bachelors degree from an accredited college or university or an academic graduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and evidence of passing a nationally recognized standardized test commensurate with the referenced degree. In addition, the applicant shall be a graduate of a chartered chiropractic school or college accredited by the council of chiropractic education which teaches only attendance courses and requires a minimum four-year standard college course.

(2) Each applicant shall submit a properly completed Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) Form – 46 and required processing fees for a criminal background report.

(3) Each applicant shall submit Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprint cards and required processing fees for an FBI criminal background report.

(4) The applicant shall submit an application fee and an examination fee in the amounts set forth by Board Rule. The fees must be in the form of a cashier’s check, bank certified check, or money order only. These fees are non-refundable.

(5) Each applicant shall be of good moral character, a citizen of the United States or, if not a citizen of the United States, a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the federal government.

(6) Application Required.

(a) Application Form. Each applicant for licensure shall fully complete an application form prescribed by the Board.

(b) Documentation. The documents indicated below must be received by the Board before an application will be processed.

1. The following must be submitted to the Board directly from the respective institution, organization or state licensing agency:

(i) A wallet or passport size photograph.

(ii) A certified transcript of the applicant's college grades showing graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree.

(iii) A certified transcript of the applicant's chiropractic college grades showing graduation from an approved chiropractic college.

(iv) A certified copy of the applicant's transcript of scores of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners showing the applicant has passed the necessary examinations administered/required by that Board.

(v) Verification(s) of licensure (out of state license holders only).

(vi) Verification that the applicant is a citizen of or is legally present in the United States by submitting any of the form(s) or type(s) of documentation specified on the application.

(c) Notarization Required. Paper applications must be signed and notarized.

(d) Deadline for Application. Complete application, including all documents and any fees must be received and approved by the Board before an examination is scheduled.

(7) Examination Required.

(a) National Board Examination. Each applicant who matriculated into chiropractic college after January 1, 1973, must pass one of the following combinations of examination:

1. NBCE I, II, III & IV

2. NBCE I, II and SPEC

(b) Alabama Board Examination.

1. In addition to the examination referenced in (a) above, each applicant must pass an examination administered by the Board relating to State Law and Regulations.

2. Passing Grade. A score of seventy - five percent is required.

3. Re-examination. An applicant must pay a fee of $150 before a re-examination is scheduled.

4. Scores Released. The Board shall notify each examinee of the examination results within 30 days of the examination.

(8) Issuance of License.

(a) Fee. The applicant shall pay the fee as established in Rule 190-X-.1-.18 for the issuance of a license.

(b) Time Limitation. An applicant shall not practice chiropractic until payment of the appropriate license issuance fee. An applicant who passes all required examinations but has not paid the license issuance fee and obtained a license within 12 months following the date of passing must reapply.

(c) Signatures Required and Effective Date. Each license shall be signed by the Executive Director and the President of the Board. The license shall be recorded with the judge of probate where the doctor practices as specified in the Code of Ala. 1975, 34-24-164, and evidenced by the return of the completed form or proof of recordation to the Board office

Author:
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190-X-2-.02 Expedited License To Practice Chiropractic For Military Members And Spouses.

(1) The intent of this rule is to provide for the expedited issuance of a license to practice chiropractic to military service members and the spouses of military service members who are relocated to and stationed in Alabama and who are also qualified chiropractors.

(2) The board, at its discretion and pursuant to this rule, may issue a temporary license to practice chiropractic to a chiropractic applicant who is relocated to or stationed in this state under official military orders and who satisfies any of the following:

(a) Is an active duty, reserve, or transitioning member of the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard;

(b) Is the spouse of an active duty, reserve, or transitioning member of the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard; or

(c) Is the surviving spouse of a service member who, at the time of his or her death, was serving on active duty.

(3) For the purposes of this rule, a transitioning service member is a member of the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard, on active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.

(4) A chiropractor must satisfy the requirements of paragraph (2) by providing the following:

(a) The active or reserve service member's official military orders;

(b) The transitioning service member's DD Form 214 or NGB Form 22; or

(c) The deceased service member's DD Form 214 or NGB Form 22 and death certificate if the chiropractor is the spouse of a service member; and

(d) A marriage certificate substantiating marriage to the service member if the chiropractor is the spouse of a service member.

(5) A chiropractor may receive a temporary license issued under paragraph (2) if he or she satisfies the requirements of paragraph (2) to the satisfaction of the board, and presents evidence satisfactory to the board of all of the following:

(a) Possession of a full and unrestricted license to practice chiropractic issued by the appropriate chiropractic licensing board of another state, the District of Columbia, a territory of the United States, or a province of Canada;

(b) Must meet the criteria allowed in Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-160 (d) and (e);

(c) Has never been convicted, received adjudication, community supervision, or deferred disposition of any felony offense or any crime related to fraud, violence, sexual violations, or the practice of chiropractic;

(d) Has never had his or her chiropractic license subjected to discipline by a licensing agency in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction, excluding any action related to the non-payment of fees related to a license;

(e) Is not currently under investigation by a licensing agency or law enforcement authority in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction; and

(f) Is a United States citizen, a national of the United States, or an alien lawfully present in the United States.

(6) A chiropractor who is issued a temporary license under this rule shall apply for a permanent license pursuant to Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-160, within 12 months after the issuance of a temporary license.

(a) A temporary license issued under these rules shall expire 12 months after the date of issuance if an application for a license pursuant to Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-160 has not been received by the board.

(b) Applicants for a temporary license under this rule shall not be required to pay the initial application fee.

(c) A temporary license may be issued by the Executive Director of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, or his or her designee, upon his or her satisfaction and certification of the requirements set forth in this rule.

(d) The temporary license shall clearly indicate that it is a temporary license for military service members or their spouses.

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190-X-2-.03 Good Moral Character Required (Repealed 4/16/13).
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190-X-2-.04 Application Required (Repealed 4/16/13).
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190-X-2-.05 Examination Required (Repealed 4/16/13).
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190-X-2-.06 Issuance Of License (Repealed 4/16/13).
Author: Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-24-1 - 34-24-6, 34-24-26, 34-24-144, 34-24-161, 34-24-163, 34-24-165.
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190-X-2-.07 No Temporary Permit Issued.

The filing of an application with this Board neither constitutes the issuance of a temporary license or non licensed owner nor grants any other special privilege, except as provided in Rule 190-X-7-.02.
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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-24-144, 34-24-145, 34-24-165.
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190-X-2-.08 Verification Of Licensure.

Any permit holder or licensee who requires written verification of his/her Alabama permit or license may request certification upon the payment of a fee as established in Rule 190-X-.1-.18.
Author:
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190-X-2-.09 Recordation Of License.

Each person issued a license shall comply with recording requirements of Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-164 and furnish to the board documentation within 10 days of the recordation provided for in that section.
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190-X-2-.10 Display Of License.

Each chiropractor shall at all times display conspicuously in his/her principal office his/her initial certificate of licensure.
Author:
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190-X-2-.11 Renewal Of License.

(1) Annual Renewal Required. Each license shall be subject to renewal on September 30 of the year for which it is issued and every person having a valid license may on or before September 30th renew the license for the ensuing year by completing the renewal application, submitting documentation as set forth below and with the payment to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners of the fees set forth below.

(2) Continuing Professional Education Required. A minimum of 18 hours of continuing education as approved by the Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners is required annually for license renewal. Annually shall mean October 1- September 30 of each year.

(a) As a condition of licensure renewal, a chiropractor must obtain every year two (2) hours of continuing education in Board approved courses on chiropractic regulation and compliance with the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act and Board rules. The two (2) hours are included in the minimum of 18 hours and must be obtained in person by licensees who practice in Alabama, beginning October 1, 2026.

(b) Any individual who is initially licensed as a chiropractor in this state after October 1, 2011 shall complete as part of the continuing education requirement four (4) hours of continuing education in Board approved courses on chiropractic regulation and compliance with the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act and Board Rules as a condition of renewal for the year following their initial licensure.

(c)Any individual who is initially licensed as a chiropractor in this state after October 1, 2025 shall attend one Board

meeting during the first calendar year in which the individual practices in Alabama as a condition of renewal. Attendance may satisfy two (2) hours of required courses on chiropractic regulation and compliance with the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act and Board Rules.

(d) Inactive licensees may satisfy the requirement set forth in (a) and (b) above by distance-based continuing education in addition to the distance-based education allowed in paragraph(3).

(3) No more than one third (1/3) of the required hours may be completed in a distance based continuing education format which complies with the provisions of this rule. The Board may, in the Event of a National or State Declaration of Emergency, by majority vote suspend the requirement that only 1/3 of the required hours be obtained by distance-based formats, for the length of the declared emergency.

(a) All providers of distance based continuing education courses must be an entity approved by the Board as set forth by Board Rule 190-X-1-.19.

(4) The continuing educational requirement for the purpose of license renewal for any person who has graduated from a recognized CCE chiropractic college within the licensure year immediately preceding the licensure year indicated on the license renewal form except hours required in (2)(b) and (c) above may be met through attendance at a recognized CCE chiropractic college (a minimum of 18 hours). This applies only to the first license renewal period after initial licensing.

During the grace period (October 1 to December 31) for renewal, a licensee may complete any continuing education requirements for renewal that the licensee failed to complete during the prior fiscal year. Hours obtained during the grace period do not qualify or apply to the deferral procedure outlined below. Hours must be received in the board office before January 1 to avoid reinstatement.

(5) Educational Requirement May Be Waived Or Deferred.

(a) A licensee who cannot complete the continuing educational requirements because of personal physical illness or disability, military service or other circumstances beyond the licensees control which the board deems to be sufficient to impose a hardship may apply for a waiver or deferral of time to complete the continuing education requirements. Any wavier or deferral of time to complete the education requirements will be granted solely in the discretion of the board.

(b) A licensee seeking a wavier or deferral must make application on the form provided by the Executive Director of

the Board, prior to the December 31 license expiration for completion of the education requirement. For waivers or deferrals due to illness, the application form must be accompanied by a written statement from a physician stating the diagnosis, prognosis and length of time the licensee will be unable to practice or attend an educational program. Waivers or deferrals due to personal physical illness or disability may be granted only to a licensee who has suffered a personal illness or personal disability of a nature that prevented or will prevent him/her from engaging in the active practice of chiropractic for a significant portion of the continuing education period.

(c) All licensees seeking wavier or deferral shall provide full and complete written documentation of the grounds supporting the reasons for which a deferral is sought. A licensee who request a wavier or deferral of time to complete the required hours of continuing education shall not engage in the active practice of chiropractic beyond December 31 of any year and until the board grants the licensee's request for wavier or deferral.

(6) Renewal Fee Required.

(a) A licensee shall pay the fee as established in Rule 190-X-.1-.18. The renewal fee may be paid by cashier check, certified check, money order, or credit card.

(b) A licensee who is prevented from practicing chiropractic by reason of physical disability, temporary active duty with any of the armed forces of the United States, or while any licensee is completely retired from the practice of chiropractic may request a waiver or reduction of the fee for annual renewal. The waiver or reduction shall be effective so long as the disability, temporary active duty or complete retirement continues. Licensee must notify the Board within fifteen (15) days from the onset of any claimed physical disability, temporary active duty or complete retirement as set forth above. Licensee shall notify the Board within fifteen (15) days when any such condition no longer is applicable. Forms for waiver or reduction of fees must be obtained from the Office of the Executive Director.

(7) Late Penalty. A penalty shall be charged any person who fails to complete the renewal by September 30 as established in Rule 190-X-.1-.18.

(8) A chiropractor may continue to practice until December 31 of the year for which a license is issued subject to Code of Ala. 1975, Section 34-24-165(b).

(9) The license of any chiropractor who fails to renew on or before January 1st shall be automatically suspended. Any

chiropractor whose license is automatically suspended shall be allowed reinstatement if on or before January 31st the chiropractor submits documentation of compliance for conditions of renewal and submits payment of the applicable reinstatement fee. Any chiropractor who seeks reinstatement due to nonrenewal after January 31st shall comply with the requirements of Code of Ala. 1975, Section 34-24-176.
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190-X-2-.12 Reinstatement Of License/Clinic Permit.

Any chiropractor who has not renewed their license by December 31st of any year or who has not reinstated their license by January 31st of the following year who desires to return to the active practice of chiropractic shall submit an application for reinstatement and a nonrefundable reinstatement fee and penalty as established in Rule 190-X-.1-.18. In addition, the applicant shall possess good moral character and meet the educational requirements existing at the time of initial licensure. As a condition of reinstatement, the board may require the completion a designated number of continuing education hours, the successful completion of a refresher course(s)at an accredited chiropractor college approved by the board, passing of a law exam or all of the above.

The board shall also require any other requirements imposed by any applicable statutory provision.

Any permit holder who has not renewed the permit by December 31 of any year or who has not reinstated the permit by January 31 of the following year who desires to continue operation of their practice shall submit an application for reinstatement and a non-refundable reinstatement fee and penalty as established in Rule 190-X-.1-.18. In addition the applicant shall possess good moral character and meet the requirements existing at the time the initial permit was issued. The Board shall also require any other requirements imposed by any applicable statutory provision.
Author: Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-24-144, 34-24-165, 34-24-172.
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190-X-2-.13 Replacement License/Permit Or Name Change.

(1) Replacement

(a) Replacement license/permit must be requested in writing. The request for replacement must include the reason for request.

(b) Replacement license/permit must be marked "replacement license/permit."

(c) Replacement license/permit should contain date that original license/permit was issued and must be signed by the Board President and the Executive Director and contain the date the duplicate is issued.

(d) Fee as established in Rule 190-X-.1-.18.

(2) Change of name on License/Permit.

(a) Any individual desiring a change of name on their license/ permit must notify the Board in writing and enclose the following:

(i) The reason for the name change (i.e. the legal document used to change the name.)

(ii) Original license/permit, if available.

(iii) Fee to be set by the Board

(b) The original license/permit will be destroyed upon issuance of a new license/permit so marked as "change of name license/permit."

(3) Duplicate.

(a) Duplicate license/permit must be requested in writing. The request for duplicate must include the reason for request.

(b) Duplicate license/permit must be marked "Duplicate license/permit."

(c) Duplicate license/permit should contain date that original license/permit was issued and must be signed by the Board President and the Executive Director and contain the date the duplicate is issued.

(d) Fee to be set by the Board.

Author: Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-24-1 - 34-24-6, 34-24-22, 34-24-144, 34-24-165.
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190-X-2-.14 Retirement Of License.

(1) Any licensee who is no longer in active practice may apply to the Board for retirement of his/her license by submitting an affidavit to that effect on a form supplied by the Executive Director.

(2) A retiree is excused from the continuing education requirement of Rule 190-X-2-.11(2).

(3) The annual renewal fee for maintenance of a retired license may not be more than one-half that provided for an active license.

(4) A retired license shall be automatically suspended if not renewed on or about January 1st. Any chiropractor whose license is automatically suspended shall be allowed reinstatement if on or before January 31st the chiropractor submits documentation of compliance for conditions of renewal and submits payment of the applicable reinstatement fee. Any chiropractor who seeks reinstatement due to nonrenewal after January 31st shall comply with the requirements of Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-176.

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190-X-2-.15 Licensure By Reciprocity.

(1) The Board may license an applicant if the applicant is licensed in another state which under like condition grants reciprocal licensure without examination to chiropractors duly licensed by examination in this state, and that in the opinion of the board, has standards of practice or licensure equal to or stricter that the requirements imposed by this state subject to the following conditions:

(a) The applicant for licensure by reciprocity must possess a license in good standing in all states in which the applicant is licensed. At the time of the application, the applicant must have practiced chiropractic for at least five (5) years and for the preceding three (3) years the applicant must have been actively licensed and practicing chiropractic in the reciprocating state.

(b) The applicant must not be the subject of any pending complaint or investigation in any state or jurisdiction in which the applicant holds or has held a license. The applicant must provide all information, including any information or documentation requested by the Board, in connection with any pending complaint or investigation for the Board's review. The pendency of any complaint or investigation may be considered by the Board as a reason for denying licensure by reciprocity.

(c) The applicant must not have been disciplined in any state in which he or she holds or has held a license resulting from conduct which would constitute a violation of any of the grounds set forth in Code of Ala. 1975, Section 34-24-166.

(d) The applicant shall not have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. A plea of nolo contendere shall be considered a conviction.

(e) The applicant must be current with continuing education requirements of the other state.

(f) The applicant must not have been found guilty of any actions in any state which could have resulted in discipline pursuant to Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-166.

(2) The applicant must complete all forms required by the Board including but not limited to an application for licensure by reciprocity. In addition, as part of the application process, and in order for the application to be considered complete, it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to submit the following:

(a) All applicable fees.

(b) Certification from the Board in each state where the applicant is currently licensed or previously held a license that the applicant's license is currently in good standing or was during the time the applicant possessed such a license. This certification from the Board(s) shall also include a 3Supp. 3/31/21 2-14statement that the applicant is in compliance with the provisions of paragraph (1)(a)-(c) above.

(c) any and all available information pertaining to the examination taken by the applicant which resulted in licensure in the other state(s).

(d) a certified transcript of applicant's chiropractic college grades sent directly from the school.

(e) a certified transcript of any National Board examinations sent directly from NBCE.

(f) An affidavit attesting to the applicant's compliance with all the provisions of this rule.

(3) In addition to the requirements listed above, the Board may, as a requirement of the application process, require the applicant to appear for a personal interview.

(4) The Board may consider as part of the application process whether the applicant has ever failed a licensure examination and the applicant shall be required to submit any documentation requested by the Board in connection with such failure.

(5) The Board may consider as part of the application process whether the applicant has ever been denied licensure in any state, regardless of the type of licensure. Upon request of the Board, the applicant shall submit any documentation in connection with such denial.

(6) Any applicant for licensure by reciprocity as a condition to the granting of such license must successfully pass an Alabama jurisprudence examination.

Author: S Bolton
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28, 2006. **Amended:** Filed October 19, 2010; effective November 23, 2010.

190-X-2-.16 Inactive License (Out-Of-State).

(1) Any licensee who is in active practice outside the state of Alabama may apply to the Board for an Inactive (Out of State) License.

(2) A inactive license must complete renewal as provided in rule 190-X-2-.11(1)(2)(3)(4)(5).

(3) The annual fee for an inactive license shall be one-half of the amount required by 190-X-2-.11(6).

(4) Any licensee who desires to change the status of their license from Inactive to Active shall submit a Status Change Application and any required documentation to the Board. The applicant must receive a renewal card reflecting Active status prior to any actual practice in Alabama. Failure to comply with this requirement may constitute unprofessional conduct as provided in rule 190-X-5-.05.
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190-X-2-.17 Non Licensed Chiropractic Practice Ownership.

(1) Definition. For the purpose of this rule, practice shall mean an office, clinic or other place that offers or provides chiropractic services which is owned in whole or in part by a non-1icensed person or entity.

(2) Permit Required.

(a) A practice shall not offer or provide chiropractic services without all non-1icensed owners' first obtaining a permit or renewal permit from the Board.

(b) An applicant for a permit shall submit to the Board an application as prescribed by the Board, along with a permit fee and an examination fee in the amounts set forth by Board Rule. The application must be signed by all owner(s), if a sole proprietorship, or by an authorized representative, if a partnership, corporation, Limited Liability Company or Limited Liability Partnership.

Each applicant shall be of good moral character, a citizen of the United States or, if not a citizen of the United States, a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the federal government.

(c) The following information shall be included in the application and upon renewal:

1. The legal name of the practice and street address, telephone and facsimile numbers of the practice;

2. The type of entity (Sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, Limited Liability Company, or Limited Liability Partnership);

3. The name, address and percentage of ownership of each person or entity;

4. The name and license number of each chiropractor licensed by the Board who is actively employed or otherwise currently engaged to offer or provide chiropractic services at the practice. Each such applicant, i.e. the individual or the person most directly involved should be of good moral character.

i. If no such employee exists at the time of renewal and the owner still wishes to retain the permit in order to search for and obtain a licensed chiropractor the permit must still be renewed. The permit holder must notify the Board immediately upon the engagement of a replacement and prior to resuming any chiropractic treatments at the facility.

(d) As a condition of the issuance of the initial non-1icensed permit, the applicant if an individual(s) or if an entity the person(s) who will be most directly involved in the operation of the practice shall successfully pass a jurisprudence examination to be administered by the Board.

(e) No permit or renewal will be issued on an incomplete submission. Applications or renewals that are submitted without all of the required documents, information and/or fees will be deemed incomplete and returned to the applicant.

(f) Practice permits shall not be required for licensed hospitals as defined in Sections 22-21-7, Code of Ala. 1975.

(g) Late Fees. A practice which does not renew the permit by September 30 shall pay late fees in the same amount as outlined in Board Rule 190-X-1-.18(9).

(h) Continuing Education Required. As a condition for renewal of a non licensed permit, the clinic owner(s) if an

individual(s) or if an entity the person(s) who will be most directly involved in the operation of the practice shall obtain a minimum of two (2) hours of continuing education in Board approved courses on chiropractic regulations and compliance with the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act and Board Rules between October 1 and September 30 of each year.

(i) The clinic owner(s) of any non licensed clinic that is initially issued a permit in this state after October 1, 2011 shall complete as part of the continuing education requirement four (4) hours of continuing education in Board approved courses on chiropractic regulation and compliance with the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act and Board rules as a condition of renewal for the year following the initial permit issuance.

(3) Any licensed chiropractor who offers or provides chiropractic services for or in a practice as defined in this rule without said practice having first obtained a permit or a timely renewal shall be considered in violation of the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act. A practice permit shall be subject to the provisions of the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act in regard to issuance and renewal of the permit or the acts or omission of any licensed chiropractor employed or otherwise engaged to offer or provide chiropractic services.

(4) A clinic may continue to operate until December 31 of the year for which a permit is issued subject to Code of Ala. 1975, Section 34-24-165(b).

(5) The permit of any non licensed owner who fails to renew on or before January 1st shall be automatically suspended. Any non licensed owner whose permit is automatically suspended shall be allowed reinstatement if on or before January 31st the non licensed owner submits documentation of compliance for conditions of renewal and submits payment of the applicable reinstatement fee. Any non licensed owner who seeks reinstatement due to nonrenewal after January 31st shall comply with the requirements of Code of Alabama 34-24-176.

Author: J. Ward

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190-X-2-.18 Inspections.

(a) Whenever the Board determines as a result of a complaint that there is probable cause for doing so, the Board may inspect the practice location or records of any chiropractor or permit holder.

(b) Any of the inspections referenced above may be conducted by a Board member(s) or any duly authorized representative of the Board.

(c) The Board may, after Notice and hearing provided for in this chapter, refuse to grant a license or permit or any renewal thereof or to impose disciplinary sanctions outlined in this chapter if any applicant, licensee or permit holder refuses to allow any inspection as set forth above.
Author: J Ward
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-24-123, 34-24-165.
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190-X-2-.19 Application; Licensure By Credentials.

(1) Definitions: The following definitions shall apply to these rules:

(a) LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS. Licensure by credentials is to be used to evaluate the theoretical knowledge and clinical skill of a chiropractor when an applicant holds a chiropractic license in another state.

(b) BOARD. Board shall mean the Board of Chiropractic Examiners of Alabama.

(c) ACT. Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-120 et seq.

(2) To be eligible for licensure by credentials in the State of Alabama, the applicant shall meet the provisions of Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-162.1 and this Rule, which are as follows:

(a) The chiropractor must have been engaged in the active practice of chiropractic or in full time chiropractic education for no less than five thousand (5,000) hours over the five (5) year period immediately preceding the application.

(b) The applicant shall possess a current, valid, unrevoked, unexpired and unlimited license issued by another State Board of Chiropractic. In addition, the applicant shall have passed

an initial licensure examination acceptable to the Board which was at least equivalent to the examination required by the Board for applicants for licensure by examination at the time of their application.

(c) The Board of Examiners in the state of current practice shall verify or endorse that the applicant's license is in good standing without any restrictions.

(d) The chiropractor shall not be the subject of pending or final disciplinary action in any state in which the individual has been licensed which shall be verified through inquiry to the National Practitioner Data Bank, the Health Integrity Protection Data Bank, the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Board CINBAD Databank for Disciplinary Information, or any other pertinent Bank currently existing or which may exist in the future.

(e) The applicant shall provide a written statement agreeing to be interviewed at the request of the Board.

(f) The applicant must successfully pass a written jurisprudence examination to be designed and administered by the Board.

(g) The applicant shall submit affidavits from two licensed chiropractors practicing in the same geographical area where the applicant currently is practicing or teaching attesting to the applicant's moral character, standing, and ability.

(h) The applicant must complete an application for licensure by credential.

(i) Upon the Board's request, the applicant shall execute any necessary release or authorization to obtain information in connection with the application or the requirements of this rule.

(j) The applicant must be a graduate of a chiropractic school or college approved by the board and shall provide the Board with an official transcript with school seal from the school of chiropractic which issued the applicant's professional degree or execute a request and authorization allowing the board to obtain the transcript.

(k) The applicant must not be the subject of any pending or final action from any hospital revoking suspending, limiting, modifying, or interfering with any clinical or staff privileges.

(l) The applicant must not have been convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, any offense relating to controlled or legend drugs or any offense which would

interfere with or impair the ability to practice chiropractic with reasonable skill and safety to his or her patients.

(m) The board may consider or require other criteria including, but not limited to, any of the following:

1. Questioning under oath.

2. Results of peer review reports from constituent chiropractic societies or federal chiropractic services.

3. Substance abuse testing or treatment.

4. Proof of no physical or psychological impairment that would adversely affect the ability to practice chiropractic with reasonable skill and safety.

5. Participation in continuing education.

6. Background checks for criminal or fraudulent activities.

7. An agreement to initiate practice within the State of Alabama within a period of one year.

8. Proof of professional liability coverage and that coverage has not been refused, declined, cancelled, nonrenewed, or modified.

9. In the event an applicant has or is practicing in a state which allows an applicant to prescribe or administer drugs, the applicant has not been the subject of any disciplinary action or is subject to the pendency of any disciplinary action or enforcement proceeding of any kind in connection with these activities. This section applies regardless of whether or not a separate permit or license was issued to engage in the described activities.

(3) The Board may refuse to grant a license to an applicant who does not comply with the requirements of §34-24-166(a) or who has engaged in any acts constituting the grounds for discipline pursuant to Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-166(b).

(4) An applicant shall submit to the Board with the application, a non-refundable fee to be determined by the Board. If an applicant is granted a license, this fee includes the licensing fee for the first licensing year.

(5) An applicant granted a license by credentialing will be subject to the Act and all Board rules.

If all criteria and requirements are satisfied and the Board determines, after notice and hearing, that the individual committed fraud or in any way falsified any information in the application process, the license may be revoked by the Board or the Board may impose other disciplinary sanctions allowed by the provisions of the Act.

Author: Alabama Board of Chiropractic Examiners Statutory Rulemaking Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-24-162, 34-24-144
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