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**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 Thursday, February 20, 2025, and filed with the agency secretary on Monday, March 3, 2025.

**AGENCY NAME:** Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend

**RULE NO.:** 540-X-18-.03.01

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **(2), (5), (6), (7)**

**RULE TITLE:** Application For A Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC)

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

**Adopted without changes.** No comments received

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XLIII, ISSUE NO. 3, AAM, DATED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024.

**STATUTORY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** Ala. Code §§ 20-2-60 et seq

(Date Filed)  
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**REC'D & FILED**  
**MAR 14, 2025**  
**LEGISLATIVE SVC AGENCY**

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Certifying Officer or his or her  
Deputy

(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.)

**Application For A Qualified Alabama  
Controlled Substances Registration  
Certificate (QACSC).**

An applicant for a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate shall disclose whether:

(1) Applicant's privilege for prescribing controlled substances has ever been suspended, restricted, voluntarily surrendered while under investigation, revoked, or disciplined in any manner in any state or U.S. territory.

(2) Applicant has ever been arrested for, cited for, charged with, or convicted of any crime, offense, or violation of any law, felony, or misdemeanor, including, but not limited to, offenses related to professional healthcare practice, state or federal controlled substances laws, or driving under the influence (DUI).

(3) Any Federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration ever held by applicant has ever been suspended, restricted, revoked or voluntarily surrendered while under investigation.

(4) Applicant's privileges at any hospitals have ever been suspended, restricted, revoked, or disciplined in any manner for any reason related to the prescribing or administering of controlled substances.

(5) Applicant is currently suffering from any condition that impairs their judgment or that would otherwise adversely affect their ability to practice in a competent, ethical, and professional manner.

(6) Within the past five years, the applicant has raised the issue of any physical or psychiatric health disorder as a defense, mitigation, or explanation for their actions during any administrative or judicial proceeding or investigation; any inquiry or other proceeding; or any proposed termination by an educational institution; employer; government agency; professional organization; or licensing authority.

(7) Applicant has attested to having read and understood this statement:

The Board recognizes that permittees encounter potentially impairing health conditions just as their patients and other health care providers do, including psychiatric or physical illnesses which may impact cognition, as well as substance use disorders. The Board expects its permittees to address their health concerns, both mental and physical, in a timely manner to ensure patient safety. Permittees should seek appropriate medical care and should limit their practice when appropriate and as needed. The Board encourages permittees to utilize the services of the Alabama Board of Nursing's Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program (VDAP), an advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and wellness of nursing professionals. The failure to adequately address a health condition, where the permittee

is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients, can result in the Board taking action against the Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate.

(8) Any disciplinary action has been taken or is pending against applicant with the Alabama Board of Nursing or any other licensing authority of any state, territory, or country.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§20-2-60, et seq.

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