

**CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RULES
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LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §§41 22 5(b) and 41 22 6(c) (2)a. and b.

I certify that the attached emergency amendment is a correct copy as promulgated and adopted on Friday, May 8, 2026.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing Alabama

RULE NO. AND TITLE: 610-X-14-.02 Qualifications Of Applicants For Permit

EXPIRATION DATE OF RULE: Saturday, September 5, 2026

NATURE OF EMERGENCY: The change is necessary to ensure that qualified applicants may be issued permits for entry to practice as Medication Assistants, Certified, during the APA rule adoption process. Failure to certify the changes on an emergency basis could result in a narrowing of the applicants pool for these vital caregivers in Alabama hospitals and nursing homes.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 34-21-2

SUBJECT OF RULE TO BE ADOPTED ON A PERMANENT BASIS: Yes

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- (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.

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