

**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, May 8, 2026, and filed with the agency secretary on Friday, May 8, 2026.

**AGENCY NAME:** Alabama Board of Nursing Alabama

**INTENDED ACTION:** New

**RULE NO.:** 610-X-14-.33

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **N/A**

**RULE TITLE:** Deficiencies

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

**Adopted without changes.** The Board received no comments on the proposal.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XLIV, ISSUE NO. 6, AAM,  
DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026.

**STATUTORY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 34-21-2

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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.)

**610-X-14-.33**            **Deficiencies.**

(1) The Board shall conduct surveys and evaluations as often as necessary to determine compliance with all standards set forth in Administrative Code Chapter 610-X-14.

(a) Warning signs that may trigger a focused site visit include:

1. Complaints from students, instructors, and clinical agencies.
2. Turnover of program coordinators.
3. Decreasing trends in certification pass rates.

(2) The Board shall, upon determining that a program is not in compliance with standards set forth in Administrative Code Chapter 610-X-14, provide to the governing institution administrator and MAC coordinator a written notice of deficiencies that establishes a reasonable time, based upon the number and severity of deficiencies, to correct deficiencies.

(3) A MAC education program that receives a Notice of Deficiency from the Board shall establish a written plan within the specified time and provide reports to the Board, as requested, to document progress in resolving deficiency(ies).

(4) The Board may initiate action regarding any program that fails to correct identified deficiencies within the time specified by the Board, either through a formal hearing or Board-approved informal disposition. The Board may:

(a) Withdrawal of Board approval from the MAC education program, results in the program being ineligible to admit new students. Students admitted to programs without Board approval will be ineligible to apply for the certification exam.

(b) Continue approval of the MAC education program for a specified time period.

(c) MAC program coordinator must notify students in writing of the Board's decision.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Nursing

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-2.1.

**History: New Rule:** Published May 29, 2026; effective July 13, 2026.