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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 610
Department or Agency: Alabama Board of Nursing Alabama
Rule No.: 610-X-14-.02
Rule Title: Qualifications Of Applicants For Permit
Intended Action: Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NA

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

Natalie Baker
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Date

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

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ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING ALABAMA

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SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Board of Nursing proposes amending the rule to allow greater flexibility in selecting a certification exam for applicants.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Written or verbal comments will be accepted through 4:30 pm on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, and may be directed to PO Box 303100, Montgomery, AL 36130, natalie.baker@abn.alabama.gov, or 334-293-5200.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

Natalie R. Baker

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(Signature of officer authorized  
to promulgate and adopt  
rules or his or her deputy)

- (1) The applicant for a MAC permit shall:
- (a) Be a high school graduate or the equivalent, as determined by the Board.
  - (b) Be of good character. A criminal background check may be conducted by the Board at its discretion.
  - (c) Have successfully completed one of the following:
    - 1. A Board-approved medication assistant education program in Alabama, or a medication assistant, certified program located in another jurisdiction or territory that substantially meets the same educational criteria as Alabama programs, as determined by the Board.
    - 2. NUR 113: Nursing Concepts 1 (Alabama Community College System Curriculum) or a substantially equivalent course, as determined by the Board.
    - 3. US Armed Forces training equivalent to educational preparation for US Army Healthcare Specialist, US Navy Corpsman, and USAF Medical Technician, as determined by the Board according to the applicant's academic transcript validating education preparation.
  - (d) Complete ~~the medication assistant~~a certification exam ~~(MACE)~~recognized by the board with a passing score.
- (2) An applicant shall provide a valid social security number prior to the Board issuing a permit.
- (3) Be a citizen or legal resident of the United States. Individuals who are not legally present in the United States are not eligible for permit.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Nursing

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

**History: New Rule:** Published September 30, 2021; effective November 14, 2021. **Amended:** Published January 31, 2022; effective March 17, 2022. Amended: Published \_\_\_\_\_ ; effective \_\_\_\_\_ .