

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Friday, January 17, 2025, and filed with the agency secretary on Friday, January 17, 2025.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

RULE NO.: 610-X-4-.03

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended)

RULE TITLE: Licensure By Examination

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

Adopted without changes. N/A

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STATUTORY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 34-21-2(2)

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

610-X-4-.03 Licensure By Examination.

(1) The Board shall determine the official examination for licensure.

(2) Each individual seeking entry into practice as a licensed nurse in Alabama shall give official evidence of having met a passing standard on the Board-designated official licensing examination.

(3) Applicants for Alabama multistate licensure shall declare Alabama the home state of residence. Each such applicant must provide evidence of residence in Alabama.

(4) Examination performance for each applicant shall be measured as provided by the Board-approved testing service. In the event that examination data are lost or destroyed through circumstances beyond the control of the Board, the applicant shall be required to retake the examination in order to meet requirements for licensure.

(5) A Pass-Fail designation shall be recorded as the official result. An applicant who fails the licensing examination shall not be licensed and is not authorized to practice nursing in Alabama.

(6) Official results shall be released by the Board to the applicant and the program from which the applicant graduated. Results may be released electronically or by mail at the Board's discretion. The Board may also, at its discretion, enter into data sharing agreements with other entities of the State of Alabama. The Board shall not otherwise release individual examination results without written authorization from the applicant or licensee.

(7) An applicant who fails the licensing examination in another jurisdiction or territory shall not be eligible for licensure by examination in Alabama until eligibility has been established by the original jurisdiction or territory.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-22.

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