

ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 540-X-25  
PHYSICIAN RECOMMENDATION OF THE USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS

540-X-25-.05      Physician Eligibility For An Alabama Medical Cannabis Certification Permit.

No physician shall obtain an Alabama Medical Cannabis Certification Permit unless he or she:

- (1) Possesses an active, unrestricted license to practice medicine or osteopathy in Alabama;
- (2) Possesses an active, unrestricted ACSC registration;
- (3) Possesses an active, unrestricted, Alabama-specific DEA registration;
- (4) Has satisfied one of the following experience requirements:
  - (a) Has been engaged in the active practice of medicine or osteopathy for at least three (3) years, excluding any practice in an internship, residency, fellowship, or other supervised training program; or
  - (b) Has actively practiced medicine or osteopathy for at least one (1) year, excluding any practice in an internship, residency, fellowship, or other supervised training program, and is certified by a specialty board approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists (AOABOS);
- (5) Is registered to query the PDMP and has access to the PDMP in all locations where he or she certifies or recommends a patient for the use of medical cannabis;
- (6) Is a registered user, or will become a registered user as soon as permitted, of the Alabama Medical Cannabis Patient Registry and has access to the registry in all locations where he or she certifies or recommends a patient for the use of medical cannabis;
- (7) Has completed a four (4) hour course related to medical cannabis and has received a passing grade on a subsequent examination, which has been approved by the Board and offered by a multi-specialty statewide professional organization of physicians in this state that is recognized to accredit

intrastate organizations to provide AMA PRA Category 1  
Credit™; and

(8) Has paid all fees required by this Chapter.

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Act 2021-450 (Code of Ala. 1975, §§20-2A-1, et. seq.).

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