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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 Wednesday, February 11, 2026, and filed with the agency secretary on Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

**AGENCY NAME:** Alabama State Board of Pharmacy

**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend

**RULE NO.:** 680-X-2-.16  
(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **(2)**

**RULE TITLE:** Interns and Externs

**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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(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.)

(1) The practical training experience required prior to licensure shall be referred to as externship/internship.

(2) All interns/externs shall apply for a permit with the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy. The permit shall expire on December 31 of odd numbered years. Initial permit fee and renewal fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50). All interns/externs shall pay the renewal fee biennially with this fee being due on October 31 and delinquent after December 31 of odd numbered years. If any intern/extern shall fail to pay a renewal fee on or before December 31 of any year, such registration shall become null and void, and the holder of such permit may be reinstated as an intern/extern only upon payment of a penalty of five dollars (\$5) for each lapsed month and all lapsed fees for each lapsed month, up to a maximum of 2 years of total penalties and lapsed fees.

(3) An extern/intern permit shall be limited to those persons who are actively engaged in meeting the academic or practical experience requirements for licensure examination. In order to be considered enrolled in a school of pharmacy, a person shall not be absent from school for more than two (2) consecutive semesters or three (3) consecutive quarters. Any person, working as an extern/intern, must obtain a permit from the Board before assuming duties in a pharmacy.

(4) In addition to all other statutory requirements for the issuance of a permit, upon initial application, the applicant shall consent to and be subject to a Board approved criminal background check, the cost of which to be paid by the applicant. The information received as a result of the background check shall be relied upon in determining whether the applicant meet the applicable qualifications to obtain the referenced permit.

(5) The minimum externship/internship required for licensure shall be fifteen hundred (1500) hours. This may be obtained through a college-structured program or through a nonstructured program, all under the supervision of a registered preceptor. Four hundred (400) hours of the minimum total requirement may become attainable after completing the requirements of the second professional year. The four hundred (400) hours must be completed in a traditional pharmacy setting, with a Board approved preceptor, so that the emphasis is on the distribution of medicines, prescriptions and medical supplies. Externs/Interns shall submit to the Board of Pharmacy adequate documentation demonstrating compliance with the traditional hour requirements of this section. The School of Pharmacy shall certify that the

intern has completed 1100 hours of internship plus any traditional hours gained during school rotations. The Board will accept hours from preceptors approved by the School of Pharmacy for the training of their students as part of the curriculum. The applicable School of Pharmacy shall furnish the certification of completion of required hours to the Board.

(6) An applicant for licensure, lacking the minimum 1500 hours in the manner stated, may be admitted to the examination only if all the requirements of Section 34-23-51 are met other than the requirement of practical pharmacy training. Those applicants, so admitted, who pass the examination required by the Board shall be required to file affidavits attesting to the prescribed practical training program prior to being issued a license to practice pharmacy.

(7) Externship/Internship may be acquired only under the supervision of a preceptor who may supervise no more than three (3) externs/interns at any one time.

(8) The term supervision shall mean that at the site where externship/internship is being obtained, the preceptor shall be in personal contact with and actually giving professional instructions to the extern/intern during the entire period of such externship/internship. At all times, a person, who is serving an externship/internship, must be under the immediate direct supervision of a registered pharmacist on the premises.

(9) All candidates for licensure, who are working either as externs or interns, outside of the school curriculum, shall report their place of employment and/or practice site to the Board of Pharmacy within ten (10) days of such employment. Any change in such employment or practice site shall be reported to the Board within ten (10) days of the change.

(10) A pharmacy extern/intern, having served part or all of his/her required time in a site outside of this state and not as part of their school curriculum, shall be given credit provided the externship/internship requirements for the other state are no less than the requirements of the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy.

(11) The School of Pharmacy shall notify the Board within ten (10) days of a student's change of status.

**Author:** Alabama State Board of Pharmacy

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